I. Background and mandate

At the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, 14 to 16 April in Paris, the members of the UNECE-WHO Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP) adopted a new priority goal “to integrate transport, health and environmental objectives into urban and spatial planning policies” as mentioned in the Paris Declaration.

During the Extended Bureau meeting, held on 16 April 2014, the Russian Federation proposed the organization of an international Partnership of THE PEP in the framework of this fifth priority goal and France proposed to join the partnership.

At the Bureau meeting, 26-27 June in Copenhagen, the Russian Federation and France presented their projects for this new partnership. This submission aroused interest from several countries.

All three sectors of THE PEP will benefit from the Paris Goal 5 and a proposed new partnership will be a positive and constructive way to help member States to implement a proactive policy in terms of urban mobility, health and sustainable development.

II. Objective of the Partnership

Ensure international co-operation and interaction to help countries in developing more sustainable transport and health-oriented urban mobility policies.
III. Declared scope and purposes

   a) Organization of scientific cooperation on the problems of integration of transport and urban planning policies taking into account their possible impact on human health and the environment between related research institutes and scientific centers of participating countries;

   b) Joint organization of training in the field of sustainable transport planning in relation with THE PEP Academy (new implementation mechanism of THE PEP in the Paris Declaration);

   c) Joint development and valorization (guides, seminars...) of methodical recommendations, normative guidelines and exchanges on experiences and best practices for city administrations, urban and transport planners (initiative 5.1 of the Paris Declaration);

   d) In case of interest from a sufficient number of Member States - preparation of proposals on a new Charter or Convention on the General principles and rules of assessment of urban planning solutions from the point of view of their impacts on transport demand generation, human health and the environment;

   e) Joint organization of international conferences and seminars for representatives of city administrations, transport authorities on issues related to transportation efficiency and safety (in Russia - in the framework of the Road Safety Federal Target Programme, with possible locations in 2015-2016 - Moscow, Lipetsk, Kaliningrad, Kazan, St. Petersburg and in France – Paris or Lyon);

   f) Joint organization of functioning of an international information-consulting and analytical Centre on Problems of Sustainable Urban and Transport Planning on the basis of the existing THE PEP Clearing House (with English, French, Russian and German languages) or with the use of national resources;

   g) Establishment of a pool of accredited international experts on the problems under consideration with the issuance of "THE PEP Expert" certificates.
IV. Initial partners

Initial partners of the Partnership are:

- The Russian Federation presented by the Ministry of Transport and as a focal point – Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport (NIIAT);
- France represented by the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy and as a focal point Directorate General for Infrastructure, Transport and the Sea.

V. Partnership activity in 2015

In 2015 two events were organized in Russia in the framework of the Partnership:

- International Conference “Looking for Synergy: Integrating Transport, Urban Planning and the Use of Traffic Management Methods to Ensure Sustainable Mobility and Healthy Urban Environment” in Irkutsk City (10-12 September 2016);

Total number of participants was more than 450. Representatives from 13 countries, 7 international organizations and 13 regions of the Russian Federation took part in these events.

VI. Partnership activity in 2016

1. In 2016 Russia will organize an International Seminar “Sustainable Transport Planning – modern approaches to urban transport problems solution in big cities and agglomerations” in Vladivostok City at the beginning of October.

2. French and Russian partners have organized a meeting between French and Russian Universities (University Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelins and Moscow Automobile and
Road Construction Technical University MADI) in France 23 March 2016 to discuss possible organizing of MD cooperative training programme.

The main Modules of such a programme and possible organizational solutions were discussed during this meeting.

Next meeting is planned to be at the beginning of October in Moscow.

This part of the Partnership activity is considered also as an experience of THE PEP Academy.