

Item 7 (f) of the provisional agenda
Implementing the Paris Declaration:
Implementation of new Paris Goal 5

Proposal for THE PEP Partnership on the Integration of Transport, Health and Environmental Objectives with Urban and Spatial Planning Policies

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I. Background and mandate

1. At the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, 14 to 16 April in Paris, the members of the UNECE-WHO Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP) adopted a new priority goal “to integrate transport, health and environmental objectives into urban and spatial planning policies” as mentioned in the Paris Declaration.
2. During the Extended Bureau meeting, held on 16 April 2014, the Russian Federation proposed the organization of an international Partnership of THE PEP in the framework of this fifth priority goal and France proposed to join the partnership.
3. At the Bureau meeting, 26–27 June in Copenhagen, the Russian Federation and France presented their projects for this new partnership. This submission aroused interest from several countries.
4. All three sectors of THE PEP will benefit from the Paris Goal 5 and a proposed new partnership will be a positive and constructive way to help member States to implement a proactive policy in terms of urban mobility, health and sustainable development. Moreover, THE PEP 2014 Symposium will be held on 19 November in Geneva in relation with the new fifth goal, providing a chance for further consideration of the implications of Goal 5.

II. Proposal for a new THE PEP Partnership

5. The lack of sufficient coordination of urban and spatial planning policies with the real possibilities of transport system in many cases results in generation of excessive transport demand which in turn leads not only to the reduction of urban transport system efficiency but also to a significant increase in transport’s negative impact on the environment and health. The scale of the problem is significant and requires joint action of the member States at international level.
6. As the main directions of the new Partnership, it is proposed to consider the following:
 - (a) Organization of scientific cooperation on the problems of integration of transport and urban planning policies taking into account their possible impact on human

health and the environment between related research institutes and scientific centers of participating countries through:¹

- (i) Research and a detailed analysis of the best practices in the field of sustainable urban and transport planning, joint preparation on this basis of relevant Manuals;
 - (ii) Joint initiation and organization of bilateral and multilateral research projects in the framework of existing international and national research programs and plans;
 - (iii) Organization of study courses for experts in the framework of mutual scientific and technical interchange, and their involvement in realization of relevant national projects in this sphere;
 - (iv) Joint organization of international scientific conferences, seminars and round-tables;
 - (v) Joint holding of open competitions for an award for the best studies among young scientists (e.g. under 30);
 - (vi) Joint publication of scientific articles.
- (b) Joint organization of training in the field of sustainable transport planning in relation with THE PEP Academy (new implementation mechanism of THE PEP in the Paris Declaration) by:
- (i) signing of appropriate agreements between the leading technical universities from participating countries if such agreements don't exist yet or with the objective of completing existing agreements;
 - (ii) joint development of curricula and programs for students;
 - (iii) organization of distance learning system in accordance with MD program with presenting an international diploma to graduating students.
- (c) Joint development and valorization (guides, seminars...) of methodical recommendations, normative guidelines and exchanges on experiences and best practices for city administrations, urban and transport planners (initiative 5.1 of the Paris Declaration) ;
- (d) In case of interest from a sufficient number of member States - preparation of proposals on a new Charter or Convention on the General principles and rules of assessment of urban planning solutions from the point of view of their impacts on transport demand generation, human health and the environment;
- (e) Joint organization of international conferences and seminars for representatives of city administrations, transport authorities on issues related to transportation efficiency and safety (in Russia - in the framework of the Road Safety Federal Target Programme, with possible locations in 2015-2016 - Moscow, Lipetsk, Kaliningrad, Kazan, St. Petersburg and in France – Paris or Lyon) ;
- (f) Joint organization of functioning of an international information-consulting and analytical Centre on Problems of Sustainable Urban and Transport Planning on the

¹ Note: many of these are included also in the concept note on THE PEP Academy (secretariat note 08). The Steering Committee may wish to discuss which of these activities shall be part of the partnership and which should be carried out through forthcoming activities of THE PEP Academy.

basis of the existing THE PEP Clearing House (with English, French, Russian and German languages) or with the use of national resources;

(g) Establishment of a pool of accredited international experts on the problems under consideration with the issuance of "THE PEP Expert" certificates;

(h) Development of joint proposals for the creation of an international system of voluntary certification of town planning and a big construction projects for their compliance with the requirements of transport accessibility and "sustainability" for the environment and human health with the issuance of a "THE PEP Certificate".

