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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Steering Committee on the Transport, Health and
Environment Pan-European Programme¹

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**PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION FOR THE THIRD HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING ON TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

22-23 January 2009

**Felix Meritis European Centre for Arts, Culture and Science
Amsterdam, Netherlands**

1. The present note has been prepared by the secretariat in close collaboration with the Dutch Ministry of Environment as host of the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (3HLM) and is intended to inform the Steering Committee of the ongoing preparations for the meeting, taking into account recommendations made by the Bureau at its meetings in April, June and December 2007 and February 2008, and as an update to ECE/AC.21/SC/2007/3-EUR/07/5068055/3.

¹ THE PEP.

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE 3HLM

2. As reiterated by the Steering Committee at its fifth session: the High-level Meeting will aim to:

(a) Review and take stock of developments concerning sustainable transport and policy integration in the region since the UNECE Transport and Environment Ministerial Conference in Vienna in 1997;

(b) Strengthen Member States' commitment to greater integration of transport, health and environment policies at the national level;

(c) Reinforce the role of THE PEP as the platform for promoting greater policy integration and sustainable transport development throughout the UNECE and WHO/Europe region, in particular in the field of urban transport, as well as reinvigorating the high-level commitment and political impetus in the countries to actively implement THE PEP and be able to secure the necessary resources and support for this;

(d) Highlight and raise awareness for the main choices and challenges that need to be addressed on a priority basis, in particular in EECCA and SEE countries; and

(e) Make commitments to action and agree on a vision for the future of transport, health and environment for the Pan-European Region and determine priorities for future work by adjusting or complementing the priorities selected in 2002 as needed.

II. THEME FOR THE 3HLM

1. The Bureau may wish to agree a theme for the 3HLM, on the basis of the proposal made by the host: *Making THE link! Transport Choices for Sustainable and Healthy Living*. This proposal is based on the themes discussed previously by the Bureau (see Annex II of the Annotated Agenda (ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/1 - EUR/08/5068055/1)).

III. DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS

4. The following documentation is planned or under development for the 3HLM:

- A Review Report: *“Review of transport developments and their effects on health and the environment in the UNECE-WHO/Europe Pan-European Region (1997–2007)”*
- THE PEP Assessment Report (2002–2007)
- Draft declaration
- THE PEP Tool-box
- Brochure on Policy Integration
- Methodological guidance on economic valuation of transport-related health effects
- Methodological guidance on the economic valuation of health benefits of walking and cycling

5. Additional communication/outreach materials are foreseen as follows:
- A new THE PEP brochure
 - A revamped THE PEP website to publicize the 3HLM
 - A new brochure summarizing the main results and conclusions from the Review and Assessment Report
 - A short (7-minute) documentary film, featuring urban sounds and images and evoking key messages from Review Report
 - A children's colouring book to highlight easy-to-grasp challenges and solutions in T, H, E.
 - Press release(s)
 - Article in UNECE Weekly
 - Article in the WHO "The Bridge" magazine
 - Presentation of 3rd HLM outcomes to the EEHC and other suitable international fora

IV. DATE, VENUE AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. The meeting will extend over 2 full days and is tentatively scheduled for 22-23 January 2009. It will take place at Felix Meritis European Centre for Arts, Culture and Science (<http://www.felixmeritis.nl/en/>). The Centre is located in a historic building from 1789 on Keizersgracht in the centre of Amsterdam. It offers a platform for international exchange, meetings and conferences with all necessary facilities and spatial capacity in a unique architectural setting. Under the Centre's motto "Connecting cultures", partnerships have also been established across the Pan-European Region, including for example with the Caucasus Foundation (Tbilisi), the Cultural Front (Belgrade), Kuhnya (Novosibirsk), KulturKontakt (Wenen), Red House (Sofia) and the Berlin Conference for European Cultural Policy.
7. The 3HLM will be preceded by a meeting of the Extended Bureau on 21 January late afternoon.
8. Upon approval of the proposed arrangements by the Steering Committee, a formal announcement will be made through the communication channels of UNECE and WHO and THE PEP website. A conference brochure will be disseminated in summer 2008.

V. PROGRAMME: STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING, SPEAKERS, CHAIRS

9. A proposal of a provisional programme is attached in the annex.

Annex

Making THE link!

Transport choices for sustainable and healthy living

The Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

22-23 January 2009

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Felix Meritis European Centre for Arts, Culture and Science

Provisional draft programme

Day 1: Thursday, 22 January 2009

08:30-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:50	Welcome by the Netherlands, WHO and UN ECE
	Session 1: THE challenges for the Pan-European Region
09:50-10:20	2 keynote speeches on THE challenges
10:20-10:30	Picture THE in the Pan-European Region: movie
10:30-11:30	Debate: How sustainable is transport in the Pan-European Region today?
11:30-12:00	Coffee
12:00-13:00	THE PEP work programme, achievements and challenges
13:00-14:00	Lunch buffet
	Session 2: THE policy choices
14:00-14:30	2 keynote speeches on choices
14:30-15:30	Workshop Healthy people Workshop Efficient transport Workshop Sustainable living areas
15:30-16:00	Coffee
16:00-16:45	Debate: do we make the right policy choices?
16:45-17:30	THE PEP 'vision and outcome document'
17:45	Press conference
19:30-21.30	Dinner

Day 2: Friday, 23 January 2009

	Session 3: linking THE knowledge
09:30-10:00	2 keynote speeches on good practice / practical experiences
10:00-10:30	Presentation on THE Toolbox
10:30-11:30	Good practices: Healthy people Good practices: Efficient transport Good practices: Sustainable living areas
11:30-12:00	Coffee
	Session 4: making THE future
12:00-13:00	Draft 'vision and outcome document' and discussions
13:00-14:00	Lunch buffet
14:00-14:30	Green paper: towards a new culture for urban mobility (DG TREN)
14:30-15:30	Debate: what can we do internationally to get it implemented at local level?
15:30-16:00	Closure speeches

Possible side events:

- Launch of THE PEP products (brochure on policy integration, guidance on economic valuation, Clearing House etc.)
- Demonstration of the Health Economic Assessment Tool (HEAT) for cycling and possibly walking
- The role of the local level: cities
- Youth/NGO fora
- Outreach to other regions (ASIA PEP?)?