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Managing THE PEP

Programme of work for 2015–2016

Note by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme secretariat

Summary

At its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 23 October 2009), the Bureau of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee requested the secretariat to prepare each year a detailed programme of work, showing work accomplished over the previous year and expected outputs for the forthcoming year. A draft programme of work for 2015–2016 was considered by THE PEP Steering Committee Bureau at its twenty-seventh meeting in Copenhagen in June 2015. The Committee is invited to review activities carried out in 2015 and to endorse planned activities for 2016.

I. Introduction

1. The fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, 22–23 January 2009) adopted the Paris Declaration, including the work plan for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for 2014–2019 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2014/6–EUDCE1408105/1.6/SC12/6.). The work plan is based upon five priority goals, enshrined in the Paris Declaration, which commit the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization Regional

Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) member States to pursue integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient, environment- and health-friendly transport.

2. THE PEP programme of work, covering the period between the Fourth and Fifth High-level Meetings, addresses a range of activities to be pursued up until 2016. The Committee may wish to review the work carried out in 2015, endorse the planned activities for 2016 and provide guidance for their implementation.

II. THE PEP programme of work for 2015–2016

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead country/organization</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
(a) Develop a platform to attract and support investments in environment- and health-friendly transport		
Follow-up to the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, including promotion of THE PEP at COP-21 and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio+20 Conference)	Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	2015
(b) Build capacity for better integration of transport, health and environment policy		
Relay race 8: Subregional workshop to continue implementation of Paris Declaration (in progress)	Irkutsk and Moscow (Russian Federation)	2015
Further development of the Health Economic Assessment Tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling to include more health endpoints and risk factors (in progress)	WHO, European Commission (DG Research, project PASTA), ¹ the European network for the promotion of health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA Europe)	2015-16
Jobs in Cycling under THE PEP Partnership on Jobs in Green and Healthy Transport	THE PEP secretariat and THE PEP Partnership	2015-16
Application of the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) monitoring and assessment tool to promote planning towards sustainable transport policies	UNECE Sustainable Transport Division	2015-2016
(c) Share and disseminate good practice in environment- and health-friendly transport		
Development of communication materials (updated THE PEP Brochure and publication of the Paris Declaration and the 2014-2019 workplan)	THE PEP secretariat/lead countries	2015-16
Outreach to schools and local communities to share experience in environment- and health-friendly urban transport (e.g. THE PEP Prize, photography, film and/or art competitions) (ongoing)	THE PEP secretariat/interested countries	2015-16
THE PEP Clearing House:		
(ii) Revitalization of Clearing House as centre of information exchange in preparation for the Fourth High-level Meeting	UNECE /Dedicated consultant	2015-2016

¹ The “Physical Activity through Sustainable Transport Approaches (PASTA)” is a project approved by the European Community FP7 research programme on innovative societal solutions to promote physical activity. PASTA will be implemented through a consortium led by the Institute of Transport Studies of the University of Natural Resources and Life Science in Austria, University of Zurich and Oxford University, Polis (a network of European cities and regions working together to develop innovative technologies and policies for local transport). www.polis-online.org/.

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(d) Facilitate the implementation of activities at the local, national and regional levels		
Launch and implement activities under THE PEP Partnership on a PanEuropean Master Plan for cycling	THE PEP secretariat/Austria/the European Cycling Federation/others to be identified)	2015-2016
Provide technical assistance to member States, if requested, in developing National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans (NTHEAPs) on the basis of the NTHEAPs manual and through THE PEP Academy	Beneficiary countries and supporting countries (to be identified)	2015-2016
(e) Support international advocacy and cooperation projects to promote best practice and an integrated approach to policymaking in transport, health and environment		
Strengthen collaboration with the European Commission, international financial institutions (IFIs), and other international processes (e.g. the European Environment and Health Process), non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to achieve THE PEP priority goals (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat/European Commission/IFIs	2015-16
(f) Enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms for implementation		
Development of a framework and agreed indicators to regularly monitor the implementation of the Paris Goals (in progress)	Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	2015-2015

III. Statutory THE PEP meetings 2015–2016

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and location</i>
Steering Committee Bureau, twenty-seventh meeting	25-26 June 2015 (WHO, Copenhagen)
Steering Committee, thirteenth session	17-18 November 2015 (Geneva, Palais des Nations)
Steering Committee Bureau, twenty-eighth meeting	19 November 2015 (Geneva, Palais des Nations)
Steering Committee Bureau, twenty-ninth meeting	June 2016 (WHO, Copenhagen)
Steering Committee, fourteenth session	7-8 November 2016 (Geneva, WHO Headquarters)
Steering Committee Bureau, thirtieth meeting	9 November 2016 (Geneva, WHO Headquarters)