

**REPORT OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE STEERING
COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PAN-
EUROPEAN PROGRAMME (THE PEP)**

9 March 2012, Paris

A. Participation

1. The Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee met on 9 March 2012 in Paris to discuss the preparations for the 4th High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, to be held April 2014 in Paris; THE PEP 2012 Symposium, to be held on 14 November 2012 in Geneva and on possible representation of THE PEP in RIO+20. The Bureau also discussed: implementation of the Amsterdam Declaration and a study on signalling. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing (MESDTH) of France at “La Grande Arche de la Défense”.
2. The meeting was chaired by the THE PEP Steering Committee chair Mr. Philippe Maler (France) and attended by Bureau members Mr. Robert Thaler (Austria); Ms. Nadine Asconchilo (France), Mr. Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation), Mr. François André (Belgium) and Ms. Keely Clifford (United States of America).
3. The meeting was also attended by Ms. Caroline Paul, Ms. Marie Fiori and Mr. Benjamin Redt from the Ministry of Health of France; Mr. Pascal Chambon from the transport sector of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing of France; Ms. Fabrice Candia from the environment sector of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing of France; Mr. Patrick Mallejack from the French institute of science and technology for transport, development and networks (IFSTTAR); Mr. Françoise Meteyer from Technical Services of the French Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing (CERTU) and Mr. Dominique Lebrun, Interministerial Coordinator for the Development of cycling in France.
4. The secretariat was represented by Mr. Martin Magold, UNECE Transport Division, Ms. Nino Sharashidze, UNECE Environment Division, Ms. Francesca Raccioppi and Mr. Christian Schweizer, World Health Organization/Regional Office for Europe.

B. Implementation mechanisms

6. Mr. Donchenko presented a draft programme for the Moscow workshop prepared by the Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport (NIIAT) and the secretariat. The workshop would focus on institutional and legal issues; technical issues such as the environmental performance of road vehicles and fuel quality; urban mobility, public transport and traffic management.
7. Austria proposed possible input to the Moscow Workshop: to showcase institutional integration (local, regional and federal cooperation); electro-mobility, such as a demonstration of electric bicycles (e-bikes) manufactured by the largest Austrian e-bike manufacturer (KTM); presentation of the costs and benefits of eco-driving and practical eco-driving lessons.

8. The secretariat was tasked with exploring opportunities of organising the next relay race (staffete) workshop, possibly in Kazakhstan or Norway in 2013.

C. Presence of THE PEP in Rio

9. The bureau discussed the possible participation of THE PEP in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2012. UNECE representatives briefed the Bureau on preparations for RIO+20. It was decided that material (brochure and other publications) on THE PEP should be made available in Rio.

D. Preparation for the Symposium

10. The secretariat presented a note for brainstorming on THE PEP 2012 Symposium. It was suggested to focus on transport-related air pollution and noise as key issues. Austria suggested to refer to CO2 emission reduction as a result of decreasing motorized road traffic in cities.

E. THE PEP Fourth High-level Meeting

11. Mr. Patrick Mallejack from IFSTTAR briefed the Bureau about the Transport Research Arena (TRA) that will take place in Paris in 2014. TRA is a conference organised regularly since 2006. It gives all those involved in surface transport mode the opportunity to present their work and their vision of greener, safer and smarter surface transport for Europe and for the rest of the world. 3,000 participants are expected at the TRA that will be organized at Marne-la-Vallée in April 2014. All surface modes of transport will be addressed, including active modes (cycling and walking).

12. It was recommended that THE PEP 4HLM should be a partner event to the TRA, to be organized as follows:

Day 1: a joint seminar/workshop between THE PEP and TRA

Day 2: a joint symposium between the TRA and the International Transport Forum (ITF), possibly with THE PEP participation. ITF will be led by a French presidency in 2014, under the theme: "Transport in a changing world"

Day 3: THE PEP Ministerial event at the French Ministry of Health.

14. The Bureau discussed possible ideas for 4HLM themes, such as: how to change citizens' behavior (through, e.g. eco-driving, signs and signals for walking and biking, awareness raising on sustainable transport behaviour such as using public transport, park-and-ride, etc.); and how to improve urban governance to achieve sustainable mobility and promote more liveable cities. It was recommended to retain the four Amsterdam goals, adding new goals, with a focus on their implementation.

15. The Bureau agreed to prepare a draft concept note for the 4HLM including elements for THE PEP Paris Declaration for consideration by the Steering Committee in November 2012.

16. The Bureau recommended to prepare a logo and flyer to "Save the date" for the 4th HLM.

F. Signs, signals and road markings for walking and cycling

17. The Bureau discussed questionnaires prepared by CERTU on all types of signs, symbols and panels for pedestrians and cyclists. The final objective of this exercise will be developing concrete proposals by THE PEP on an international system of signs and signals for cyclists and pedestrians that could be an amendment to the existing UNECE consolidated resolution

on road signs and signals and/or amendment proposals to the Vienna World Convention on Road Signs and Signals. It could be approved and signed by the 4th High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and the Environment in 2014.

18. CERTU was asked to finalise the questionnaires based on the discussion and comments provided by the Bureau.

19. The Bureau requested the secretariat to provide input and suggestions for further written materials, including the text of the Vienna Convention and Consolidated Resolution on road signs and signals. The secretariat was asked to send out questionnaires to THE PEP focal points and experts in selected countries in May so that replies would be provided before summer for analysis. This would be transmitted to THE PEP Steering Committee on 14-16 November 2012.

G. Next meeting of the Bureau

20. It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Bureau on 9-10 July 2012 in Copenhagen at Headquarters of WHO/Europe.