

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of reports of the Steering Committee on its twelfth session and reports of the Bureau on its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings

**Twenty-seventh Meeting of the Bureau of the Steering
Committee of the Pan-European Programme on Transport,
Health and Environment (THE PEP)
25-26 June 2015, Copenhagen (Denmark)**

Report

I. INTRODUCTION AND PARTICIPATION

1. The 27th meeting of the Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee was held on 25-26 June 2015 in Copenhagen (Denmark), hosted by WHO/Europe. The meeting was attended by representatives from: Austria, Belgium, France, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
2. THE PEP secretariat was represented by Ms Sarango Radnaaragchaa (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 Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland) and the outgoing vice-chair Mr Mihail Kochubovski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). The Chair expressed his satisfaction about high attendance of the Bureau.
4. The Bureau adopted the provisional agenda as proposed by the secretariat and the report of the 26th meeting of THE PEP Bureau, held on 21 November 2014 (secretariat notes 02 and 04). The Bureau also took note of the report of the 12th session of the Steering Committee of THE PEP and requested one correction.

II. IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS DECLARATION

National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans

5. The secretariat informed the Bureau about the planned translation of the publication *Developing National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans* to Russian and the need to print additional copies of the English and French versions.

THE PEP Partnership

6. The secretariat introduced a revised draft of the Terms of references for THE PEP Partnerships, outlining the introduced changes as requested by the Bureau at its 26th meeting (secretariat note 05). The Bureau discussed the new draft and requested some clarifications to be made in the text and in the annexed form for requesting establishing a new THE PEP Partnership by the Steering Committee of THE PEP. The Bureau requested the opportunity to review again the final draft before submission to the Steering Committee.
7. The Bureau further endorsed the proposal of requiring existing Partnerships to complete and submit the aforementioned form for the establishing of a new Partnership to the Steering Committee at its thirteenth session

8. The Austrian delegation informed the Bureau about the status quo of the developments in the Partnership on Cycling, in particular the outcomes of the recent meetings on the development of the Pan-European Masterplan for Cycling Promotion (Information note 02). The Bureau welcomed the progress made and expressed its gratitude to the partners involved in the partnership. In particular, the Bureau recognized the leadership of Austria and France and noted the positive effect of involving the national cycling coordinators as it provides an opportunity to engage Member States that were previously less active in THE PEP. The Bureau requested that the current draft structure and format of the Masterplan is to be submitted to the Steering Committee for endorsement at its next session.

9. The Bureau was also informed by the Austrian delegation on the plans to submit for funding to the European Commission a follow-up project to the TRANSDANUBE project that was carried out with the help of THE PEP Partnership. Relevant Member States and organizations will be asked to join the project as observers.

10. The secretariat informed the Bureau on the current activities of the Partnership on Jobs in green and healthy transport, as they were agreed by the Steering Committee at its twelfth session. An ongoing data collection exercise is complemented by a desk review of case studies and new literature and will lead to a draft publication for review by the Steering Committee at its thirteenth session. The final publication is expected to be launched at the Ministerial Conference Environment for Europe in June 2016. The Bureau welcomed these developments and expressed its gratitude to the partners involved, in particular UNEP's leading role and contributions.

11. The Bureau was informed by the secretariat on the latest developments of the Health economic assessment tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling and was particularly pleased to see the added functionality on air pollution exposure. The next version of HEAT will be released in August 2015. The Bureau thanked all the partners involved, in particular also France and Switzerland for their contributions to translate HEAT to French and German.

12. The Austrian delegation reported to the Bureau on recent activities of the Partnership on Eco-driving. As requested by the Steering Committee at its twelfth session, the partnership has produced a first draft for a factsheet on eco-driving (Information note 03). The Bureau discussed the draft and clarified that it should focus on the advantages of eco-driving, the opportunities of implementing it have as its target audience policy makers. With the support of the secretariat, Austria will produce a final draft for consideration by the Steering Committee at its next session.

13. The Bureau also discussed opportunities for engaging new partners in THE PEP partnerships and requested from the secretariat to produce an updated version of the pocket guidebook on working in partnership with the EU.

14. The Russian and French delegations informed the Bureau about the proposed workplan for the Partnership on integrating transport, health and environmental goals into urban and spatial planning. In particular, the Russian Federation announced a workshop on this specific topic to be held in Moscow on 16 October 2015. The Bureau provided the partners with guidance on the direction of activities and requested the partnership to submit the required partnership description to the Steering Committee as per the newly revised draft terms of reference for THE PEP Partnership.

THE PEP Academy

15. The secretariat presented a proposed activity workplan for THE PEP Academy for 2015-2017 (secretariat note 06). The Bureau provided guidance on the further

development of activities of the Academy, in particular vis-à-vis other implementation mechanisms of THE PEP, in order to maximize synergies. The secretariat was requested to produce an update workplan for endorsement by the Steering Committee.

THE PEP Relay race

16. The secretariat presented a report on progress made following the Kaunas workshop in 2014, outlining the results of applying ForFITS in Lithuania and Kaunas (secretariat note 16). The Bureau took note of the report and thanked the secretariat for this technical contribution. It further requested a follow-up report from Lithuania on the Kaunas workshop, taking into considerations the results of the ForFITS application.

