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**Managing and implementing the Transport, Health and Environment
Pan-European Programme: Financial matters****Status of the Transport, Health and Environment
Pan-European Programme Trust Fund**

Note by the secretariat*

I. Introduction

1. The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) secretariat provides the below information on the use of financial resources that were available in 2019 and 2020 to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) secretariats. Detailed information for 2018 and 2019 has been made available in document ECE/AC.21/SC/2019/5–EUPCR1814179/2.1/THE PEP SC/5.

2. This note does not include the in-kind contributions provided by several member States and other stakeholders to the implementation of THE PEP programme of work, in terms of expert time, mobilization of technical expertise, hosting of meetings and workshops, engagement of consultants and participation in and support to the work of THE PEP Partnerships, relay-race workshops and Academy. These contributions are of paramount importance to advance the implementation of THE PEP programme of work and are gratefully acknowledged. Finally, this note also excludes the corporate resources made available by the ECE and WHO to support the cost of salaries of the joint secretariat of THE PEP and provide conference services.

* This document was not formally edited due to resources constraints.



II. Financial resources received and used by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

A. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2019 and estimates for 2020 (as of 15 October 2020)

<i>Opening balance 2019 (USD)</i>	249 076¹
<i>Contributions 2019 (USD)</i>	
Austria	44 593
Switzerland	9 970
Total Contributions 2019	54 563
Total available 2019	303 639
<i>Costs 2019</i>	
Staff and personnel costs, International consultant fees etc.	10 000
Contractors	
Contractual services	100
Operating and Other Direct Costs	43
Travel	49 102
Total Costs 2019	59 245
13% Programme Support Costs	7 702
Total Expenditure 2019	66 947
Interest income	6 149
Balance at 31.12.2019	242 841
<i>Opening balance 2020 (USD)</i>	242 841
<i>Contributions 2020 (USD)</i>	
Austria *	53 571
Netherlands *	16 502
Switzerland *	20 020
Total Contributions 2020	90 093
Total available 2020	332 934
<i>Expected Costs 2020</i>	
Staff and personnel costs, International consultant fees etc.	
Contractors	
Contractual services	24 000
Operating and Other Direct Costs	
Travel	
Total Expected Costs 2020	24 000
13% Programme Support Costs	3 120
Total Expected Expenditure 2020	27 120
Expected Balance at 31.12.2020	305 814

* Received end 2019

¹ This opening balance

B. World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2019 and estimates for 2020 (as of 30 October 2020)

<i>Contributions 2019 (USD)</i>			
France (pledged, not received)	December	EUR 20 000	
Austria	March	EUR 40 000	45 506
Netherlands	October	EUR 15 000	16 667
Norway	October	NOK 299 944	33 043
Total contributions in 2019			95 216
Balance on 31 December 2018			129 262
Total available in 2019			224 478 (a)
<i>Expenditures 2019 (USD)</i>			
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, relay race workshop)			6 953
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings)			18 395
Meeting costs (room, catering THE PEP Bureau in July, Bonn)			2 191
Staff and Consultants			82 800
5HLM communication and HEAT (maintenance, webhosting) contracts			18 033
Expenditures in 2019			128 372
13 % Programme Support Costs			12 167
Total expenditures for 2019			140 539 (b)
Total unencumbered net fund balance as of 31.12.2019 (a)-(b)			83 939 (c)
<i>Contributions 2020 (USD)</i>			
Austria	January	EUR 48 000	53 571
Netherlands	September	Euro 15 000	
<i>(Pledged, not received)</i>			
Total contributions in 2020			53 571 (d)
Total available in 2020 (c)+(d)			137 510
<i>Expected expenditures 2020 (USD) (estimates)</i>			
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, workshops)			0
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings, workshops,)			0
Meeting costs (webinar, flyer layout, interpretation for SC18)			18 652
Staff and Consultants			10 400
Contracts (publications, HEAT maintenance; layout and translation of Covid-19 related technical guidance, animations)			29 084
Expected direct expenditures for 2020			58 136
13 % Programme Support Costs			7 558
Total expected expenditures for 2020			65 694 (e)
Expected balance at 31.12.2020 (c)+(d)-(e)			71 816

III. Commentary of financial results

3. The secretariat would like to highlight the precarious financial situation of the THE PEP trust fund and in particular the likelihood that, without an increase in contributions, the possibility to fund the participation of member States to THE PEP meetings will be significantly reduced. This will be a significant issue in the year of High-Level Meeting.

4. Although the finances of THE PEP have benefited from significantly reduced costs in 2020, along with important financial contributions from member States without interventions the precarious financial situation will continue.

IV. Guidelines for the transfer of contributions to the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

5. The secretariat provides bank information for the transfer of contributions to ECE and WHO/Europe to ensure the effective implementation of the work plan of THE PEP and the adequate participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) in its meetings. Contributions should be transmitted to the ECE THE PEP Trust Fund and/or to WHO/Europe.

6. For administrative reasons, funds for personnel and IT infrastructure for THE PEP Clearing House should be made available to the ECE Trust Fund, while support for additional services to be provided by the Clearing House can be made available to either organization. In general, resources made available through the ECE Trust Fund would mainly support activities that have a strong transport and environment component. Funds promoting primarily health-related objectives could be directed to WHO/Europe.
