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Bureau of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

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Draft workplan for 2019–2024

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The present document presents the proposed activities under the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for the period 2019–2024.

The document was prepared by the Bureau of the Steering Committee of THE PEP, with the support of the secretariat. It was discussed, amended and endorsed by the thirty-fifth (Valletta, 2–3 May 2019) and thirty-sixth (Tbilisi, 2–3 July 2019) meetings of the Bureau, meeting in an extended format, which decided to finalize it in the light of the comments received and to submit it for consideration and adoption by the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment. The High-level Meeting is invited to:

- (a) Convey its appreciation to the ECE member States that have already expressed their readiness to take the lead in the implementation of the draft workplan;
- (b) Encourage ECE member States to indicate their willingness to lead, contribute — including financially — or participate in the implementation of the various elements of the workplan;
- (c) Also encourage other stakeholders to indicate their willingness to contribute — including financially — or participate in the implementation of the various elements of the workplan;
- (d) Examine the draft workplan on the basis of the outcomes of discussions and to amend it as needed;
- (e) Adopt the workplan as amended, and to call on ECE member States and relevant organizations to actively contribute to the activities contained in the workplan, including through financial and in-kind contributions.

Background

1. Since its establishment in 2002, Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), as a unique policy platform, aims to develop and promote sustainable and healthy transport patterns at the pan-European level. THE PEP operates under the mandate of high-level meetings on Transport, Health and Environment convened approximately every five years.
2. This document sets out a draft workplan comprising programme areas for activities under THE PEP for the period 2019–2024. The draft workplan is the operational tool of the Vienna Declaration and provides a road map for activities and projects to work towards the implementation of THE PEP vision and Priority Goals.
3. The document was prepared by the Bureau of the Steering Committee with the support of the secretariat. It was discussed, amended and endorsed by the thirty-fifth (Valletta, 2–3 May 2019) and thirty-sixth (Tbilisi, 2–3 July 2019) meetings of the Bureau, meeting in an extended format.

Relevance to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other global and regional commitments

4. In adopting the 2030 Agenda, United Nations member States undertook to mobilize efforts to end poverty and inequality, protect the planet, and ensure well-being and prosperity for all. The Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals, each goal has specific targets and Member States are expected to establish national frameworks for their achievement.
5. THE PEP is linked to several of the Sustainable Development Goals and can support national efforts to achieve them. It is particularly relevant to Goals:
 - (a) 1 (End poverty in all its forms everywhere);
 - (b) 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages);
 - (c) 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls);
 - (d) 7 (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all);
 - (e) 8 (Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all);
 - (f) 9 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation);
 - (g) 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries);
 - (h) 11 (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable);
 - (i) 12 (Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns);
 - (j) 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts);
 - (k) 15 (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managed forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss);
 - (l) 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development).

6. The linkages between THE PEP and these and other Goals are analysed in a recent publication, “Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) Link”.

7. The 2030 Agenda identifies the Framework Convention on Climate Change as the main forum for negotiations on Goal 13. Three months after the adoption of the Agenda, United Nations Member States adopted the Paris Agreement.

8. Transport is one of the sectors where member States need to take actions to support mitigation of climate change. With its emphasis on integrated transport and urban planning policies and the promotion of active mobility, public transport and non-fossil-fuel-powered mobility, THE PEP is well placed to support member States’ efforts to implement the Paris Agreement.

Achieving the vision set out in the Vienna Declaration

9. To implement the vision and ensure the achievement of the Priority Goals, set out in the Vienna Declaration, THE PEP Steering Committee needs to undertake a number of activities, among which are to:

(a) Develop a pan-European strategy to achieve the vision and guide the implementation of THE PEP;

(b) Develop proposals for a possible legal instrument in line with the vision and Priority Goals, for consideration by the sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment;

(c) Develop a Communications Strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate the results of THE PEP;

(d) Support the establishment of coordination mechanisms at national level between the transport, health and environment sectors, also involving other relevant authorities;

(e) Monitor the implementation of THE PEP;

(f) Hold its annual meetings, as well as twice-annual meetings of its Bureau;

(g) Request ECE and WHO/Europe to continue to provide secretariat services and continue supporting them in this endeavour.

Implementing the workplan

10. In accordance with its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, THE PEP Steering Committee is the main decision-making body for the implementation of THE PEP. It operates under the authority of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health to promote, coordinate and monitor the implementation of THE PEP workplan and it is responsible for giving guidance and strategic direction to THE PEP.

