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**Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-
European Programme: programme of work for 2025****Draft programme of work for 2025****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 (hybrid), 17–18 May 2021). The Committee is invited to review the activities carried out in 2024 and to endorse those planned for 2025. This document was prepared as agreed at the twentieth session of the Steering Committee (Geneva, 17–19 October 2022) and is presented in the agreed new layout.



I. Introduction

1. The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (hybrid), 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 member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) European Region to the pursuit of integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient and environment- and health-friendly transport.

2. THE PEP workplan¹ sets out the activities to be pursued in the lead-up to the Sixth High-level Meeting. This draft programme of work was prepared in accordance with the decision taken at the twentieth session of the Steering Committee (Geneva, 17–19 October 2022).² The present document was prepared in a new format, with firstly a review of activities carried out in 2024 (see sect. III) and then the programme of work for 2025 (see sect. IV). The Committee is invited to endorse the activities planned for 2025 and provide guidance for their implementation. It is important to note that some of the activities for 2024 were not undertaken due to a lack of funding, a situation that, given the current financial status of THE PEP as set out in ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/3–EUCDE2422320/2.1/3, is likely to continue going forward.

II. Statutory and other meetings 2024–2025

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and venue</i>
Extraordinary Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	19 Feb. 2024, Geneva
Relay race workshop and THE PEP/EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility meeting ^a	23–25 Apr. 2024, Belgrade
Meeting of the Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	13–14 June 2024, Vilnius
Forty-second meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	4–5 July 2024, Oslo
Bonn Dialogues on Active Mobility	9 Oct. 2024, online
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on walking	17–18 Oct. 2024, Lisbon
Twenty-second session of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme	28–30 Oct. 2024, Geneva
Meeting of the Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility	8–9 Nov. 2024, Vienna
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on cycling	11–12 Nov. 2024, Ulm, Germany

¹ Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) draft workplan for the period 2021–2025, available at <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2023/03/working-documents/draft-workplan-2021-2025>.

² ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUCHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 34.

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and venue</i>
Meeting of the Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	Autumn 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Forty-third meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	Jan./Feb. 2025 (date to be confirmed), online
Forty-fourth meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	June/July 2025 (date and venue to be confirmed)

^a The Steering Committee, at its twenty-first session (Geneva, 23–25 October 2024), agreed that the Partnership on Active Mobility be extended to the Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility, jointly of THE PEP and the European Environment and Health Process

Abbreviation: EHP, European Environment and Health Process.

III. Activities carried out in 2024

<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>	<i>Implementation</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	
Finalize work towards development of comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment, (taking into account experiences of COVID-19 pandemic)	Steering Committee	2024		Complete – final strategy ready for adoption at Steering Committee
Initiate work towards development of proposals for possible legal instrument in line with THE PEP vision and Priority Goals, for consideration by Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	Steering Committee	2024–2025		Ongoing – initial discussions held and meetings of ad-hoc working group to follow after adoption of Strategy, upon availability of resources
Implementation of THE PEP communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate results of THE PEP	Steering Committee/WHO	2024–2025		Ongoing – development of social media campaign to promote active mobility
Development of communication products	Steering Committee/WHO	2024–2025		Ongoing, regular activity – development of short film to promote walking and cycling as active modes of transport; Promotional leaflet about THE PEP/EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility
Development of joint initiatives and actions at international, regional, national and local levels to support member States in transition towards more resilient, safe, equitable, healthy and sustainable transport and mobility systems	Bureau and Steering Committee	2024		Ongoing, regular activity, THE PEP relay race (Belgrade, April 2024)

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Uptake of 2023 survey results and promotion of their use for policymaking and decision-making at national level	Bureau and Steering Committee/WHO	2024–2025		Ongoing, regular activity (every two years) Developing and promoting highlights of THE PEP 2023 survey in 10 visuals
Organization of annual meetings of Steering Committee and biannual meetings of Bureau	Bureau	2024–2025		Ongoing, regular activity
2. Ensuring the resilience of transport systems to climate change, pandemics and other disasters			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12	
Exploring how to assist member States in implementation of Recommendations for green and healthy sustainable transport and support member States in that regard	Steering Committee	2024		Paused pending project funding
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 integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment	Russian Federation and France	2024		No actions in 2024
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 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 role that cycling could play in making transport systems more resilient), including continuing work on and implementation of infrastructure module and development of pan-European competence centre on active mobility	Austria, France and Netherlands as leaders of Partnership, ECF, CONEBI, ECE and other member States	2024		Ongoing, a number of activities have been undertaken. See report of Partnership.

