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**Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-
European Programme: programme of work for 2022–2023****Draft programme of work for 2022–2023****Note by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European
Programme secretariat***Summary*

A Workplan for 2021–2025 was included in the Vienna Declaration of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (online), 17–18 May 2021). The Committee is invited to review the activities carried out in 2022 and to endorse those planned for 2023.^a

^a See Report of the eleventh session of the Bureau of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, para. 2, available at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/en/committee/bureau/documents/11thbureareport.pdf



I. Introduction

1. The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (online), 17–18 May 2021) adopted the Vienna Declaration, including the workplan for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for 2021–2025 (ECE/AC.21/2021/5–EUCHP2018924/4.3.5). The workplan is based on the priorities enshrined in the Declaration, which commit the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) member States to the pursuit of integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient and environment- and health-friendly transport.
2. THE PEP workplan,¹ which covers the period between the Fifth and the Sixth High-level Meetings, sets out the activities to be pursued in the lead-up to the Sixth High-level Meeting, planned for 2025. The Committee is invited to review the work carried out in 2022, endorse the activities planned for 2023, and provide guidance for their implementation.

II. Statutory meetings 2022–2023

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and venue</i>
THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility	12 Jan. 2022, online
Twentieth anniversary celebration for THE PEP	13–14 Jan. 2022, Paris
Thirty-ninth meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	1 Mar. 2022, online
First meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments	29 Mar. 2022, online
THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility	25–26 Apr. 2022, Paris
THE PEP Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility	23–24 May 2022, Madrid
Second meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments	31 May 2022, online
Bonn Dialogue – Walking and cycling for green, healthy and sustainable mobility	3 June 2022, online
THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility	13 June 2022, Ljubljana
Fortieth meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	23 June 2022, online
THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility	19–23 Sept. 2022, Dublin
Third meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments	28 Sept. 2022, online
Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	29–30 Sept. 2022, Lisbon
THE PEP side event in the framework of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference	6 Oct. 2022, Nicosia
Twentieth session of the Steering Committee of THE PEP	17–19 Oct. 2022, Geneva

¹ Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Draft Work Plan 2021–2025, available at <https://thepep.unecce.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/2103031E.pdf>.

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and venue</i>
Conference on urban mobility and how to improve the quality of life ^a	31 Oct. 2022, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility and Partnership on Active Mobility (meeting back-to-back)	Dec. 2022/Jan. 2023 (venue to be confirmed)
Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	Spring 2023 (venue to be confirmed)

^a Requested to be added during the fortieth meeting of THE PEP Bureau (online, 23–24 June 2022).

III. Programme of work for 2022–2023

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead city/country/organization</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Related targets under the Sustainable Development Goals^a</i>
1. Transforming to clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport for happiness and prosperity for all			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Continue work towards the development of a comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment, (taking into account the experiences of the COVID-19 crisis)	Steering Committee	2022–2023	
Initiate work towards the development of proposals for a possible legal instrument in line with THE PEP vision and the Priority Goals, for consideration by the Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	Steering Committee	2022–2023	
Organize a meeting to take stock of progress 20 years after the establishment of THE PEP – complete	France	2022	
Development of THE PEP communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate the results of THE PEP	Bureau/WHO	2022–2023	
Development of THE PEP publication <i>Walking and cycling: latest evidence to support policy-making and practice</i>	WHO	2022	
Development of the communication products, including THE PEP Brochure	Steering Committee/WHO	2022–2023	
Development of joint initiatives and actions at the international, regional, national and local levels to support member States in the transition towards more resilient, safe, equitable and sustainable transport and mobility systems	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023	
Monitoring the implementation of THE PEP (and identifying country needs and main challenges in the implementation process): developing and conducting THE PEP Survey	Bureau and Steering Committee/WHO	2022–2023	
Organization of annual meetings of the Steering Committee and of biannual meetings of the Bureau	Bureau	2022–2023	

