Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 22-23 January 2009

FINAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22 January 2009

Choices for a transport, health and environment future

08:00-09:30  Registration

09:30-10:00  Welcome by:
            Mr Siebe Riedstra, Director-General, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, The Netherlands
            Dr Nata Menabde, WHO Deputy Regional Director for Europe
            Mr Paolo Garonna, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary
            Election of officers, approval and adoption of provisional agenda

Session 1: THE challenges for the pan-European region

10:00-10:10  Making THE Link, transport choices for our health, environment and prosperity, an animation about THE PEP programme

10:10-11:00  Transport, Health and Environment: challenges and developments (Documentation:
              Transport, Health and Environment: Trends and Developments in the UNECE-WHO European region (1997-2007)(ECE/AC.21/3, in English)
              Keynote speech
              Dr Paul Wilkinson, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
              Statements from Member States
              Ing Rut Bízková, Deputy Minister of Environment, Czech Republic
              Professor Vladimir Popovski, Deputy Minister of Health, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

11:00-11:30  Coffee break

Panel of present and past THE PEP chairpersons:
Professor Vadim Donchenko, Director-General, State Scientific and Research Institute of Road Transport, Russian Federation
Mr François André, Attaché, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium
Mr Zaal Lomtadze, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, Georgia
Mr Nigel Dotchin, Head of Division, Department for Transport, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr Robert Thaler, Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

12:00-12:30  Panel discussion: How sustainable is transport in the pan-European region today?
Ms Alina Bezhenar, CEHAPE Youth delegate
Dr Aat Peterse, Policy Officer, European Federation for Transport and Environment
Ms Svetlana Ivanova, Deputy Director, Kazakh Business Council for Sustainable Development
Dr Randy Rzewnicki, International Project Manager, European Cyclists Federation

12:30-14:30  Lunch buffet

12:30-13:30  Side-event (English only):
Environmentally friendly and health promoting mobility for all European citizens?
Organized by PRONET (Pollution Reduction Options NETwork)

Session 2: Linking THE knowledge


Keynote speech
Dr Harry Rutter, Director, National Obesity Observatory, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Statements
Ms Åse Fulke, European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Consumers
Dr Tim Crayford, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Transport, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
15:00-16:00 Experiences and good practices from the European Region
   1) THE PEP Workshops on sustainable urban transport
   2) Tools and products of THE PEP
   3) Other experiences

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Debate from the floor on THE PEP priority goals and workplan elements

19:30-21:30 Dinner

Exhibition during the day:
09:00-17:30 Room for posters, brochures, leaflets and exhibit of children’s drawing competition

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Solutions and best practices

Session 3: THE Policy choices
09:30-10:30 Ministerial keynote speeches: Policy choices in THE and the future of THE PEP
   DDr Reinhard Mang, Secretary-General of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
   Ms Violeta Ivanov, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Moldova
   Interventions from Member States

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Policy debate: How do we make the right policy choices?
   Professor Nikozi Pruidze, Deputy Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia
   Dr Marc Sprenger, Director-General, Dutch National Institute for Health and Environment (RIVM)
   Mr Atanas Kostadinov, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water, Bulgaria

12:00-14:00 Lunch buffet

12:00-13:00 Side event (English only):
Better urban transport for healthy living.
Organized by the International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
Session 4: Making THE future

14:00-15:15  Key international perspectives and debate: How can we best ensure synergy on an international, national and sub-national level to promote integration of transport, health and environment?

Mr Jean-Christophe Bouvier, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP Regional Office for Europe

Mr Martin McKee, Principal Environmental Specialist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Mr Philippe Crist, Administrator, International Transport Forum (ITF)

Ms Susanna Zammataro, Environment Project Manager, International Road Federation (IRF)

Mr Hans Rat, Secretary-General, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)

Dr Peter van den Hazel, Vice President, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)

15:15-15:45  Final discussion and adoption of the Amsterdam Declaration and work plan elements

(Documentation: EUR/09/5086385/5, English, French, Russian)

15:45-16:15  Conclusions and closing speeches

Mr Hugo von Meijenfeldt, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Environment, The Netherlands

Ms Christina von Schweinichen, Deputy Director of the Division of Environment, Housing and Land Management, UNECE

Mr Martin Magold, Chief, Sustainable Transport Section, Transport Division, UNECE

Ms Francesca Racioppi, Acting Head of Office, European Centre for Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe

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