International Agreements Linked to Transport, Health and Environmental Issues

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SITUATING THE WORK

- Context
  - Inspire member states
  - Implementing THE issues through law

- Research Method and Focus
  - Regional economic commissions
  - Binding and non-binding instruments
  - International focus

2014 Protocol on Sustainable Transport to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (6 out of 7 ratifications)

- Harmonisation of transport modes between parties
- Reducing negative impacts of transport on human health
- Avoiding fragmentation of natural habitats
- Developing and promoting environmentally friendly transport modes
- Promoting development of non-motorised transport

- Promoting cohesion across the respective regions
- Developing a comprehensive transport network which is sustainable and safe

2016 Decision No.19 of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council [Translation: On the main directions and stages of implementation of the coordinated transport policy of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union]

- Competition, openness, security, reliability, accessibility, ecology
- Improving the quality of transport services
INSTRUMENTS OF INSPIRATION

- UNECE Transport Agreements, OECD Recommendations, Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) forum in Asia, Regional EST forum in Latin America and the Caribbean, African Road Safety Charter, Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network, Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq

- Most mention environmental and health concerns in passing

- More progressive instruments are not legally binding

- Broad similarities though some specific, country-based approaches
CONCLUSIONS & CHALLENGES

01 Cohesion in transport networks
  - Ease of access and movement
  - Sustainable transport as a whole

02 Aspects of health and environment
  - Air pollution, road crashes and safety
  - Sustainable development

03 Economic focus
  - Economic integration
  - A way in for health and environment?

04 Fragmented system
  - Complex and complicated system
  - Greater participation

THE PEP
Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme