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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT,  
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and  
Environment Pan-European Programme

Seventh session  
Geneva, 22-23 October 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10.00 hours on Thursday, 22 October 2009\*

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of reports of the Steering Committee and its Bureau.
4. The Amsterdam Declaration.

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5. THE PEP implementation mechanisms and workplan:
  - (a) THE PEP implementation mechanisms;
  - (b) THE PEP work plan.
6. THE PEP institutional framework.
7. Financing options for THE PEP.
8. Communication strategy for THE PEP.
9. Strengthening synergies with international organizations and processes.
10. Activities of the European Commission.
11. Other business.
12. Date of next session.

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/1-EUR/09/5088363/1

1. The Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) is expected to adopt the agenda of its seventh session as prepared by the joint UNECE and WHO/Europe secretariat in consultation with its Bureau.

### **Item 2. Election of officers**

2. The Steering Committee will be invited to elect a chairperson and two vice-chairs for its seventh session. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the chair will rotate between representatives of the transport, health and environment sectors, each sector taking one of three posts. In line with established practice, the chairperson for the seventh session should represent the environment sector.

3. The Committee will review the composition of its Bureau (see annex) and consider electing standing and new members.

### **Item 3. Adoption of reports of the Steering Committee and its Bureau**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/2008/9-EUR/08/5068055/9; ECE/AC.21/2009/3-EUR/09/5088363/3

4. The Committee will adopt the reports of its sixth session (Geneva, 28–29 April 2008) and of the tenth session of its Bureau (Rome, 7-8 July 2009).

### **Item 4. The Amsterdam Declaration**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/2009/2-EUR/09/5086385/2

5. The Committee will consider the results of the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, 22-23 January 2009) on the basis of the report of the

meeting and the adopted Amsterdam Declaration annexed to it. The Amsterdam Declaration provides the mandate for the activities of THE PEP over the next five years. It identified four priority goals and a workplan for 2009-2014. It also established THE PEP implementation mechanisms and confirmed the institutional framework of THE PEP.

6. The Committee may also wish to have an exchange of views on the challenges and opportunities for THE PEP with its integrated policy approach in the present economic climate as well as on the strategic direction to be taken until the next High-level Meeting to be held no later than 2014.

#### **Item 5. THE PEP implementation mechanisms and workplan**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/4-EUR/09/5088363/4; ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/6-EUR/09/5088363/6; ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/2-EUR/09/5088363/2 ; Informal document No. 1 (2009)

##### **(a) THE PEP Implementation mechanisms**

7. The Committee will consider the three THE PEP implementation mechanisms for the effective implementation of the Amsterdam Declaration, as adopted by the High-level Meeting and reviewed by its Bureau: National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans (NTHEAPs); THE PEP relay race (“*estaffete*”) and THE PEP Partnership. It is invited to offer guidance and strategic direction on the basis of the document provided (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/4-EUR/09/5088363/4).

##### **(i) National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans**

8. The National Transport, Health and Environmental Action Plans (NTHEAPs) of THE PEP aim to provide guidance to member States in developing integrated plans and programmes at national level across the three sectors. The Committee will explore the development of NTHEAPs and discuss ways to build capacity for member States to integrate transport policy into existing health and environmental plans or to develop new plans. Delegations and THE PEP secretariat will provide information on experiences made in developing integrated policy instruments at national levels (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/6-EUR/09/5088363/6).

##### **(ii) THE PEP relay race (“estaffete”)**

9. THE PEP relay race aims to disseminate the key messages of the Amsterdam Declaration from country to country and from city to city across the region, by passing the “baton”, sharing good practice among member States and municipalities in the attainment of the Amsterdam goals. The relay race that started during the High-level Meeting in Amsterdam on the theme “Safe and healthy walking and cycling in urban areas” will make its first stop in Prague-Pruhonice (Czech Republic) on 24-25 September 2009. A second relay race on the theme “Institutional conditions for policy integration in transport, health and environment” is planned to continue from Chisinau and make a stop in Skopje (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) in late 2009 or early 2010.

10. The Committee will consider the results of the Chisinau workshop (29-30 October 2008) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/2-EUR/09/5088363/2) as well as first experiences gained at the Prague-

Pruhonice workshop (Informal document No. 1 (2009)). It is invited to discuss plans for subsequent events to continue the present two relay races on walking and cycling and integrated approaches to policymaking. Member States are invited to propose host countries for further stops of these relay races and to consider possible other relay races related to the priority goals of the Amsterdam Declaration.

**(iii) THE PEP Partnership**

11. THE PEP Partnership is intended to serve as a central resource and support mechanism for THE PEP to promote integrated policymaking in transport, health and environment through the development of tools and methods and by building capacity in member States. The Committee will discuss the launch of THE PEP partnership taking account of relevant considerations of its Bureau (ECE/AC.21/2009/3-EUR/09/5088363/3).

