

**Economic Commission for Europe****World Health Organization
Regional Office for Europe****High-level Meeting on Transport, Health
and Environment****Steering Committee of the Transport, Health
and Environment Pan-European Programme****Twenty-first session**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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* The twenty-first session of the Steering Committee will be held at World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva. Information on registration will be available at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002240/>. For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring to the meeting copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda, which are available at <https://unece.org/pep/events/twenty-first-session-steering-committee-transport-health-and-environment-pan-european-0>.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) is expected to adopt the agenda of its twenty-first session as prepared by the secretariat, comprising the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe), in consultation with the Bureau of the Steering Committee.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-first session (ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/1–EUHP2219536/1.1)

2. Election of officers

In accordance with its rules of procedure,¹ the Committee will elect a new Vice-Chair. The Chair rotates between representatives of the transport, health and environment sectors. The Chair of the Committee's twenty-first session will represent the environment sector, the two Vice-Chairs will be the Committee's incoming Chair (i.e. for the twenty-second session) and the outgoing Chair from the previous regular session (i.e. the twentieth session).

Bureau members were elected in 2021.

3. Transport Planning for the Future

Member States and stakeholders will have the opportunity to discuss how they see transport and urban planning evolving in the coming decades. Discussions might include: the future of public transport; integration of transport and urban planning; promoting active mobility and climate-resilient transport and mobility; and financing public transport and active mobility.

4. Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

(a) Strategy on transport, health and the environment

At the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (hybrid), 17 and 18 May 2021), member States agreed to develop a comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and the environment, including a clear pathway for its implementation, to achieve the agreed vision and to guide the further work of THE PEP,² for adoption in 2023. The Steering Committee, at its nineteenth meeting (Geneva (hybrid), 27–28 October 2021), established an ad hoc working group on a draft strategy on transport, health and the environment and possible legal instruments.³

At its twentieth session (Geneva, 17–19 October 2022), the Steering Committee, at the proposal of the working group, decided to modify the timeline for developing the strategy and agreed to the following: (i) the presentation of an advanced draft strategy in autumn 2023; (ii) the initiation of work on possible legal instruments in autumn 2023, and the finalization of work on the strategy by autumn 2024; and (iii) to only work on possible legal instruments thereafter for finalization in 2025.⁴

The Steering Committee is expected to: (i) provide feedback and comments on the first draft of the strategy as presented by the working group, with the support of a consultant; (ii)

¹ See <https://thepep.unece.org/rules-procedure>.

² ECE/AC.21/2021/2/Corr.1–EUHP2018924/4.3.2/Corr.1, para. 6.

³ ECE/AC.21/SC/2021/2–EUHP2018924/4.1/2, paras. 20–25.

⁴ ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 24 (b).

provide guidance to the working group for the finalization of the strategy, with a view to its adoption in 2024; and (iii) initiate the work on possible legal instruments and provide guidance thereon to the working group.

Documentation

Draft Strategy on transport, health and environment (ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/5–EUHP2219536/1.1/5)

Informal document on the possible legal framework for THE PEP (informal document No. 1)

Draft strategy: supplementary information (informal document No. 2)

(b) Communication activities

The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment decided to elaborate a communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for, and benefits of, sustainable and healthy transport, and disseminate the results of THE PEP.⁵ The Steering Committee, at its twentieth session, requested the secretariat to finalize the strategy and to make it available to the next session of the Steering Committee as an official document in the three official languages of ECE.⁶

The Steering Committee is invited to adopt the strategy and discuss its implementation, in particular from the financial perspective.

Documentation

Draft communication strategy for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/6–EUHP2219536/1.1/6)

(c) Financial matters

The secretariat will inform the Committee about the use of funds in 2023 and provide an outlook for planned expenditures in 2024 based on the programme of work. Delegations may wish to pledge contributions, in cash or in kind, to support the implementation of THE PEP activities.

Documentation

Status of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Trust Fund (ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/3–EUHP2219536/1.1/3)

(d) Programme of work for 2023–2024

The Steering Committee will discuss the draft programme of work for 2023–2024, showing work accomplished over the previous year and through its implementation mechanisms and expected outputs for the forthcoming year.

The Committee will be invited to review activities completed in 2023 and to adopt its programme of work for 2023–2024, including activities in the lead-up to the Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, to be held in 2025, as stated in the Vienna Declaration.⁷

Documentation

Draft programme of work for 2023–2024 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/4–EUHP2219536/1.1/4)

⁵ ECE/AC.21/2021/5–EUHP2018924/4.3.5, para. 9 (c) and table, programme area 1, fourth activity on list.

⁶ ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 27 (c).

⁷ ECE/AC.21/2021/2/Add.1–EUHP2018924/4.3.2/Add.1, para. 38.

(e) **Implementation mechanisms of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme**

The Steering Committee will discuss and consider the activities planned for the implementation of existing and new Partnerships. The Committee may wish to discuss various events and activities held or planned in 2023–2024 under other implementation mechanisms.

Documentation

(f) **Monitoring of the implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme**

At its twentieth session, the Steering Committee requested the secretariat to conduct the survey for 2023, using the updated questionnaire, and present the results using the proposed visualization tools and as an official document in the three official languages of ECE to facilitate the sharing of good practices.⁸ Since the results of the survey are to become available after the deadline for submission of official documents, to give member States time to consult internally, the Bureau asked the secretariat to prepare the outcome of the survey as an informal document, with the request that, in 2025, documents be ready in time for the submission as official documents.

The Steering Committee will be invited to take note of the results of the survey and discuss their dissemination.

Member States might wish to inform other members about initiatives, policies or projects concerning transport, health and environment in their countries.

Documentation

Outcome of the 2023 survey on the implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (informal document No. 3)

5. Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations

The Committee will be informed about collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes, with a view to strengthening synergies. The Committee may wish to discuss ways to promote THE PEP as a model for other regions and to strengthen collaboration with international organizations and processes.

6. Other business

The Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

7. Dates and venues of the next session of the Committee and of the next Bureau meetings

The Steering Committee might wish to consider the timeline for the next meetings: the date of the twenty-second session of the Steering Committee, as well as the dates and venues of the next Bureau meetings.

⁸ ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 56 (d).