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Development of pan-European Master Plan for Active Mobility	Austria, France, Netherlands and other member States	2024		Ongoing, drafting of the Masterplan on Walking complete.
Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process	Steering Committee	2024		Ongoing, regular activity
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	2024		No actions in 2024
Activity for future updates and promotion of HEAT	WHO	2024		Ongoing, regular activity New, updated user guidance manual, including e-biking feature Video tutorial on how to use HEAT tool Case studies to illustrate added value of using HEAT tool
Activity to promote eco-driving	Austria	2024		Ongoing, regular activity
Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes	Steering Committee	2024		No actions in 2024
Activity for future updates and improvements of ForFITS	ECE	2024		Ongoing, work in progress through development of other case study examples

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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 THE PEP) (including custodians of Sustainable Development Goals and indicators)	Bureau and Steering Committee	2024		Ongoing, regular activity
6. Directing investments, fiscal incentives and green finance initiatives towards sustainable transport to stimulate job creation and the economy			8; 9; 11; 12; 13	
Finalize new phase of the Green and healthy jobs in transport study	France has provided support for a new phase	2024		Ongoing, draft of the study presented to Steering Committee
7. Making the best use of the benefits of the digitalization of transport and mobility services	Steering Committee	2024	3; 8; 11; 12	No actions in 2024
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 creation of transport, health and environment action plans	Bureau and Steering Committee	2024		No actions in 2024
Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at national and local levels	Bureau, Steering Committee and other stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	2024		Ongoing, regular activity
Promotion activities and sharing of good practices on mobility management and further studies on managed mobility	Bureau, Steering Committee, lead country, e.g., Austria, and stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	2024		Ongoing, regular activity mainly as part of Healthy Active Mobility Partnership

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Activities on tourism and mobility	Austria	2024		Ongoing, through activities of Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility
Development and implementation of studies on the environment and health impacts on new mobility options	Bureau and Steering Committee	2024		No actions in 2024, pending budget availability
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 3–4 on supporting active mobility and integration of transport planning into urban planning	Bureau and Steering Committee	2024		Ongoing

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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.

IV. Programme of work for 2025

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead city/country/organization</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
Monitor implementation of the pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment, (taking into account experiences of COVID-19 crisis)	Steering Committee	
Continue work towards development of proposals for possible legal instrument in line with THE PEP vision and Priority Goals, for consideration by Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	Steering Committee	
Implementation of THE PEP communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate results of THE PEP, including the development of communication products	Bureau/Steering Committee/WHO	
Development of joint initiatives and actions at international, regional, national and local levels to support member States in the transition towards more resilient, safe, equitable, healthy and sustainable transport and mobility systems	Bureau and Steering Committee	
Monitoring the implementation of THE PEP, 2025 survey cycle	Bureau and Steering Committee	
Organization of annual meetings of Steering Committee and biannual meetings of Bureau	Bureau	
2. Ensuring the resilience of transport systems to climate change, pandemics and other disasters		3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12
Exploring how to assist member States in implementation of the Recommendations for green and healthy sustainable transport and support member States in that regard	Steering Committee	
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 integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment	Russian Federation and France	

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead city/country/organization</i>	<i>Related targets under the Sustainable Development Goals^a</i>
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 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 role that cycling could play in making transport systems more resilient), including continuing work on and implementation of infrastructure module and development of pan-European competence centre on active mobility	Austria, France and Netherlands as leaders of Partnership, ECF, CONEBI, ECE and other member States	
Development of the next phase of the pan-European Master Plan for Active Mobility, building on the Masterplan on Cycling Promotion and the Masterplan on Walking	Austria, France, Netherlands and other member States	
Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process	Steering Committee	
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	
Activity for future updates and promotion of HEAT	WHO	
Activity to promote eco-driving	Austria	
Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes	Steering Committee	
Activity for future updates and improvements of ForFITS	ECE	
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 THE PEP) (including custodians of Sustainable Development Goals and indicators)	Bureau and Steering Committee	
6. Directing investments, fiscal incentives and green finance initiatives towards sustainable transport to stimulate job creation and the economy		8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Disseminate and implement the findings of the Green and healthy jobs in transport study	France and, after publication, other member States	
7. Making the best use of the benefits of the digitalization of transport and mobility services	Steering Committee	3; 8; 11; 12

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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 creation of transport, health and environment action plans	Bureau and Steering Committee	
Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at national and local levels	Bureau, Steering Committee and other stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	
Promotion activities and sharing of good practices on mobility management and more studies on managed mobility	Bureau, Steering Committee, lead country, e.g., Austria, and stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	
Activities on tourism and mobility	Austria	
Development and implementation of studies on the environment and health impacts on new mobility options	Bureau and Steering Committee	
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 3–4 on supporting active mobility and integration of transport planning into urban planning	Bureau and Steering Committee	

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