

INFORMATION NOTE

Workshop on sustainable and healthy urban transport policies in South-East Europe “Working together to make things happen”

7-8 June 2010, Skopje, (the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) in
cooperation with the

Ministry of Health

Ministry of the Environment and Physical Planning

Ministry of Transport and Communications

of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

I. Objectives

1. The focus of the Workshop will be on policy integration among the three sectors (environment, health and transport) in developing and implementing sustainable urban transport policies, together with local authorities, industry and civil society. The **major objective** of the workshop is to encourage and enhance cooperation between transport, health and environment policymakers in South-East Europe in developing strategies and measures to implement sustainable and healthy urban transport policies.

2. Environment, transport and health as well as other related sectors will be represented. Government officials, national and local authorities, representatives of private sectors, academia, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and international experts will come together to inform and learn from each other. Participants will have the opportunity to present successful experiences and discuss obstacles and causes of deficiencies in implementation of sustainable urban transport policies.

II. Background

3. The workshop is organized under the auspices of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), established in 2002 by the Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe). THE PEP aims to support healthier and more environmentally friendly transport in the Pan-European region through the implementation of integrated and concrete policy actions involving the transport, health and environmental sectors. At the Third High-level Meeting held in January 2009 in Amsterdam, ministers and other high-level officials from UNECE and WHO/Euro Member States renewed their political commitment to sustainable and healthy transport in the region and adopted the Amsterdam Declaration “Making THE Link: Transport Choices for our Health, Environment and Prosperity”, clearly defining mechanisms to support its implementation on the ground (http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/hlm/documents/2009/Amsterdam_Declaration_ENG.pdf).

4. One of THE PEP priority goals is to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system by promoting mobility management schemes for businesses, schools, leisure activities, communities and cities, raising awareness of mobility choices by improving the coordination between land use and transport planning and promoting the use of information technology. Furthermore, one of the elements of THE PEP work plan for 2009-2014 in supporting national action and international cooperation is to build capacity for better integration of transport, health and environment policy. In order to answer these expectations and fulfil these objectives, the workshop is organised under the leadership of the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in collaboration with the

THE PEP secretariat (UNECE and WHO-Europe) and the Center for Development of Culture and Environment – Skopje (CDCE- Skopje)

III. Provisional programme

5. Using an interactive format of presentations and discussions, transport, health and environment policymakers will work together to identify the current challenges and needs to promote innovative policies in cities of South-East Europe which would further support environmentally friendly and healthy transport policies and enhance urban mobility.

6. The Workshop will have the following sessions:

- *Session 1: Challenges in South-East Europe: Sustainable urban transport as a key component of economic recovery*
- *Session 2: Working together for effective policy integration*
- *Session 3: Using the public preferences and perceptions to guide sustainable urban policy and planning: Bottom-up approach*
- *Session 4: Success stories and experiences in managed mobility in selected urban areas*
- *Session 5: Tools and Methods for assessing the health and environmental impacts of transport*
- *Session 6: Conclusions and recommendations*

7. Sessions will contain presentations which will be followed by discussions. To maximize the time for discussion and exchange of experience, there will be limited number of presentations and interventions from the floor.

8. Provisional programme of the workshop will be sent separately.

IV. Background documentation and workshop outputs

9. The following documents will serve as background material for the workshop: “Amsterdam Declaration”, “Working together for Sustainable and Healthy Transport: Guidance on Supportive Institutional Conditions for Policy Integration of Transport, Health and Environment”, and Action points for policymakers, industry and society from the Pruhonice-Prague Workshop on Safe and Healthy Walking and Cycling in Urban Areas. The documents are available in English, French and Russian, on the website: (<http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/hlm/hl3.htm>)

10. Participants are welcome to make any other relevant material available at the workshop.

11. The output of the workshop will be a summary with main conclusions containing points for policy makers, local authorities and civil society on policy integration in support of environmentally friendly and healthy urban transport policies and enhanced urban mobility.

V. Practical information

1. Meeting venue

12. The workshop will take place at the Hotel Continental, Skopje (please see details below).

2. Working hours, language of the meeting

13. The Workshop will start at 9.00 a.m. on 7 June 2010 and end at 4.00 pm on 8 June 2010. The Workshop will be conducted in English, Macedonian and Russian.

14. In order to organise the workshop efficiently, lunches and coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions on 7 and 8 June will be held in the Hotel Continental. Please indicate in your Registration Form, if you have specific dietary requirements.

3. Registration

15. The Workshop is open to experts from national and local authorities, practitioners, the private sector, academia, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders from all UNECE and WHO/EURO member countries as well as for experts from international organizations.

