

Item 4 of the provisional agenda  
**Adoption of report of the Steering Committee  
on its eleventh session and reports of the  
Bureau on its twenty-first through twenty-fifth meetings**

**Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Bureau of the Steering  
Committee of the Pan-European Programme on Transport,  
Health and Environment (THE PEP)  
26-27 June, 2014, Copenhagen (Denmark)**

**Report**

**I. Introduction and participation**

1. The 25th meeting of the Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee was held from 26 to 27 June 2014 in Copenhagen (Denmark), hosted by WHO/Europe. The meeting was attended by representatives from: Austria, Belgium, France, Georgia, Lithuania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
2. The meeting was opened by THE PEP Secretariat, represented by: Ms Ivonne Higuero (UNECE Environment Division), Mr George Georgiadis (UNECE Transport Division), Ms Francesca Racioppi and Mr Christian Schweizer (WHO/Europe).
3. The Meeting was chaired by Mr Mihail Kochubovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and the two vice chairs Mr Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland) and Mr Robert Thaler (Austria). The Chair expressed his satisfaction about the success of the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (4HLM), that was held from 14 to 16 April 2014 in Paris, hosted by the Government of France. He noted in particular the significant potential created by the aspirational Paris Declaration and the high level of participation at the 4HLM.
5. The Bureau adopted the provisional agenda as proposed by THE PEP secretariat and the report of the 24th meeting of the extended THE PEP Bureau, held on 16 April 2014 following the completion of 4HLM (secretariat notes 02 and 04).
6. The members of the Bureau exchanged their impressions on 4HLM. The Bureau members expressed their satisfaction about the quality of 4HLM, observing that this had been an excellent High-level Meeting, with very good participation. At the same time, there was still room for improvement regarding for example sector representation or the number and geographical balance of participating countries. The Bureau expressed its determination to ensure the continuation of high-level support for THE PEP, which should help to mobilize resources and improve coordination among the three sectors.

## **II. Preparations for the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee (SC12)**

The Bureau discussed preparations for SC12 (19-21 November 2014, WHO headquarters, Geneva). Specifically, the Bureau reviewed and provisionally approved the SC12 Agenda as contained in secretariat note 11, subject to potential revisions.

The secretariat introduced the draft concept note of the Symposium (secretariat note 12). The Russian member of the Bureau emphasized the importance of safeguarding the added value of THE PEP, by addressing the question of *how* to integrate THE priorities in spatial planning. The Belgian member of the Bureau stressed the importance of strengthening the understanding of the theory behind Goal 5 on urban and spatial planning policies, and proposed to invite a keynote speaker that could elaborate further on this topic. The Swiss Co-Chair of the Bureau reminded of the importance of not trying to find one-size-fits-all solutions, since different models are applied in different national settings, keeping in mind for example that in some countries spatial planning is done centrally, whereas in others it is decentralized.

The French member of the Bureau proposed to reduce the number of questions that would be addressed by the Symposium and to focus on the “what” question (question (b)). The Russian member of the Bureau added that it is also important to focus on the “how” question when discussing the integration of THE concerns into spatial planning.

### **Draft programme of work 2014-2015 and draft workplan 2014-2019**

The Bureau reviewed the Draft programme of work 2014-2015 (secretariat note 13) and the Draft workplan 2014-2019 (secretariat note 14) and requested the secretariat to update the Draft programme of work 2014-2015 based on the outcomes of the Bureau meeting.

### **Monitoring progress towards the Paris Goals – Performance indicators**

The Bureau reviewed the Draft questionnaire for reporting on the implementation of THE PEP (secretariat note 15) and decided to continue with the annual questionnaire. New monitoring questions reflecting the Paris Declaration to be included in the next rounds of questionnaires were adopted by the Bureau, and will be included in the questionnaires to be sent to member States starting in late summer 2014.

The Bureau reviewed the document on Monitoring progress towards the Paris goals (secretariat note 18). The Austrian Co-Chair emphasized that cooperation with the EEA should be sought in order to ensure that the reporting mechanism complements other efforts and minimizes the reporting burden and complexity for the member States and the secretariat.

The Bureau requested the secretariat to draft a concept note with a more concrete proposal on alternative monitoring, including details on the expected required efforts.

### **III. IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS DECLARATION**

#### **Procedure for establishing and joining a Partnership**

The Bureau discussed the proposed procedure for establishing and joining a Partnership (secretariat note 06). The Bureau concluded that it is important to revise the existing terms of reference (ToR) for Partnerships and incorporate the procedure for joining/establishing them, as well as the role and responsibilities of the Partners.

The Bureau decided that there was a need to update the information of members of THE PEP Steering Committee. To that effect it requested the secretariat to take the necessary steps to ensure that member States provide them with their nominations of members.

#### **Draft proposal for phase 2 of the work of THE PEP Partnership on jobs in green and healthy transport (PJGHT)**

The Bureau discussed possible future directions for the work of THE PEP Partnership on jobs in green and healthy transport (Secretariat note 07). The Russian member of the Bureau pointed out that there is a need to highlight also the jobs in the automobile industry (production of fuel efficient cars and greener fuel), jobs that help reduce unsustainable transport, and to acknowledge potential job losses associated with moving towards green and healthy transport. The secretariat also pointed out that the next Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial Conference, to be held in 2016, will have green economy as one of its themes thus necessitating the development of methodology on green jobs assessment. Austria further supported the need to link the work of PJGHT to EfE with a new product by 2016 and expressed its support for maintaining the focus on cycling as there is still a lack of data. The Bureau also noted that the PJGHT should consider the value added of THE PEP to the international activities in this field (e.g. focus on cycling).

