THE PEP RELAY RACE WORKSHOP IN KAUNAS, LITHUANIA

IMPROVEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY FOR BETTER HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

September 24-25, 2014
Goals of the workshop

 foster a better vertical and horizontal cross-institutional and cross-sectorial cooperation among the policy makers, international organisations, NGOs, academic researchers and local authorities in the sectors of transport, health and environment;

 share knowledge from the latest research and best practices of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans and sustainable urban development to increase the competences of specialists;

 encourage the development of SUMP in Lithuanian municipalities in the nearest future;

 promote physical activity and raise awareness of the benefits of sustainable mobility among youth and local communities

 share ideas on empowering and including citizens into decision making and implementation of sustainable urban development.
Work groups of the workshop

- Governmental work group led by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania.

- Cross-institutional and cross-sectorial work group involving the Ministries of Health, Environment and Transport and Communications as well as Agencies and Institutions of their dependance and Kaunas City Municipality.

- Cross-sectorial work group at Kaunas City Municipality led by Deputy Director of Administration Jonas Jučas and involving the specialists of transport, health, environment, international affairs, culture, city maintenance, etc.

- Great help from THE PEP Secretariat.
Venue of the workshop
Programme of the workshop

- opening session
- 4 sessions with presentations dedicated to discussing:
  - current challenges;
  - improvement of sustainable urban mobility;
  - the role of community, civil society and different actors in sustainable urban mobility and promoting physical activity;
  - follow up actions.
- 2 active outdoor activities:
  - cycling with opening of a new cycling path;
  - Nordic walking practice including sightseeing.
- youth activity research with pedometers
- stand presentations
Participants of the workshop

- 21 speakers: 14 Lithuanian and 8 international.
- 17 stand presentations.
- 196 participants: national and local authorities, specialists of the three sectors from all over Lithuania, scientists, NGOs.
Opening session

- was moderated by Dr. Habil. Prof. Vilius Jonas Grabauskas, Chancellor of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Medical Professor, Member of the Executive Board of World Health Organisation and Ingrida Zurlytė, Head of World Health Organisation Country Office in Lithuania.

- was welcomed by the Mayor of Kaunas City Municipality Andrius Kupčinskas, the Chair of THE PEP Mihail Kochubovski, the Minister of Health Rimantė Šalaševičiūtė, the Vice-Minister of Transport and Communication Vladislav Kondratovič and the Vice-Minister of Environment Daiva Matonienė.

- THE PEP relay race baton was handed to Kaunas City Mayor by THE PEP Sekretariat on behalf of the Municipality of Almaty.
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Results of the workshop (1)

- The theme and main idea of the workshop attracted the participation of the leaders of the national (ministers, vice-ministers) and local (mayors, vice-mayors) authorities and the specialists of the three sectors for the first time in Lithuania.

- The workshop created a practical example of good vertical and horizontal cross-institutional and cross-sectorial cooperation:
  - the Ministry of Transport and Communications prepared and presented during the workshop the guidelines of SUMP projects for Lithuanian municipalities.
  - the Minister of Health has suggested to include the question of physical activeness into the agenda of the State Commission of Health Affairs.
Results of the workshop (2)

- The workshop contributed a practical example of the implementation of the policy of “health in all sectors” in Lithuania.
- Specialists had an opportunity to share good practice examples of effective sustainable urban mobility development. It will serve as an important methodical support in the practical preparation of SUMPsi in Lithuania.
- Kaunas looks forward for further cooperation in applying the tools of ForFITS and HEAT.
- The workshop discussions and broadcasting them in the media contributed greatly in changing the approach towards cycling and walking from a recreational and leisure activity towards daily means of sustainable transport.
Kaunas City Municipality leaders and the heads of the three departments adopted the declaration with a number of commitments, containing specific measures to help achieve sustainable and healthy mobility and transport.

During the discussions and at the final session the participants and THE PEP Secretariat generated a number of suggestions for the city for development of sustainable mobility.
Final session of the workshop
Opening of a new cycling path
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Nordic walking practice
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International workshop team
Thank you for your attention.

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