III. Conditions of participation in the Partnership

7. The conditions of participation shall follow the procedures as agreed by the Steering Committee. The proposed THE Partnership would be established by a decision of the Steering Committee. To facilitate such a decision, the secretariat, in collaboration with interested partners, would prepare the following supporting documentation: objective; scope and purpose; list of initial partners; management arrangements; target groups; an indication of how the proposed Partnership would fit under the existing work plan; and a proposal for monitoring implementation. Specific activities and a timetable for carrying them out should be described. Initial partners would confirm their participation by submitting to the secretariat a signed letter of intent expressing interest to join the respective Partnership and indicating the quality and quantity of their expected contribution (Secretariat note 06).

8. The Russian Federation and France ask countries to confirm their participation by a letter of intent with indication which kinds of activity they'll support.

This document is submitted to interest delegations to come to an agreement about:

- develop concrete Plan of Actions with description of actions on each its points ;
- discuss of possible inputs of participated countries, possible partners and sponsors;
- discuss of possibility to involve Universities in the Partnership in connection with THE PEP Academy.

IV. Action requested of the Steering Committee

9. The Committee is invited to take note of the content of this submission and to comment on it as appropriate with a view to establish the proposed Partnership.

№	THE PEP Partnership activity	Possible concrete actions needed	What may be done at the country and Secretariat level
1.	Organization of scientific cooperation on the problems of integration of transport and urban planning policies taking into account their possible impact on human health and the environment between related research institutes and scientific centers of participating countries through:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signing of bilateral agreements between interested institutes/universities/centers 2. Preparing and signing of some voluntary Charter on cooperation between them under THE PEP Partnership umbrella 3. Creation on a voluntary base of Joint Research Center working with member institutions which will have its own Logo, Working Plan and which will finance on in-kind base by countries interested in concrete investigations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support of proposals by countries 2. Preparing and discussion of the text of Charter, project of model agreement between institutes and Status of the JRC, project of its Working Plan 3. Call for joining 4. Establishment of cooperation with existing International Research bodies (ITF JTRC, CODATU PSTC and so on)
1.1.	Research and a detailed analysis of the best practices in the field of sustainable urban and transport planning, joint preparation on this basis of relevant Manuals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a Working Group and realizing of a joint project (on a voluntary base). 2. Preparation of a Manual on the base of the best practice examples 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to countries for participation 2. Cooperation with other interested organizations (ITF, CODATU, UITP, WB and others) 3. Call for financial support to interested countries and organizations
1.2.	Joint initiation and organization of bilateral and multilateral research projects in the framework of existing international and national research programs and plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a “billboard” at THE PEP Clearing House web-site with announcements from countries and international organizations on new projects and (external) expertise required (“call for experts”) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stirring up of CH activity 2. Invitation of countries and International organizations
1.3.	Organization of study courses for experts in the framework of mutual scientific and technical interchange, and their involvement in realization of relevant national projects in this sphere	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of existing study courses and programmes and conditions of participation 2. Study the possibility of organization of a new courses (incl. on commercial base) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stirring up of CH activity 2. Invitation of countries and International organizations