The Bureau requested the secretariat to further refine proposed activities 1 and 2 with more details and make concrete proposals for SC12.

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

The Russian member of the Bureau presented the proposal for THE PEP Partnership on the Integration of Transport, Health and Environmental Objectives with Urban and Spatial Planning Policies (information note 10) that was prepared jointly by the French and Russian delegations. The Bureau agreed that the issue is complex, with considerable variations in the practices of various countries and as a result there are no one-size-fits-all solutions.

The Bureau requested the Russian and French Delegations to revise the information note for SC12 and link it to other mechanisms.

## **Report of the National Cycling Officers Network Meeting and the first meeting of THE PEP Partnership on Promotion of Cycling**

The Austrian Co-Chair reported on THE PEP Partnership on cycling promotion (information note 19), stressing the need to familiarize the members of the Steering Committee with National Cycling Coordinators and their work. Switzerland expressed its wish to join the partnership. France expressed its support for the master plan and proposed as a first step to compile existing national plans as the basis for the master plan and offered to translate it to French and Russian.

### **Eco-driving**

The Austrian Co-Chair reported on THE PEP Partnership on Eco-driving and the development of a handbook on Eco-driving.

## **National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans (NTHEAPs)**

The secretariat recalled the successful launch of the Step-by-step manual for developing NTHEAPs at the 4HLM and proposed next steps. The Bureau agreed to update the Clearing House with relevant documents as the main repository for tools, to disseminate the manual further through the channels available to the Steering Committee and the secretariat, to integrate support to countries in operationalizing the manual into THE PEP Academy, to translate it to Russian and to entrust THE PEP Academy with maintaining the document.

## **New Health Economic Assessment Tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling: update on applications, dissemination and improvements**

The secretariat informed the Bureau about the latest developments of HEAT for walking and cycling, highlighting a new version to be launched in summer 2014. This new version brings updated risk functions (based on latest scientific evidence) and more detailed and updated values of statistical life (based on a methodology developed by the OECD). Further developments are planned through ongoing projects in collaboration with the European Commission.

## **THE PEP Academy: framework and activities Draft concept note on THE PEP Academy (secretariat note 08),**

The Bureau discussed the secretariat note 08 – Draft Concept note on THE PEP Academy. The discussion addressed aspects related to the general principles under which THE PEP Academy would operate, its relationship to the on-going Partnership, which should ensure strong coordination and optimization of the use of resources, the coordination with the other implementation mechanisms, and the breadth and feasibility of the proposed scope of activities. The Bureau recommended to revise the concept note taking the above points into account and making suggestions regarding the approach to set priorities for the identification of possible actions

### ***New tools: Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs)***

The secretariat provided a presentation to the Bureau on the current third cycle of the UNECE's Environmental Performance Review (EPR) programme (secretariat note 17). The secretariat highlighted that during the EPR process, strategic documents on health and transport which have an environmental component are analyzed and mentioned in the report. It was suggested by the secretariat that the EPR programme structure and process could be useful in the implementation of the Paris Goals as it could explore the countries' specific activities in THE PEP framework.

### ***New tools: For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS)***

The secretariat introduced a new tool, "For Future Inland Transport Systems – ForFITS" that could prove useful in the implementation of the Paris Declaration, especially paras 14 and 15. ForFITS evaluates transport activity, energy use, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in a range of possible policy contexts by creating simulations of Avoid - Shift - Improve policies which take into account the expected evolution of relevant macroeconomic parameters. The Bureau took note that the first application of ForFITS in the context of THE PEP could coincide with the first THE PEP workshop following the Paris declaration that is scheduled to take place in Kaunas, Lithuania in September 2014.

## **THE PEP Relay Race**

The Lithuanian delegation presented the draft concept note and provisional programme for the next relay race workshop in Kaunas, 25-26 September 2014 (secretariat note 09). The Bureau congratulated the Lithuanian delegation for their excellent efforts in cross-sectoral organization of the workshops and provided detailed feedback on the provisional programme. The Lithuanian delegation will revise the programme together with the secretariat.

## **IV. Communication and cooperation**

In the spirit of the Paris Declaration, the Bureau decided to continue the existing practice of ad hoc invitations of NGOs/IGOs to the Bureau meetings upon request by the Bureau to the secretariat.

The secretariat updated the Bureau on ongoing collaborations with related international processes and organizations, such as the European Environment and Health Process, the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition and Polis. The Austrian Co-Chair informed the Bureau about European Conference on Mobility Management (ECOMM) 2014.

The Bureau tasked the secretariat with preparing a list of potential communication activities and events for THE PEP in 2015 to be presented at SC12.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Update on the status of THE PEP trust fund**

The secretariat informed the Bureau about expenditures and donations received in 2013 and 2014. The Bureau expressed concerns about the status of the trust fund and urged member States to contribute financially and in kind to THE PEP in order to ensure the implementation of the Paris Declaration.

### **Update on maintaining THE PEP clearing house**

The secretariat provided a brief presentation to the Bureau of the current status of THE PEP Clearing House, in terms of its need for maintenance and upgrading. The Bureau took note of this information, mindful of the spirit of the Paris Declaration role that assigned to the Clearing House support functions vis-à-vis THE PEP Academy, and requested the secretariat to prepare an informal document for its consideration at the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Steering Committee.

### **Next meetings**

The 26th meeting of the Bureau will take place on 21 November 2014 at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, following the 12th session of the Steering Committee.