16. Each participant should complete a registration form (see annex and webpage <http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/welcome.htm>) and return it to the secretariat (e-mail: carole.marilley@unece.org) and CDCE Skopje (E-mail: cdce@cdce.org.mk) as soon as possible, but not later than **21 May 2010**.

4. Financial assistance

17. Limited funds are available from UNECE to assist experts whose work has a direct relevance to the activity from the following UNECE countries with economies in transition: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, and Ukraine. Financial support (daily subsistence allowance at the prevailing UN rate) is available for up to 3 participants (**one representative from each of the Ministries of Transport, Health and Environment**) per country. Priority will be given to the delegations from the countries in South-East Europe that are represented by the three sectors. Requests for financial support together with the registration forms and official letters of nomination should be addressed to the UNECE secretariat (email: carole.marilley@unece.org) and CDCE Skopje (e-mail: cdce@cdce.org.mk) as soon as possible, but not later than **1 May 2010**.

5. Travel to Skopje

18. By air you will enter The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia through Skopje International Airport. Check with your travel agent to find out which connection best fits your needs. Depending on your departure place, it might also be advantageous to travel to Skopje by train or by car/bus.

Local transport to the hotel

19. Please provide prompt information about any changes in your arrival and departure dates and times.

20. There is no public transport system from the airport to Skopje.

25. The best way to get to Skopje from the airport is using a taxi. Taxi service is available from the airport to the hotel. Normal taxi fare from Airport is 20-25 Euro.

26. Pick up service can be arranged from the airport to the hotel. Please send request no later than 5 day before departure to Skopje at the following email: cdce@cdce.org.mk. The pick up service charge is 20 Euro.

6. Accommodation

27. The organizers have made block bookings at **Hotel Continental** which will also be a workshop venue. Please book your rooms directly with CDCE indicating **"THE PEP"** and the exact dates of your stay (THE PEP workshop takes place on 7 and 8 June 2010) on the following e-mail address: contact@cdce.org.mk

Hotel Address	Price per night
Hotel: Continental - Skopje bul."Aleksandar Makedonski" b.b. phone: (+389 2) 31 16 599; (+389 2) 31 33 333 fax: (+389 2) 32.22.221 e-mail: m.popovska@contimak.com.mk http://www.contimak.com.mk	Single room: 60 Euro Double room: 90 Euro including breakfast

28. **After 21.05.2010 availability of rooms cannot be guaranteed.**

29. All participants shall settle their bills directly with the management of the hotel, including any additional charges (laundry, room service, bar bills, telephone calls etc.). All major credit cards are accepted. Foreign currency exchange offices are available in Skopje.

7. Visas

30. Please check with your travel agent if a visa is required for your travel to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. If so, kindly apply for a visa as soon as possible. In case it is necessary, the host country will be able to assist you in obtaining the visa by sending you an official invitation letter. Please indicate this requirement in your Registration Form and contact Ms. Aneta Panzova, e-mail: contact@cdce.org.mk, for further questions

31. Please note that visas cannot be issued at Skopje International Airport. Visas are issued exclusively by the Diplomatic and Consular Missions of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia abroad. For other details please consult the web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia www.mfa.gov.mk

8. Currency and money

32. In The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia the currency is Denar. Up-to-date exchange rates are available at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/> If needed you can buy local currency at exchange desks in the airport, railway station, and at automatic teller machines (with a credit card) and at exchange offices.

9. Insurance

33. Please make sure that you have adequate individual health, accident and travel risk insurance cover, they will not be covered by the organisers.

10. Further information

34. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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35. Up-to-date information, the registration form and relevant material will be made available on the following website in due course at: <http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/welcome.htm>.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form before 21 May 2010 to both secretariats:	
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Dr Prof Mr Ms Other: please specify

First Name:		Last name:	
Title:			
Organization/company:			
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Country:			
Telephone:		Fax number	
E-mail:		Mobile	

VISA Required YES NO

If yes, please provide the following information:

Date and place of birth:	
Citizenship:	
Origin of Identity Document:	
<i>PASSPORT NUMBER:</i>	
<i>EXPIRATION DATE:</i>	

TRAVEL INFORMATION *(If you do not have your travel details now, please indicate approx dates)*

Present: 6 June 7 June 8 June

Arrival date in Skopje:	Flight arrival time:	Flight no:	From (City):	By car:	By train:
Departure date from Skopje:	Flight departure time:	Flight no:	To (City):	By car:	By train:

Vegetarian/ other special dietary requirements.....

ACCOMMODATION

Block bookings have been made for the nights of 6 to 9 June for the workshop participants at Hotel Continental.

Deadline for hotel bookings: 21 May 2010

I have made a booking at Hotel Continental for the nights of:

6 June 2010 YES NO

7 June 2010 YES NO

8 June 2010 YES NO