

Reporting on progress made since 2009 on the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals

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. 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.

The answers below were submitted by the listed THE PEP focal point(s) to THE PEP secretariat in fall 2011 and are provided here in an unedited version.

Section A: Information about the preparation of the replies to the questionnaire

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

- Ministry in charge of health
- Ministry in charge of environment
- Ministry in charge of transport
- Regional authorities
- Local authorities
- Academia
- Private business
- Non-governmental organizations

Others, please specify:

Please report any particular circumstances that have a major impact on the context for the implementation of THE PEP in your country. For example, whether the decision-making structure is federal and/or decentralized and whether financial constraints are a significant obstacle to implementation.

The municipal council is the local planning authority. The county council is the regional planning authority. The municipal council and the regional council are democratic and independent agencies. Municipalities and County administrations are road owners. Additionally, County administrations have the responsibility for public transport. The Norwegian Planning and Building Act, a new Nature Diversity Act, a new Public Health Act, National expectations regarding planning etc. - emphasize local and regional planning authorities' responsibility to integrate considerations to public health and environment in local and regional policy, planning and actions.

Section B: Implementation of the Amsterdam Goals

Priority Goal 1: to contribute to sustainable economic development and stimulate job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport

indicator 1.1 **Please describe any policies 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. *Please specify:*

Norway has no separate NTHEAP's, but considerations to health and environment is integrated in the The Norwegian National Transport Plan 2010-2019 (NTP). NTP includes The National Cycling Strategy and launches a National Walking Strategy which is in progress. Additionally, transport infrastructure is implemented through annual State Budgets.

Clean and efficient intermodal connections. *Please specify:*

*The Norwegian National Transport Plan. *City packages for transport, environment and city development with the following intentions: Planning and development of roads, public transport, walking/ cycling paths, are expected to be seen in relation to the localizing of residential areas, workplaces and other important land use. *The "Grouddalen project" (2007-2016), one of Norway's largest city developments projects. The project focuses on among others environment friendly transport, physical activity, parks and place promotion in general. *Temporary administrative regulation regarding actions to avoid health damages due to air pollution in the City of Bergen. *The Cities of the Future.

Safety measures in road transport. *Please specify:*

*The Norwegian National Transport Plan. *The Zero Vision: The transport system shall not cause any loss of life or lifelong harm. *National Plan of Action for Road Traffic Safety 2010-2013, *National Strategy to Prevent Accidents that causes Harm on Persons 2009-2014.

Infrastructure for active and environmentally friendly transport. *Please specify:*

*The Norwegian National Transport Plan. *County administrations have the responsibility to deliver Public transport in their regions. *The National Cycling Strategy and The National Walking Strategy (in progress). * The Cities of the Future. *A national "Local Community" project (2011-2021): This project focuses on creating, and secure, green parks and other public outdoor recreation areas in local communities as well as creating the connections between them.

Eco-Tourism. *Please specify:*

*National cycling roads. *Coastal walking paths. *The Government's Tourism Strategy: The strategy is intended to stimulate better profitability and wealth creation in the Norwegian tourism industry, including among others through year-round jobs in rural communities. It's emphasized that the wealth creation must be environmental sustainable.

Priority Goal 2: to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system

indicator 2.1 **Describe the 3 main policies 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**

Level	Description
national	National Cykling Strategy and National Walking Strategy (in progress). White Paper on Public Transport.
Target group	
communities	

Level	Description
national	National Action Plan on Physical Activity, incl. among others strategies to promote walkable neighbourhoods.
Target group	
communities	

Level	Description
national	Incentives to promote public transport and restrict the use of private cars.
Target group	
communities	

indicator 2.2 **Does the government raise awareness of mobility choices?**

Yes

indicator 2.3 **Does the government promote the use of information technology to increase the efficiency of the transport system?**

Yes ▼

indicator 2.4 **Are there mechanisms in place in your country to improve the coordination between land use and transport planning?**

Yes ▼

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 ▼

Please, specify:

See indicator 1

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.**

Transnova: A project financed by the Ministry of Transport and Communications to reduce greenhouse gas emission from the transport sector.

indicator 3.2 **Does your Government take any measures to support a reduction in noise emissions from transport activities?**

Yes ▼

Specify

Action Plan against Noise 2007-2011.

