

High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme - Draft of 23 April 2019

Draft programme for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

Note by the secretariat

Summary

In 2014, the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment decided to hold the fifth high-level meeting within the framework of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) in 2019 and welcomed Austria's offer to host it (ECE/AC.21/2014/2– EUDCE1408105/1.6/4HLM/2, para. 49).

At its thirty-third meeting (Vienna, 10–11 July 2018), the Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee reviewed a concept note on the Fifth High-level Meeting and requested the secretariat to submit it officially for discussion at the sixteenth meeting of the Steering Committee and to include in annex to the note a draft programme of the Meeting.

The High-level Meeting will be held in Vienna from 22 to 24 October 2019 and will be hosted jointly by the Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology and the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection of Austria.

It is expected to adopt the Vienna Declaration on Transport, Health and Environment, which focuses on the challenges of achieving clean, zero-emission mobility and transport in Europe and on the adoption of the first pan-European master plan for cycling promotion.

The High-level Meeting will be preceded by a special session of the Steering Committee on 21 October 2019 and followed by a meeting of the Bureau on 24 October 2019. The ministerial segment will open at the Vienna Conference Centre at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

Monday, 21 October (12.00–18.00) and Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (09:00–15.00)

A. Registration of participants

Participants may register for the special session of the Steering Committee on Monday, 21 October, or for the High-level Meeting beginning on Tuesday, 22 October.

Monday, 21 October 2019 (14.30–17:30)

B. Special session of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will hold a special session. It will begin with opening statements by officials of the host country and the Directors of the ECE Environment and Sustainable Transport Divisions and the WHO/Europe Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Wellbeing, followed by final negotiations on the draft ministerial declaration.

Provisional schedule:

12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.30 – 17.30	Special Session of THE PEP Steering Committee
18.00	Reception

Tuesday, 22 October – Thursday, 24 October 2019

C. Exhibition of good practices in joint work between transport, health and environment sectors (to be confirmed)

Walking lunch on 22 to 24 October to visit the exhibition.

Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (10.30–12.30)

D. Side events and press conference (to be confirmed)

Arrival of high-level representatives of member States; side events and a press conference will also be held.

Provisional schedule:

10.30 – 12.30	Side events
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch

Tuesday, 22 October 2019 (15.00–18.00)

E. Ministerial segment

The ministerial segment of the High-level Meeting will begin, including:¹

- (a) Welcome and opening statements by the Ministers of the host country, the Executive Secretary of ECE and the Regional Director of WHO/Europe;
- (b) *Baton virtuel* handover ceremony from Paris to Vienna;

¹ Possible guiding questions: What is important for people living in urban areas? What about people living in peri-urban areas and far from major agglomerations? How can THE PEP improve their health, environment and well-being? What policies are needed to meet the mobility needs of all sectors of society, including vulnerable groups?

- (c) Adoption of the agenda and presentation of the Chairs of the Meeting;
- (d) Keynote speech on emerging issues in transport, health and environment;
- (e) High-level discussion on achievements under THE PEP in the period 2014–2019 and the challenges that lie ahead (in the light of recent global and regional developments and social, political and economic trends);
- (f) The socioeconomic and health benefits of sustainable transport;
- (g) THE PEP and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- (h) High-level round table and statements from the floor, with a focus on transport in the urban environment: transforming challenges into opportunities

Provisional schedule:

15.00 – 18.00	High-level Meeting: Ministerial segment
20.00 – 22.00	Gala reception

Wednesday, 23 October 2019 (10.00–13.00)

F. Ministerial segment (continued)

The ministerial segment of the High-level Meeting will conclude, including:²

- (a) The role of good governance in supporting, promoting and implementing sustainable urban transport policies;
- (b) The urban mobility of tomorrow (the future of urban development; the integration of sustainable transport into urban planning; innovative transport services and intelligent transportation systems);
- (c) Education, social integration and equality;
- (d) Walking and cycling as means of transportation: making people healthier and happier. Adoption of the pan-European master plan on cycling promotion;
- (e) Roundtable on financing of infrastructure for green and healthy mobility and transport;
- (f) Jobs in green and healthy transport;
- (g) Eco-driving.

The outcome of the discussion might be summarized for use in formulating a vision for THE PEP.

The proposed workplan for the period 2019–2024 will be presented for adoption.

Presentation and adoption of the Vienna ministerial declaration and symbolic signature by ministers of the host country and high-level officials of ECE and WHO/Europe.

Provisional schedule:

² Possible guiding questions for the high-level round table and statements from the floor: How can we promote active mobility as means of transportation? Guiding questions: What are the main challenges to active mobility? What role can the draft master plan for cycling promotion play in increasing cycling at the pan-European level? What implementation measures should be taken?

10.00 – 13.00	High-level Meeting: Ministerial segment (continued)
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch and side events

Wednesday, 23 October 2019 (15.00–18.00)

G. General segment: Implementation of the ministerial declaration

The High-level Meeting will continue with a general segment, including:³

- (a) Presentations by representatives of member States and other stakeholders on initiatives supporting the implementation of the ministerial declaration;
- (b) Presentations by cities and regions on their initiatives, good practices and successful measures and policies;
- (c) Other interventions related to THE PEP Priority Goals and the implementation mechanisms;
- (d) Implementation of the workplan for the period 2019–2024.

The general segment could conclude with the symbolic signature of a poster committing to sustainable, clean and healthy transport.

Provisional schedule:

15.00 – 18.00	High-level Meeting: general segment
20.00 – 22.00	Reception

Thursday, 24 October 2019 (10.00–13.00)

H. General segment (continued)

Provisional schedule:

10.00 – 13.00	High-level Meeting: General segment (continued)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 17.00	Study tour followed by coffee

Thursday, 24 October 2019 (17.00–18.00)

I. Meeting of the extended Bureau of THE PEP (without interpretation)

³ In addition to the topics discussed during the High-level segment, the following issues might be considered: attitudes, behaviour and the choice of clean, safe, efficient, healthy and sustainable transport; the role of digital technologies (e.g., digital mobility, efficient technology and innovative logistics); safety aspects of active mobility; from cars to bikes: challenges and complexities of a transition to biking in a car-dependent city; and using rather than owning (e.g., car-sharing and bicycle rental systems).