Making THE Link: Green and healthy jobs in transport

Why transport in the green economy?
- Provides employment for more than 16 million people (in the European Union alone);
- Contributes 11% to EU GDP;
- Can champion the new global agenda of green economy by:
  - exploring new opportunities for job creations and economic development, while at the same time maximizing the possible gains for environment and health

The Amsterdam Declaration Goals for 2009-2014
- Sustainable economic development
  - Sustainable and efficient transport systems
  - Reducing transport related emissions
  - Safe and healthy modes of transport

THE PEP 2010 Symposium
- Discussed case studies on investments in “green transport” and possible effects on jobs
- Highlighted need for more clarity on what “green jobs” are in transport
- Pointed at the value added from THE PEP in looking at opportunities from policies that meet the demand for access and mobility while promoting health and environment
- Uncovered an interest from Member States to work together
WHY LAUNCHING THIS PARTNERSHIP

1. Stimulate a debate and a shared understanding;
2. Document the breadth of existing experiences in Europe and other parts of the world;
3. Analyse the potential of greening “old jobs” and creating “new green jobs” in transport and assess the impact of such approaches on the environment, health, transport and the economy;
4. Share and disseminate good practice;
5. Develop strategies and actions for stakeholders to implement Goal 1 of the Amsterdam Declaration.

Why a focus on walking cycling and public transport?

- Consistency with THE PEP aims
- Great potential of multiple benefits

- Air pollution, noise, GHG emissions
- Energy consumption
- Congestion
- Land consumption
- Quality of the urban environment
- Social equity
- Physical activity

Green and healthy transport jobs (GHTJ): a working definition for THE PEP

In the context of THE PEP, GHTJ are defined as jobs that form part of a wider solution to climate change, helping to facilitate the necessary reduction in emissions whilst promoting goals of broader environmental improvement, health, well-being and equity.

Show cases for creating local green and healthy transport jobs
Thank you, and to:

- Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water
- French Ministry of Labour, Employment and Health
- French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Transport
- Swiss Federal Office of Public Health

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