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**Implementation of 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 present document contains information provided by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) secretariat on the use of financial resources available in 2023 and 2024 to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) secretariats. Detailed information for 2022 and 2023 can be found in document ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/3–EUCHP2219536/1.1/3.

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 in advancing the implementation of THE PEP programme of work and are gratefully acknowledged. Lastly, this note also excludes the corporate resources made available by ECE and WHO to support THE PEP joint secretariat salary costs and provide conference services.

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 2023 and estimates for 2024 (as of 25 June 2024)

(United States dollars)

<i>Opening balance 2023</i>	317 398	
<i>Contributions 2023</i>		
Serbia	5 580	
Total contributions 2023	5 580	
Total available 2023	322 978	
<i>Actual costs 2023</i>		
Staff and personnel costs, international consultant fees, etc.	14 140	
Contractors		
Contractual services	225	
Operating and other direct costs	788	
Travel	23 550	
Total costs 2023	38 703	
13 per cent programme support costs	5 969	
Total expenditure 2023	44 672	
Interest income		
Balance at 31 Dec. 2023	278 305	
<i>Opening balance 2024</i>	278 305	
<i>Contributions 2024</i>		
Serbia	5 580	
Total contributions 2024	5 580	
Total available 2024	283 885	
<i>Expected costs 2024</i>		
Staff and personnel costs, international consultant fees, etc.	64 000	
Contractual services	225	
Operating and other direct costs	1 000	
Travel	25 000	
Total forecast costs 2024	90 225	
13 per cent programme support costs	11 729	
Total forecast expenditure 2024	101 954	
Interest income		
Forecast balance at 31 Dec. 2024	181 931	(Provisional)

^a Provided for the Green Jobs Study.

B. World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2023 and estimates for 2024 (as of September 2024)

(United States dollars)

<i>Balance on 31 Dec. 2022</i>	87 591	
<i>Contributions 2023</i>		
France	10 965	
Switzerland	23 015	
Total contributions in 2023	33 980	
Total available in 2023	121 571	(a)
<i>Expenditures 2023</i>		
Travel of staff (statutory meetings)	3 554	
Travel of meeting participants (countries eligible for financial support/ health sector)	12 016	
Communication strategy, THE PEP Survey, communication materials (video clip, information graphics, social tiles, leaflets, etc.); website update	20 813	
Consultants	14 000	
Translation	834	
Health Economic Assessment Tool (HEAT) maintenance and update	15 000	
THE PEP side event at Seventh Ministerial Conference		1 995
Expenditures in 2023	68 212	
13 per cent programme support costs	8 868	
Total expenditures for 2023	77 080	(b)
Total unencumbered net fund balance as of 31 Dec. 2023 (a)–(b)	44 491	(c)
<i>Contributions 2024</i>		
Switzerland (pledged, not received)	17 321	
Total pledged contributions in 2024	17 321	(d)
Total available in 2024 (c)+(d)	61 812	
<i>Expected expenditures 2024 (estimates)</i>		
Travel of staff (statutory meetings)	6 175	
Travel of meeting participants (countries eligible for financial support/ health sector)	9 859	
THE PEP Communication strategy implementation (THE PEP film, social media campaign)	20 000	
Expected direct expenditures for 2024	36 034	
13 per cent programme support costs	4 684	
Total expected expenditures for 2024	40 719	(e)
Expected balance at 31 Dec. 2024 (c)+(d)–(e)	21 094	

3. The maintenance and update of the Health Economic Assessment Tool for walking and cycling in 2024 have been supported by the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.

III. Commentary of financial results

4. The secretariat wishes to highlight the precarious financial situation of THE PEP Trust Fund and in particular the likelihood that, without an increase in contributions, the possibility to fund the participation of member States in THE PEP meetings will be significantly reduced. ECE and WHO note that their internal secretariat rules do not allow them to draw funding for THE PEP statutory activities from sources other than direct funds from member States earmarked for this Programme; therefore it will not be possible to draw on funds from alternative sources in the short or long term, nor has this been done in the past.

5. The finances of THE PEP benefited from reduced costs in the period 2021–2023, along with some financial contributions from member States. However, 2024 expenditure has been significantly higher, due, in part, to the work on the draft strategy on transport, health and environment and the new study on green jobs financed by France. Without interventions, the precarious financial situation will continue, with funding completely running out within the next four years.

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

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

7. For administrative reasons, funds for personnel and information technology 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 ECE or WHO/Europe. In general, resources made available through the ECE Trust Fund would mainly support activities with a strong transport and environment component. Funds promoting primarily health-related objectives could be directed to WHO/Europe.
