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THE PEP Steering Committee, 8th session

Agenda item 8(a)

Managing THE PEP

Monitoring implementation

A pilot questionnaire for reporting on progress made on the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals

Background and mandate

At its eleventh meeting in October 2009, the Bureau of the Steering Committee agreed that monitoring progress made at national level was an important role of the Committee. The Bureau requested the secretariat to develop a pilot questionnaire for Member States in order to determine the level of implementation of THE PEP activities and progress made at the national level in terms of attaining the Amsterdam Goals (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/8/annex). A draft questionnaire was presented to the Bureau at its 12th meeting and subsequently revised according to comments. A draft of the pilot questionnaire was distributed to the members of the Bureau in advance of the eighth session of the Committee for their comments and feedback during the session, under agenda Item 8 (a).

I. The importance of reporting on implementation

1. Following the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment in January 2009, the Steering Committee and its Bureau underlined the importance of monitoring the implementation of THE PEP programme and of progress made by Member States toward the attainment of the four Amsterdam Goals.¹ Member States will be offered a limited opportunity to showcase major national achievements in progress towards the Amsterdam Goals. These reports will facilitate the assessment of progress made and provide valuable information about the achievements and obstacles encountered by Member States and other stakeholders in attaining the Amsterdam Goals and in implementing THE PEP.

2. The value of the reporting process is not limited to the sharing of information among UNECE-WHO/Europe Member States but would also benefit the implementation process at the national and local level by raising awareness, engaging relevant stakeholders and allowing them to take stock and to identify main successes and challenges.

¹ The four priority goals agreed at the 3rd High-level Meeting and enshrined in the Amsterdam Declaration can be found at: <http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/thepep.publications.htm>

II. Procedures for reporting

3. The intention of the reporting process is to assess progress made in the time between the third and fourth high-level meeting on transport, health and environment (i.e. between 2009-2014).
4. The Bureau specifically stated that reporting should not be overly burdensome and therefore a simplified process is proposed that allows Member States to report on progress made in the implementation of THE PEP in general, with indicators devoted to each of the four specific Amsterdam Goals and implementation mechanisms.
5. The main elements for replying to the questionnaire are as follows:
 - (a) Member States should reply to the questionnaire through a transparent consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders at the national/State level.
 - (b) Questionnaires should be submitted to the secretariat electronically. The text should be in English.
 - (c) Assistance will be available for the preparation and submission of questionnaires. A consolidated progress report will be prepared for the fourth high-level meeting in 2014, highlighting progress made, identifying challenges and drawing up recommendations. These reports will also serve as a regional contribution to the assessment of progress in the implementation of relevant MDGs² and other related fora, such as the “Environment for Europe” and “Environment and Health” processes.

III. Recommendations for the reporting process

6. To ensure high-quality answers in the questionnaires, Governments should:
 - Strengthen cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder participation in preparing replies to the questionnaires in a transparent and participatory manner. One option could be to establish stakeholder groups to support the national reporting process.
 - Identify relevant stakeholders and their engagement in defining the scope and the content of the assessment and allocate sufficient time for consultation.
 - Support the questionnaires with examples and good practices. The inclusion of examples and/or references, e.g. links to websites, documents, etc. is crucial to assessing progress achieved by countries in an objective way and would facilitate the exchange of experience and good practice.

² 55/2. United Nations Millennium Declaration, 18 September 2000

Annex

Section A: Preparation of replies to the questionnaire

The following report is submitted on behalf of the Government of _____.

Name(s) of officer(s) (national focal points) responsible for submitting the report:

Signature(s):

Date:

Full name of the institution(s):

Postal address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Website:

Contact officer for national report (if different from above):

Names of officers (national focal points) from the two other sectors that participated in preparing the report (if the report is being submitted by one officer only):

Signature(s):

Date:

Full name of the institution(s):

Postal address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Website:

Contact officer for national report (if different from above):

1. Please provide brief information on the process through which this report has been prepared, including information on which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation.

Governmental institutions (*please specify*) _____

Stakeholders:

NGOs (*please specify*) _____

Academia (*please specify*) _____

Business (*please specify*) _____

Other (*please specify*) _____

2. Please report any particular circumstances that help clarify the context of the report, e.g. whether the decision-making structure is federal and/or decentralized, and whether financial constraints are a significant obstacle to implementation.

(Replies to section A should not exceed half a page).

Section B: Implementation of the Amsterdam Goals

Referring to THE PEP Priority Goals of the Amsterdam Declaration adopted by the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health in 2009, please describe briefly the most significant national-level (and/or local-level) progress achieved in attaining these goals.