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2. Ensuring the resilience of transport systems to climate change, pandemics and other disasters			
Exploring how to assist member States in the implementation of the Recommendations on green and healthy sustainable transport and support member States	Steering Committee	2022–2023	3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12
3. Improved living conditions in cities and regions by integrating environmental and health policies and objectives into coordinated transport and spatial planning			
Activity to support coordination on the integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment	Russian Federation and France	2022–2023	
4. Clean, safe, low-noise and net-zero emission transport by implementing policies and actions for healthy, active and safer mobility			3; 7; 11; 12; 13
Activity to implement the Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion, including activity to promote measures to shift from motorized mobility to active mobility (and measures directly addressing COVID-19 and the role that cycling could play in making transport systems more resilient), including continuing the work on and the implementation of the infrastructure module and the development of the pan-European competence centre on active mobility	Austria and France, as leaders of the Partnership, ECF, CONEBI, ECE and other member States	2022–2023	
Development of a pan-European master plan for active mobility	Austria, France and other member States	2022–2023	
Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process	Steering Committee	2022–2023	
Activity under THE PEP Academy to transfer knowledge and best practices and reinforce capacities of member States for integrated policymaking	Steering Committee and lead country	2022–2023	
Activity for future updates and improvements of HEAT	WHO	2022–2023	
Activity to promote eco-driving	Austria	2022–2023	
Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes	Steering Committee	2022–2023	
Activity for future updates and improvements of ForFITS	ECE	2023	

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5. The social inclusivity of access to mobility and transport			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12
Identify partners and stakeholders and create synergies with them so that all levels of society can be reached (how to involve them, how to benefit from them and how to make them benefit from us) (including custodians of Sustainable Development Goals and indicators)	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023	
6. Directing investments, fiscal incentives and green finance initiatives towards sustainable transport to stimulate job creation and the economy			8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Green and healthy jobs in transport	France has provided support for a new phase	2022–2023	
7. Making the best use of the benefits of the digitalization of transport and mobility services	Steering Committee	2022-2023	3; 8; 11; 12
8. Implementing sustainable mobility management and services, employing appropriate technologies for clean, efficient, healthy and safe transport systems			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Provide ad hoc support and advice towards the creation of transport, health and environment action plans	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023	
Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at the national and local levels	Bureau, Steering Committee and other stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	2022–2023	
Promotion activities and sharing of good practices on mobility management and more on studies on managed mobility	Bureau, Steering Committee, lead country, for example Austria, and stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	2022–2023	
Activities on tourism and mobility	Austria	2022–2023	
Side event on sustainable tourism mobility on the margins of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference	ECE, WHO and member States	2022	
Development and implementation of studies on the environment and health impacts on new mobility options	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023	

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9. The promotion of solutions to implement sustainable urban mobility, including a wide range of electric urban public transport modes and cycling and walking, and consideration of these forms of mobility in transport and spatial planning			3; 7;9; 11; 12; 13
See activities in programme areas 3 and 4 on supporting active mobility and integration of transport planning into urban planning	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023	

Abbreviations: CONEBI, Confederation of the European Bicycle Industry; COVID-19, coronavirus disease; ECF, European Cyclists’ Federation; EPOMM, European Platform on Mobility Management; ForFITS, For Future Inland Transport Systems; HEAT, Health Economic Assessment Tool.

^a Generally speaking, THE PEP supports the achievement of all of the Sustainable Development Goals and, in particular, Goals 3 and 11. Shown here are the additional targets under the Goals that are relevant to specific activities.

IV. Way forward for the programme of work

3. The current format for the programme of work has been in place for a number of years. However, at each Steering Committee session, member States are asked to agree on a programme of work that is essentially already halfway through its timescale. For example, the present programme of work runs for the calendar years 2022 and 2023 but approval is requested only in October 2022.

4. In order to streamline this process, it is suggested that the programme of work be moved to an annual document and that, as such, in 2023, the Steering Committee approve the programme of work for 2024, and that, in October 2024, an evaluation of the implementation of the programme of work for 2024 be shared with the Steering Committee and that the new programme of work for 2025 also be approved.