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**

*Integrations of public health considerations in the New Planning and Building Act from 2009, a new Nature Diversity Act from 2009 and a new Public Health Act from 2012. *National expectations regarding regional and local planning. *Accomplishing of a "Health in All Policies"-project (2006-2010) where the local and regional planning authorities were target groups. *A new intersectoral Public Health strategy will be developed in 2012. *Guidelines (for municipalities) on how to integrate active transport in planning will be made in 2012. *The Cities of the Future and The WHO Healthy Cities in Norway.

indicator 4.2 **Do transport policies and actions in your country focus on vulnerable groups such as children and persons with reduced mobility?**

Yes ▼

Specify:

*The Act of Discrimination and Accessibility from 2009: The purpose of the law is to promote equality and equal opportunities for all independent of functional ability or disability.
*According to The Planning and Building Act, the Norwegian municipalities have specific responsibility to secure active participation from groups that need specific arrangements to be able to participate in planning processes, including arrangements to involve children and youth. *National Strategy for prevention and treatment of diseases related to Asthma and Allergy 2008-2012.

Section C: Implementation of THE PEP

5. THE PEP Implementation mechanisms (please see the Amsterdam Declaration para 6-8)

NATIONAL TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLANS (NTHEAPs)

More information:

[Draft manual on developing NTHEAPs](#)

indicator 5.1 Does your country have a NTHEAP or similar tool? Yes ▼

Was THE PEP helpful in the development of your country's NTHEAP? ▼

If available, please provide a web link to your country's NTHEAP:

<http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/sd.html?id=791>

indicator 5.2 What is the current status of your country's NTHEAP? ▼

indicator 5.3 What is/will be the scope and format of your country's NTHEAP?

- national
- sub-national
- stand-alone document
- part of a national environment and health action plan (NEHAP)
- environment and health components in a national transport action plan

RELAY RACE (Staffete)

More information:

[Workshop in Kyiv, 2011](#)
[Workshop in Batumi, 2010](#)
[Workshop in Skopje, 2010](#)
[Workshop in Pruhonice, 2009](#)

indicator 5.4 Has your country contributed to THE PEP relay race workshops? Yes ▼

If YES, how?

- technical contribution (in kind)
- financial contribution

THE PEP PARTNERSHIP

More information:

[Terms of reference of THE PEP Partnership](#)

indicator 5.5 Does your country contribute to THE PEP Partnership? Yes ▼

If YES, how?

- technical expertise (in kind)
- direct financial contribution

indicator 5.6 Are there any formal networks/platforms of professionals who are involved in THE PEP issues in your country?

Yes ▼

Please specify:

*Several networks during the making of The Norwegian National Transport Plan. *The Cities of the Future, WHO Healthy Cities Norway.

indicator 5.7 Are these networks/platforms supported by the government?

Yes ▼

If YES, please indicate how:

- direct funding
- in kind
- political

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 ▼

Represented sectors:

- | | |
|---|---|
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academia | |

indicator 6.2 **Is integration of the three sectors reflected in any other national policy document(s)?**

Yes ▼

Please list main documents:

The Norwegian National Transport Plan, the annual State Budgets and several other documents like the National expectations regarding regional and local planning.

indicator 6.3 **Is public awareness in relation to the integration of the three sectors addressed in relevant national document(s)?**

Yes ▼

Please list main documents:

The Norwegian National Transport Plan, The National Cycling Strategy and The National Walking Strategy (in progress) and other relevant strategies, like the Action Plan on Physical Activity.

indicator 6.4 **Are public budgets and/or economic incentives available specifically to support integration of the three sectors?**

Yes ▼

Please specify:

*Incentives to promote public transport and restrict the use of private cars. *Annual State Budgets. *Funding of several projects. *The Cities of the Future and the WHO Healthy Cities Norway.

7. Future of THE 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.**

*THE PEP has increased awareness about the connection between transport, health and the environment and the importance of intersectoral collaboration. *The possibility to organize the work in Norway based on our own national challenges and needs. *Campaigns, for example "Walking-to-school"-campaigns.

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.**

The funding of THE PEP and national capacity (to work nationally and to participate in international workshops and seminars).

Indicator 7.3 **How could THE PEP better support national efforts to integrate transport, environment and health policies and achieve sustainable transport?**

*Work more directly towards countries and not just towards all the countries as a group. *Influence international funding bodies to promote the goals of THE PEP. *Continue the work on creating knowledge and exchange best practices through workshops, seminars etc.