



Fifth High-level Ministerial Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

17–18 May 2021
Online, hosted by Austria

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THE PEP

Transport, Health
and Environment
Pan-European Programme



Building forward better by transforming to new, clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport

The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) – a unique intergovernmental, cross-sectoral, tripartite platform – will bring together ministers and high-level officials from the governments of 56 Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the WHO European Region; and representatives of the European Commission; international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations; academia; and other stakeholders active in the field of transport, health and environment to rethink our transport and mobility systems. Participants will reflect on the complex challenges posed by transport for health and the environment, as well as on the opportunities provided by sustainable, healthy and safe transport policies to attain the highest level of health and well-being for all, be part of a healthy recovery from COVID-19, and address the global climate and pollution crises.

The High-level Ministerial Meeting – taking place in a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic – will provide ministers and delegations of Member States, policy-makers and relevant stakeholders with an outstanding opportunity to demonstrate political leadership, share strategies and decide on policy actions – including the launch of new partnerships for clean, safe, healthy, inclusive and resilient transport and mobility for the forthcoming THE PEP decade. As a major outcome of this ministerial event, Member States are expected to adopt the Vienna Ministerial Declaration, including key political decisions on our joint vision and strategies, actions and partnerships, including the first ever Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion, recommendations on green and healthy sustainable transport for building forward better, and conclusions on sustainable urban mobility and spatial planning.

Virtual side events and exhibitions

Within the framework of the High-level Ministerial Meeting, on 10–12 May, a series of 24 inspiring side events will be offered in the format of webinars or online group discussions. All side events are related to different topics under THE PEP and have been developed in such a way as to create a memorable sharing of experience in a digital environment.

A list of the side events can be found on the official conference website.

Throughout the entire conference week, the online exhibition section will feature short videos, presentation materials and additional information on country showcases and best practices in the fields of transport, health and environment.

**Learn more about the
High-level Meeting and THE PEP at:**

thepepvienna2021.org
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Provisional programme

Monday, 17 May 2021, 15:00–18:00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

15:00–15:45

Opening and welcome

Mr Alexander Van der Bellen, Federal President of Austria (video message)

Ms Leonore Gewessler, Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria

Dr Wolfgang Mückstein, Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Austria

Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

Dr Hans Henry P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe

15:45–16:45

Ministerial Session 1: “Building forward better – reshaping cities and regions, mobility and transport for recovering after the pandemic”

Keynote speech by **Dr Maria Neira**, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Health (WHO), followed by Ministerial panel and statements of Member States, ministers, heads of delegations, and international and nongovernmental organizations

Healthy break/Virtual exhibition 16:45–17:00

17:00–18:00

Ministerial Session 2: “Climate neutrality – the challenge for green, safe and healthy mobility”

Keynote speech by **Mr Hans Bruyninckx**, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, followed by Ministerial panel and statements of Member States, ministers, heads of delegations, and international and nongovernmental organizations

Tuesday, 18 May 2021, 10:00–13:00 CEST

10:00–11:15

Ministerial Session 3: “Vienna Declaration and its annexes, in particular the first ever Pan-European Master Plan on Cycling Promotion”

Presentation by **Mr Robert Thaler**, Chair of THE PEP, followed by Ministerial panel and statements of Member States, ministers, heads of delegations, and international and nongovernmental organizations

Healthy break/virtual exhibition 11:15–11:30

11:30–12:30

Ministerial Session 4: “Investing in clean, active, safe and healthy mobility – benefits for citizens, cities and recovery of the economy”

Keynote speech by **Ms Lucy Saunders**, Director, Healthy Streets, followed by Ministerial panel and statements of Member States, ministers, heads of delegations, and international and nongovernmental organizations

12:30–12:45

Presentation of a Youth Paper

12:45 - 13:15

Adoption and virtual signing of the Vienna Ministerial Declaration and the first Pan-European Master Plan on Cycling Promotion

Announcement of the Sixth High-level Meeting and handover of THE PEP Stafette

Closing ceremony 13:15–13:30