If the actions described are carried out in cooperation with other Member States or with international or regional organizations (such as the European Union), please indicate this. *Please limit your replies to maximum 150 characters with spaces per indicator.*

THE PEP Priority Goal 1: to contribute to sustainable economic development and stimulate job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport	
indicator 1.1	Describe any strategies, policies, measures or programmes in your country that support investment in the following:
	Development of transport infrastructure that promotes safety, environment and health and has a job creation potential, including rail and light rail?
	Clean and efficient intermodal connections
	Safety measures in road transport
	Infrastructure for active and environmentally friendly transport

	Eco-Tourism
THE PEP Priority Goal 2: to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system	
indicator 2.1	Describe any strategies, policies, measures or programmes in your country that support mobility management and modal shift away from the private car toward more environmentally-friendly modes (public transport, walking and cycling, etc.) and indicate the level (i.e. national, sub-national, local/municipal) and target groups:
	<p>Level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sub-national</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local/Municipal</p> <p>Target groups</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Schools</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leisure activities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Communities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cities</p>
indicator 2.2	Does the government raise awareness of mobility choices? Please give examples.
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

indicator 2.3	Does the government promote the use of information technology to increase the efficiency of the transport system?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
indicator 2.4	Are there mechanisms in place in your country to improve the coordination between land use and transport planning?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
indicator 2.5	Does your country take any measures to promote high-quality integrated public transport and reducing the need for, and the volume of, car traffic?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify
THE PEP Priority Goal 3: to reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise	
indicator 3.1	Describe any strategies, policies or measures to support a shift in the vehicle fleet towards zero- or low-emission vehicles and fuels based on renewable energy, clean transport modes and fostering electric mobility as well as eco-driving.
indicator 3.2	Does your Government take any measures to support a reduction in noise emissions from transport activities?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please specify</i>
THE PEP Priority Goal 4: to promote policies and actions conducive to healthy and safe modes of transport	
indicator 4.1	Describe any strategies, policies and measures in your country for the promotion of healthy and safe modes of transport, including infrastructure and safety measures for safe walking and cycling, policies to support cycling and walking, in particular in urban areas and links with efficient and accessible public

	transport
indicator 4.2	Do transport policies and actions in your country focus on vulnerable groups such as children and persons with reduced mobility?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please specify</i>

Section C: Implementation of THE PEP

5. THE PEP Implementation mechanisms	
National transport, health and environment action plans (NTHEAPs)	
indicator 5.1	Does your country have a NTHEAP or similar tool?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please specify its key elements and whether this plan refers to THE PEP.</i> <i>If available, please provide a web link to your country's NTHEAP.</i>
indicator 5.2	What is the current status of your country's NTHEAP?
	Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Planned <input type="checkbox"/> Not planned <input type="checkbox"/>
Indicator 5.3	What is the scope and format of your country's NTHEAP?
	<input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-national <input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone document <input type="checkbox"/> Part of a national environment and health action plan (NEHAP) <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and health components in a national transport action plan

RELAY RACE (Staffete)	
indicator 5.4	Has your country contributed to THE PEP relay race workshops?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify how: <input type="checkbox"/> Technical contribution (in kind) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial contribution
THE PEP PARTNERSHIP	
indicator 5.5	Does your country contribute to THE PEP Partnership?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify how: <input type="checkbox"/> providing technical expertise (in kind) <input type="checkbox"/> direct financial contribution
indicator 5.6	Are there any networks/platforms of professionals who are involved in THE PEP issues in your country?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify which
indicator 5.7	Are these networks/platforms supported by the government? ³
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify.

³ Including assistance through direct funding, in-kind help, political and institutional support.

6. Policy, regulatory and operational frameworks that support the promotion of THE PEP	
indicator 6.1	Do you have a coordinating body and/or a formal structure for implementation of THE PEP within your government?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify its mandate and coordinating mechanism and representative stakeholders..
indicator 6.2	Is integration of the three sectors reflected in any other national policy ⁴ document(s)?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify and list major document(s).
indicator 6.3	Is public awareness in relation to the integration of the three sectors addressed in relevant national document(s)?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify.
indicator 6.4	Are public budgets and/or economic incentives available specifically to support integration of the three sectors?
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify.
7. Future PEP	
indicator 7.1	What have been the main successes of THE PEP in stimulating national action in the priority areas of THE PEP in your country? Please give concrete examples and a short explanation of your assessment.

⁴ Policy documents may include national strategies, plans, programmes, guidelines and the like.

indicator 7.2	What have been the main weaknesses of THE PEP in stimulating national action in the priority areas in your country? Please give concrete examples and a short explanation of your assessment.
indicator 7.3	How could THE PEP better support national efforts to integrate transport, environment and health policies and achieve sustainable transport?