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1.4.	Joint organization of international scientific conferences, seminars and roundtables	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forming and discussion of a list of possible topics of such scientific and research conferences, seminars and so on (Plan of Conferences) 2. Discussion of possible place, time and other issues of their organization, volunteer countries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to countries 2. Using of CH for information and coordination purposes
1.5.	Joint holding of open competitions for an award for the best studies among young scientists (e.g. under 30)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Statute about Competition 2. Setting up of Competition Panel and Award 3. Organization of a competition process using THE PEP CH 4. Possibly- organization of an international conference of young researchers on the problem 5. Awarding of winners during Steering Committee meetings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of Statute 2. Looking for Award Sponsorship 3. Looking for cooperation with other international organizations 4. Looking for sponsorship
1.6	Joint publication of scientific articles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organization of webzine (e-journal) on the problem using THE PEP CH 2. Call for authors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organization of webzine
2.	Joint organization of training in the field of sustainable transport planning in relation with THE PEP Academy (new implementation mechanism of THE PEP in the Paris Declaration) by :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation of a Draft of Framework (Model) Agreement between universities (bilateral, multilateral) 2. Joint development of curricula and programs for students 3. Development of distance learning courses 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development and adoption of a THE PEP Academy Statute 2. Call to countries and Universities to participate 3. Using of THE PEP CH for information and advocacy

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2.1.	signing of appropriate agreements between the leading technical universities from participating countries if such agreements don't exist yet or with the objective of completing existing agreements	–	–
2.2.	joint development of curricula and programs for students	–	–
2.3.	organization of distance learning system in accordance with MD program with presenting an international diploma to graduating students	–	–
3.	Joint development of methodical recommendations and normative guidelines for city administrations, urban and transport planners (initiative 5.1 of the Paris Declaration) and their valorization (guides, seminars...) by exchange of experiences and best practices of their implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a Working Group and realizing of a joint project (on a voluntary base). 2. Preparation of methodical recommendations and normative guidelines for city administrations, urban and transport planners 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to countries for participation 2. Cooperation with other interested organizations (ITF, CODATU, UITP, WB and others) 3. Call for financial support to interested countries and organizations
4.	In case of interest from a sufficient number of Member States - preparation of proposals on a new Charter or Convention on the General principles and rules of assessment of urban planning solutions from the point of view of their impacts on transport demand generation, human health and the environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a Working Group from interested countries representatives (on a voluntary base) 2. Preparation of proposals on a possible content of Charter 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretariat – discuss the possibility to organize informal Working Group
5.	Joint organization of international conferences and seminars for representatives of city administrations, transport authorities on issues related to transportation efficiency and safety (in Russia - in the framework of the Road Safety Federal Target Programme, with possible locations in 2015-2016 - Moscow, Lipetsk, Kaliningrad, Kazan, St. Petersburg and in France – Paris or Lyon)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forming and discussion of a list of possible topics of such practical conferences, seminars and so on for representatives of city administrations, transport authorities on issues related to transportation efficiency and safety (Plan of Conferences) 2. Discussion of possible places, time and other issues of their organization, volunteer countries 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to countries 2. Using of CH for information and coordination purposes

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6.	Joint organization of functioning of an international information-consulting and analytical Centre on Problems of Sustainable Urban and Transport Planning on the basis of the existing THE PEP Clearing House (with English, French, Russian and German languages) or with the use of national resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a Statute of the Center 2. Examination of the possibility to organize a Center on the base of THE PEP CH, proper actions and their costs 3. Organization of Center functioning 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to countries for participation and sponsoring 2. Secretariat – examination of the possibility of organization of the Center functioning on the base of THE PEP CH
7.	Establishment of a pool of accredited international experts on the problems under consideration with the issuance of " THE PEP Expert " certificates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a Statute of "THE PEP Expert" 2. Creation of Experts Accreditation Commission and realization of accreditation procedure 3. Creation of a List of "THE PEP Experts" and placing it on THE PEP CH web-site 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study by Secretariat the possibility of creation of such an international voluntary certification system, definition of procedure
8.	Development of joint proposals for the creation of an international system of voluntary certification of town planning and a big construction projects for their compliance with the requirements of transport accessibility and "sustainability" for the environment and human health with the issuance of a "THE PEP Certificate"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development and discussion of proposals on voluntary certification system 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study by Secretariat the possibility of creation of such an international system, definition of procedure