17. The Russian delegation presented to the Bureau a draft programme of the proposed THE PEP relay race workshop on “Looking for synergy: integrating transport, urban planning and use of traffic management methods to ensure sustainable mobility and healthy urban environments” in Irkutsk (Russian Federation) on 10 and 11 September 2015 (Information note 04). The Bureau welcomed and accepted the proposal making concrete suggestions for contributions (Austria, France, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia) and for adequate representation of all four relevant sectors. The Russian delegation will work closely with the secretariat and the Bureau to finalize the programme and enable international participation.

18. The Belgian delegation informed the Bureau about tentative plans for hosting a THE PEP relay race workshop in Brussels in 2016, outlining a concrete proposal that also included a section dedicated on capacity building for the development of NTHEAPs. Other topics would include non-state actors, cooperation with neighboring countries, new technologies, infrastructure for walking and cycling, health impacts of transport policies and land use. The Bureau very much welcomed the proposal endorsed the proposed content and structure of the meeting.

Monitoring progress towards the Paris Goals

19. The secretariat presented an updated version of the annual THE PEP Questionnaire on implementing the Paris Declaration, as requested by the Steering Committee at its last session (secretariat note 08). The Bureau endorsed it for use in 2015, pending some modifications on indicator 5.1.

20. The Bureau further discussed the option of developing an indicator-based assessment of progress in the achievement of THE PEP goals by considering the estimated costs and feasibility of such an activity (secretariat note 15). The Bureau decided to not pursue this option further. Instead, the Bureau requested the secretariat to engage specifically with the European Environment Agency (EEA) to explore opportunities for a joint activity to broaden the geographical application of EEA’s current indicators and to collaborate on future development of EEA’s transport-related indicators.

III. COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION

21. The secretariat updated the Bureau on various efforts to ensure representation of THE PEP at the upcoming UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris in December 2015 (secretariat note 09). The Bureau thanked the secretariat for its efforts to integrate THE PEP into a UN systems side-event under the theme on health. The Bureau further called upon all members

of the Bureau to urgently explore ways of including THE PEP in side events of their own countries and/or finding out possibilities of mentioning THE PEP activities by the High-level delegates in their interventions at the side event. The French delegation presented an offer to integrate THE PEP with a stand in their pavilion at the conference. The Bureau very much welcomed this offer.

22. The secretariat informed the Bureau about recent activities of related processes in Europe, including the Mid-term Review of the European Environment and Health Process in Haifa, Israel, in April 2015 and the ongoing preparations for the for the Ministerial Conference Environment for Europe in Batumi, Georgia, in June 2016. The Austrian delegation and the secretariat further informed the Bureau of invitations received for THE PEP and HEAT to be represented and presented at an upcoming informal meeting of the transport ministers of the European Union under the European Council Presidency of Luxembourg on 7 October 2015 in Luxembourg. The meeting will focus entirely on cycling. The Bureau very much welcomed this invitation and endorsed the participation of the secretariat and representatives from the Bureau at this event. In particular, the Bureau was invited to provide input statements to the outcome document of the meeting and WHO was invited to provide a stand on HEAT and technical input to a factsheet on cycling for distribution at the meeting.

23. As requested by the Steering Committee at its last session, the secretariat presented a draft brochure on THE PEP (secretariat note 10). The Bureau welcomed the draft and made some suggestions for further improvement. A final version of the brochure will be published in English, French and Russian before the next session of the Steering Committee.

24. The Bureau further discussed future opportunities for communication and outreach. In particular, in addition to the relay race workshop in Irkutsk, the contribution to COP 21 and the EC presidency meeting in Luxembourg in October, the Bureau also requested to use the opportunity offered by Austria to organize a session at the Walk21 conference in Vienna in October 2015.

25. The secretariat informed the Bureau about four options for the future of THE PEP Clearing House, including specific cost estimates (secretariat note 11). The Bureau considered the report but did not reach a conclusion. It requested the Steering Committee to decide at its next session.

IV. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 13TH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE (SC13)

26. The Bureau discussed preparations for SC13 (17-19 November 2015, Palais des nations, Geneva). Specifically, the Bureau reviewed and provisionally approved the SC13 agenda (secretariat note 13), subject to potential revisions.

27. The secretariat introduced the draft concept note of the Symposium (secretariat note 14). The Bureau discussed the proposed scope of the Symposium, in particular the questions in section II.A. and endorsed them without further changes.

28. The Bureau reviewed the Draft programme of work 2015-2016 (secretariat note 12) and requested the secretariat to update the Draft programme of work 201-2016 based on the outcomes of the Bureau meeting.

29. The Bureau tasked the secretariat with preparing a list of potential communication activities and events for THE PEP in 2016 to be presented at SC13,

including at least ITF in Leipzig in May 2016, ECOMM in Athens in June 2016 and a Youth Conference in Vienna in fall 2016.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

30. The secretariat informed the Bureau about expenditures and received donations in 2014 and 2015. The Bureau thanked Austria, France, Serbia and Switzerland for their contributions and also recognized the in kind contributions from Lithuania, UNEP, Russian Federation and Germany. Despite a slight recovery in 2015 from the financial burden from the organization of the 4HLM (in particular the related publications) in 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.

31. The 28th meeting of the Bureau will take place on 19 November 2015 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, following the 13th session of the Steering Committee.

32. The 29th meeting of the Bureau, scheduled to take place in summer 2016 in Copenhagen, has tentatively been set to either 16-17 June 2016 or 30 June to 1 July 2016.