**(b) THE PEP workplan: Project proposals and budgetary requirements (2009-2014)**

12. The Committee will consider its workplan (2009-2014) on the basis of a document prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau, providing an outline of some first project proposals, including budgetary requirements (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/4-EUR/09/5088363/4). These projects proposals are in line with THE PEP priority goals and its implementation mechanisms and are intended to support member States in the implementation of the commitments taken through the Amsterdam Declaration and to secure the necessary resources for their implementation.

13. Assistance to member States in the development of NTHEAPs will be provided through THE PEP Partnership. Other project proposals are grouped in the above document under the implementation mechanisms THE PEP relay race and THE PEP Partnership as follows:

Projects related to THE PEP relay race (“estaffette”)

- Safe and healthy walking and cycling in urban areas
- Implementation of guidance on institutional conditions for policy integration in transport, health and environment

Projects related to THE PEP Partnership

- Development of guidance for member States on National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans (NTHEAPs)
- Application of THE PEP Toolbox as part of THE PEP Clearing House at national level
- Economic valuation of health effects from transport including walking and cycling
- THE PEP Partnership facility (or factory) for capacity building in transport, environment and health

- THE PEP-United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) targeted outreach on sustainable urban transport in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus (EECCA) and in South East Europe (SEE)

14. Member States are invited to provide guidance and input in carrying out these projects at national and international levels.

#### **Item 6. THE PEP institutional framework**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/7-EUR/09/5088363/7

15. The Committee will consider the institutional set-up under THE PEP as set forth in the Amsterdam Declaration. It will review the structure of its annual sessions providing a forum for the exchange of best practice and sharing of national expertise and experiences in line with the four priority goals of the Declaration. Member States are invited to discuss ways to report on progress made and remaining challenges in achieving the goals at national level and to select focussed themes for in-depth discussion at future sessions of the Committee.

#### **Item 7. Financing options for THE PEP**

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/5-EUR/09/5088363/5

16. In light of the renewed political support for THE PEP provided by the Third High-level Meeting and the project proposals outlined above, the Committee will consider ways of mobilizing resources to supporting the implementation of these activities under THE PEP workplan and to attract funding from member States in a sustainable way. It will discuss future financing options on the basis of the document provided and agree on next steps.

#### **Item 8. Communication strategy for THE PEP**

Documentation: Informal document No. 2 (2009)

17. On the basis of a note prepared by the secretariat, the Committee may wish to consider developing a strategy to raise visibility of THE PEP and its activities and to enhance communication with stakeholders.

#### **Item 9. Strengthening synergies with international organizations and processes**

18. The Committee will be informed about the collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes with a view to strengthening synergies, including the Regional Implementation Forum for the Commission on Sustainable Development (2009 cycle which includes transport issues), the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Parma, February 2010), the International Transport Forum (ITF) and others. The Committee may wish to discuss ways to strengthen collaboration with these and other international organizations and processes, as well as to promote THE PEP as a model for other regions.

#### **Item 10. Activities of the European Commission**

Documentation: Informal document No. 3 (2009)

19. The Committee will be informed on progress made on the European Commission (EC) Green Paper: Towards a new culture for urban mobility and its action plan, as highlighted during the Third High-level Meeting. The Committee may wish to discuss further possibilities for cooperation with the European Commission in areas of common interest, including those suggested during the joint meeting of the EC and THE PEP held in February 2008.

**Item 11. Other business**

20. The Committee may wish to consider any other issues of interest in the field of transport, health and environment.

**Item 12. Date of next session**

21. The Committee will decide on the date of its forthcoming eighth session.

Annex

The current composition of the Bureau is as follows:

**Health sector:**

- Mr. François André, Attaché, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (Belgium)
- Ms. Hristina Mileva, Ministry of Health (Bulgaria)
- Ms. Ursula Ulrich-Vögtlin, Head of Division, Multisectoral Projects, Federal Office of Public Health (Switzerland)
- Mr. Mihail Kochubovski, Chief, Department of Waters and Communal Hygiene, Institute for Health Protection, Ministry of Health (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

**Transport sector:**

- (to be nominated), Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning, Directorate General for Infrastructure, Transport and the Sea (France)
- Mrs. Sjoukje Faber, Senior Policy Advisor, Directorate on Road Infrastructure and Traffic Safety, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (Netherlands)
- Mr. Vadim Donchenko, Director General, State Scientific and Research Institute of Road Transport, Advisor to the Vice-Minister of Transport (Russian Federation)
- Mr. Nigel Dotchin, Department for Transport (United Kingdom)

**Environment sector:**

- Ms. Lisa Brodey, First Secretary for Environment, Science and Technology, Economic and Scientific Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of United States of America in Geneva (USA)
- Ms. Narin Panariti, Director, Policy, Integration and Legislation Division, Ministry of Environment (Albania)
- Mr. Robert Thaler, Head, Division of Transport, Mobility, Human Settlements and Noise, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (Austria)
- Ms. Nino Tkhilava, Head, Integrated Environmental Management Department, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources (Georgia)

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