11. The Steering Committee is assisted by a Bureau consisting of nine to fifteen members elected by the Steering Committee. The members of the Bureau represent the transport, environment and health sectors. The Bureau is responsible for preparing the meetings of the Steering Committee and for following-up on its decisions.

12. The High-level Meetings have set Priority Goals to be achieved to implement THE PEP. To support achievement of the Priority Goals, member States have also adopted implementation mechanisms. The current implementation mechanisms are:

- (a) A series of national workshops on sustainable transport policies (THE PEP relay race);
 - (b) Preparation and implementation of national action plans on transport, health and environment, supported by methodological guidance developed within the framework of THE PEP;
 - (c) Partnerships to support implementation of THE PEP workplan with a focus on specific technical implementation aspects of the Priority Goals;
 - (d) THE PEP Academy, a platform linking science, policy and practice in order to strengthen capacities for integrated policymaking, supported by THE PEP Clearing House.
13. THE PEP implementation mechanisms are an important element to implement the workplan. They are supported by tools used within THE PEP.
14. Lead countries or organizations facilitate, with the assistance of THE PEP secretariat, the implementation of the activities outlined in THE PEP workplan and act as coordinator and/or rapporteur. Lead countries or organizations report to THE PEP Steering Committee on progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of these activities.
15. THE PEP work plan 2019–2024 will be implemented in close cooperation with national and international governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, including local and municipal authorities, youth organizations, research organizations and academia.
16. Implementation of the proposed activities will be conditional on the mobilization of the necessary resources.

Structure of the workplan

17. The workplan is organized in 8 programme areas. Programme area 1 corresponds to the overall implementation of THE PEP vision expressed in the Vienna Declaration. Programme areas 2 to 8 correspond to each of the [seven] THE PEP Priority Goals.
18. Each programme area includes overall activities that lead to its implementation. As implementation of activities depends on the availability of resources and leadership by stakeholders, the lead country or organization is indicated next to each programme area.
19. In addition, the workplan indicates the implementation mechanisms that could be used to support the activities. Furthermore, the relevant Sustainable Development Goals are indicated for each programme area in line with the decision to align further THE PEP with the 2030 Agenda.
20. The Steering Committee will promote, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the workplan.

Workplan activities The activities listed are based on the current text of the draft declaration and could change with further negotiations. Kindly note that some elements from past workplans have also been inserted when still relevant.

<i>Programme area and activities</i>	<i>Lead country/ organization</i>	<i>Implementation mechanisms</i>	<i>Related Sustainable Development Goals</i>
<p>(a) (space for final, revised text for THE PEP Vision)</p> <p>Development of a comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment</p> <p>Development of proposals for a possible legal instrument in line with the vision and Priority Goals, for consideration by the sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment</p> <p>Development of a Communications Strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate the results of THE PEP</p> <p>Strengthening of coordination mechanisms at national level between the transport, health and environment sectors, also involving other relevant authorities</p> <p>Monitoring of the implementation of THE PEP</p> <p>Organization of annual meetings of the Steering Committee and organize meetings of the Bureau (twice per year)</p> <p>Secretariat services</p>			
<p>(b) (space for final, revised text for goal 1)</p> <p>Green and healthy jobs in transport</p> <p>Others?</p>			
<p>(c) (space for final, revised text for goal 2)</p> <p>Capacity-building linking science, policy and practice in transport, health and environment From past workplan</p> <p>(Activity to promote sustainable development of urban transport and mobility) From past workplan.</p> <p>Development and implementation of transport, health and environment action plans From past workplan</p>			

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<p>Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at national and local level</p> <p>(d) (space for final, revised text for goal 3) (Activity to promote eco-driving)</p> <p>Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes)</p> <p>(e) (space for final, revised text for goal 4) (Activity to implement the Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion)</p> <p>(Activity to promote measures to shift from motorized mobility to active mobility)</p> <p>Development of a pan-European master plan for walking promotion (or for promotion of active mobility)</p> <p>(Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process)</p> <p>(f) (space for final, revised text for goal 5) (Activity to support coordination on the integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment)</p> <p>(g) (space for final, revised text for goal 6) (Activity to identify, design and implement policy measures to provide for sustainable urban freight, rural accessibility, mobility as a service, shared mobility and multimodality)</p> <p>(h) (space for final, revised text for goal 7)</p>			