Proposed procedure for establishing and joining a THE PEP Partnership

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A. Background

1. In 2014 at the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment held in Paris, the ministers in the UNECE-WHO/Europe region adopted the Paris Declaration which renewed the commitment to the existing implementation mechanisms of THE PEP for achieving the five priority goals in the period 2014-2019. THE PEP Partnership is one of these mechanisms.

2. At its eighth session, the Steering Committee of THE PEP adopted terms of reference for THE PEP Partnership. Since the launch of THE PEP Partnerships in 2009, this mechanism has offered a platform for international collaborative efforts of diverse partners, and could mobilize resources and capacities from different disciplines while supporting the achievement of one of the four goals of the Amsterdam Declaration.

3. According to the terms of reference, the Partnership would serve three main purposes:

   a. To provide THE PEP with an effective mechanism to support the implementation of its workplan in aspects related to the development of tools and methods, as well as to provide technical capacity to support member States in the implementation of THE PEP at the national level;

   b. To strengthen ownership among potential partners (including member States, as well as international financial institutions, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and relevant academic and technical institutions) that would be closely involved in the work to be carried out under the umbrella of the Partnership;

   c. To provide a more solid and sustainable basis for human and financial resources made available for the implementation of THE PEP workplan at the national and international levels, thereby overcoming one of the key weaknesses of THE PEP.

B. Proposed procedure for establishing and for joining a THE PEP Partnership

4. THE PEP Partnerships have a clearly defined scope, fill identified gaps in knowledge and practice, are action oriented and targeted at providing Member States
with high quality products. They aim to provide value added through the development of tools, methodological approaches and sharing of good practices. THE PEP Partnerships are open-ended in terms of membership and can benefit from both financial and in-kind contributions.

5. It is proposed that a new THE PEP Partnership can be established by a decision of the Steering Committee. To facilitate such a decision, the secretariat, in collaboration with interested partners, would prepare the following supporting documentation on the proposed Partnership: objective; scope and purpose; list of initial partners; management arrangements; target groups; an indication of how the proposed Partnership would fit under the existing work plan; and a proposal for monitoring implementation. Specific activities and a timetable for carrying them out, e.g. over a 2 to 4 year period, should be described. Initial partners would confirm their participation by submitting to the secretariat a signed letter of intent expressing interest to join the respective Partnership and indicating the quality and quantity of their expected contribution.

6. Partners interested in joining an already existing THE PEP Partnership are equally welcome to do so by submitting to THE PEP secretariat a signed letter of intent expressing interest to join a specific Partnership and indicating the quality and quantity of their expected contribution with a description of the joint or separate activities to be carried out under the Partnership and a timetable.

7. The Bureau may wish to discuss whether existing THE PEP Partnerships shall be retroactively subject to the same procedures as proposed above.
