



# Draft outline for a concept note on the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

Virginia Fusé  
Environment Division, UNECE

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
**Europe**

# Aims of the concept note:

- Provide **background information** on developments since the High-level Meeting in 2014 and related to THE PEP;
- Provide a brief **overview** of the Priority Goals and mechanisms guiding THE PEP work;
- **Stimulate discussion** among member States on **the future of THE PEP** after the High-level Meeting in 2019;
- **Stimulate discussion** on the **content and outcome** of the High-level Meeting in 2019.

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# Main events at international, Pan-European and European level since Paris 2014:

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
- New Urban Agenda at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban
- Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference
- Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health
- Declaration on Cycling by the informal meeting of European Union Ministers of Transport

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



World Health  
Organization  
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
Europe

# Elements from the Paris Declaration:

- Adopt a new implementation mechanism, “THE PEP Academy”
- Launch a new THE PEP Partnership on Cycling Promotion
- Adopt a fifth THE PEP Priority Goal
- Welcome THE PEP study “Signs and Signals for Cyclists and Pedestrians”
- Recognize that the question of a framework convention on Transport, Health and Environment has not yet been resolved

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# THE PEP Priority Goals:

1. To contribute to **sustainable economic development** and stimulate job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport;
2. To manage **sustainable mobility** and promote a **more efficient transport system**;
3. **To reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise; and**
4. To promote policies and actions conducive **to healthy and safe modes of transport**
5. To **integrate** transport, health and environmental objectives **into urban and spatial planning**

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
**Europe**



# THE PEP Implementation mechanisms:

1. THE PEP Relay race
2. national action plans on transport, health and environment (NTHEAPs)
3. Partnerships
4. THE PEP Academy

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 1/9

## THE PEP Priority Goals:

- Are they still relevant?
- Should anything be changed?
- Do any of them need more attention for strengthening implementation?

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 2/9

## **New emerging topics under THE PEP for 2030-2050:**

- Which elements for involving new countries and new stakeholders?
- How to respond to needs of countries with economies in transition?  
And of those of developed countries?
- How to address what could not yet be developed?

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



World Health  
Organization

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

Europe



# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 3/9

## New emerging topics:

1. eco-driving;
2. land-use planning;
3. new developments around transport, as decarbonisation and phasing out fossil fuels; electrification, automatic transport, digitalization;
4. strengthening cooperation and coordination nationally around the Priority Goals;
5. road safety for cyclists and pedestrians;
6. messages that could be sent to economy ministries that would support increasing resources towards sustainable mobility

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



World Health  
Organization

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
Europe

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 4/9

## A THE PEP legal framework:

- To which extent a legally-binding instrument could facilitate supporting elements important to member States?
- How could a framework convention facilitate the achievements of THE PEP objectives and Priority Goals?
- Could a framework convention focus on integrating environment and health policies in transport?
- Could a legal instrument focus on specific priorities as cycling?

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
**Europe**

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 5/9

## THE PEP implementation mechanisms:

- Are THE PEP they performing according to expectations?
- What works well and what works less well?
- Do we need to make any change and/or promote some of them more?
- Do we need new ones?
- How to use them to implement THE PEP workplan?
- What role for THE PEP Academy, ForFITS, HEAT?

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 6/9

## THE PEP Partnerships:

- What are the lessons learned from the work of THE PEP Partnerships?
- Do we need to revise them?
- Do we need to create new ones?

## THE PEP Partnership on cycling promotion:

- How could the Steering Committee advance the implementation of the expected pan-European master plan on cycling promotion?

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 7/9

## **New Urban Agenda and the involvement of cities:**

- What is the link between THE PEP and sustainable cities?
- What could be the role of Partnership on Priority Goal 5?
- Which are the stakeholders that THE PEP needs to involve?

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 8/9

## THE PEP partners:

- What is and what should be the role of member States in THE PEP?
- Is THE PEP current setting responding to the needs?
- How can member States move forward THE PEP agenda and Goals?
- What can the secretariat do?
- Which other types of partners – academia, NGOs, private sector - to engage and how?
- Where are the main challenges for an effective involvement from the three sectors?

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
**Europe**



# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting 9/9

## Resources:

- Does THE PEP have sufficient, sustainable financial and human resources to implement THE PEP agenda and Goals?
- What are the needs?
- How to meet them?

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting to recapitulate:

1. THE PEP Priority Goals
2. New emerging topics
3. A THE PEP legal framework
4. THE PEP implementation mechanisms
5. THE PEP Partnerships
6. THE PEP Partnership on cycling promotion
7. New Urban Agenda and the involvement of cities
8. THE PEP partners
9. Resources

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**

# Expected outputs: possibly a declaration 1/2

## Possible content of the declaration:

- Presenting a vision for the future: 2030-2050
- Positioning THE PEP vis-à-vis the latest international and regional developments
- Renewing the commitment to implement THE PEP Priority Goals (and/or to amend one or more of them)
- Adopting a pan-European master plan for cycling promotion
- Recognizing to cycling and walking the same status as other modes of transport

# Expected outputs: possibly a declaration 2/2

## Possible content of the declaration:

- Encourage Contracting Parties to the transport Vienna Conventions to suggest amendments
- Mandating the Steering Committee to start consultations to explore possibilities and benefits of a legal instrument on THE PEP
- Other aspects that would emerge from Steering Committee and extended Bureau discussions

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
**Europe**

## Other elements for discussion:

- The Steering Committee's mandate for preparing official documents for the High-level Meeting
- A programme for the High-level Meeting
- Preparatory process (including a calendar of meetings)

## For discussion:

- Themes for the High-level Meeting: 9 options (or more?)
- Expected outputs (and their content)
- Documents for the High-level Meeting
- Draft programme for the High-level Meeting
- Preparatory process (including a calendar of meetings)

**THE PEP**

Transport, Health  
and Environment  
Pan-European Programme



**UNECE**



**World Health  
Organization**

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR

**Europe**