

Draft list of elements that could be included in the draft declaration of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport Health and Environment

I. Introduction

1. The Bureau of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), at its thirty-second meeting (8 November 2017), discussed preparations for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna, 2019).
2. The Bureau asked the secretariat to prepare a draft list of elements that could be included in the draft declaration of the High-level Meeting. It also clarified that the list of elements should not include the possible content of the draft declaration, which would need to be discussed by the participants in the Extended Bureau meeting on 10–11 July 2018. Expected outputs are described in the second version of the Draft concept note for the High-level Meeting in section IV.B (available as Secretariat note 05 for the Extended Bureau meeting).
3. For ease of reference, the expected outputs of the High-level Meeting, as described in the Draft concept note are:
 - (a) Presenting a vision for the future: 2019-2030...2050;
 - (b) Positioning THE PEP vis-à-vis the latest international and regional developments;
 - (c) Strengthening links with the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy and Inland Transport Committee and the WHO/Europe Regional Committee;
 - (d) Renewing the commitment to implement THE PEP Priority Goals (and/or to amend one or more of them);
 - (e) Adopting a pan-European master plan for cycling promotion;
 - (f) Recognizing active mobility (notably cycling and walking) as having the same status as other modes of transport;

(g) Encouraging member States that are Contracting Parties to the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals to suggest amendments to the Conventions;¹

(h) Mandating the Steering Committee to start consultations with a view to explore possibilities and the benefits of having a legal instrument on THE PEP;

(i) Other aspects.

II. Draft list of elements that could be included in the draft declaration

4. The list of elements presented below is based on the “Elements for brainstorming on themes for the meeting” contained in the Draft concept note section IV.A. Members of the Extended Bureau members are invited to familiarize themselves with the elements to discuss them during the Extended Bureau meeting.

5. The Extended Bureau might also decide on the maximum length of the draft declaration and on the process of drafting.

6. Elements that could be included in the draft declaration are:

(a) A preamble. One or two paragraphs maximum could frame the draft declaration, for instance linking it to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; recognizing the achievements since the Fourth High-level Meeting (Paris, 2014); the remaining challenges; and appreciating contributions made;

(b) Expression of the future vision of THE PEP and of sustainable mobility; adoption of the workplan 2019-2024;

(c) THE PEP Priority Goals. If an update would be inserted, the modification would need to acknowledge the emerging topics that prompt the updates. The Extended Bureau might use the elements contained in the Draft concept note for the High-level Meeting, section IV.A;

(d) THE PEP implementation mechanisms (National transport, health and environment action plans; THE PEP Relay race workshops; THE PEP Partnerships and THE PEP Academy). The draft declaration might acknowledge the work carried out in the past and reconfirm or update THE PEP implementation mechanisms;

(e) Considerations on a possible international legal framework on THE PEP. This part might contain a mandate to explore steps forward;

(f) Consideration of cycling as a transport mode;

(g) The adoption of the pan-European master plan on cycling promotion;

¹ The Bureau might discuss whether consideration of road signs and signals should be included in the declaration given that amendments of the Vienna Convention are already being discussed in 2018.

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- (h) In annex, the version of the masterplan to be negotiated in view of adoption.
7. For ease of reference, the possible themes for the High-level Meeting, contained in the Draft concept note, section IV.A, are listed below:
- (a) THE PEP Priority Goals;
 - (b) Emerging topics under THE PEP for 2019-2030...2050;
 - (c) A THE PEP legal framework;
 - (d) THE PEP implementation mechanisms;
 - (e) THE PEP Partnerships;²
 - (f) THE PEP Partnership on cycling promotion;
 - (g) The New Urban Agenda and the involvement of cities;
 - (h) Resources.

² The current THE PEP Partnerships are: Partnership on Health Economic Assessment Tools; Partnership on Cycling Promotion; Partnership on Eco-Driving; Partnership on Jobs in Green and Healthy Transport; Partnership on the Integration of Transport, Health and Environmental Objectives into Urban and Spatial Planning; and TRANSDANUBE Partnership.

Annex

Possible structure of the draft declaration

I. Introduction

1. This annex contains a possible structure of the draft declaration. It was drafted to support discussions of the participants in the meeting of the extended Bureau of THE PEP.

II. Possible structure

A. Title

2. The title might be followed by the slogan of the Fifth High-level Meeting.

B. Introduction

C. Preamble

3. The preamble could contain a short representation of the current situation. Words as: emphasizing, recognizing, endorsing, aware of etc. could be used to introduce paragraphs in this part of the declaration.

D. A part considering the achievements

4. This part could acknowledge the achievements, lessons learned, contributions by member States and other stakeholders

E. THE PEP vision for the future

F. How member States will work to achieve the vision

5. This part could include the adoption of the Pan-European masterplan for cycling promotion and other elements (such as changes in transport-related regulations at international or national levels; awareness-raising activities and others).

G. THE PEP Priority Goals

H. THE PEP Implementation Mechanisms

I. Provisions on a possible THE PEP international legal framework

J. Annexes:

6. THE PEP workplan 2019-2024
 7. THE PEP Pan-European masterplan for cycling promotion.
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