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**Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-  
European Programme: Programme of work for 2021–2022****Status of the Transport, Health and Environment  
Pan-European Programme Trust Fund****Note by the secretariat\*****I. Introduction**

1. The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) secretariat provides the below information on the use of financial resources that were available in 2020 and 2021 to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) secretariats. Detailed information for 2019 and 2020 has been made available in document ECE/AC.21/SC/2020/5–EUPCR2016697/5.3/THE PEP SC/5.

2. This note does not include the in-kind contributions provided by several member States and other stakeholders to the implementation of THE PEP programme of work, in terms of expert time, mobilization of technical expertise, hosting of meetings and workshops, engagement of consultants and participation in and support to the work of THE PEP Partnerships, relay-race workshops and Academy. These contributions are of paramount importance to advance the implementation of THE PEP programme of work and are gratefully acknowledged. Finally, this note also excludes the corporate resources made available by the ECE and WHO to support the cost of salaries of the joint secretariat of THE PEP and provide conference services.

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\* This document was not formally edited due to resources constraints.



## II. Financial resources received and used by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

### A. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2020 and estimates for 2021 (as of 7 September 2021)

<i>Opening balance 2020 (USD)</i>	<b>336 258</b>
<i>Contributions 2020 (USD)</i>	
Austria	39 345
Other income (accounting)	4 088
<b>Total Contributions 2020</b>	<b>43 433</b>
<b>Total available 2020</b>	<b>379 691</b>
<i>Actual Costs 2020</i>	
Staff and personnel costs, International consultant fees etc.	12 740
Contractors	
Contractual services	12
Operating and Other Direct Costs	-2 436
Travel	
<b>Total Costs 2020</b>	<b>10 316</b>
13% Programme Support Costs	1 341
Exchange rate gain	-438
<b>Total Expenditure 2020</b>	<b>11 219</b>
<b>Balance at 31.12.2020</b>	<b>368 472</b>
<i>Opening balance 2021 (USD)</i>	<b>368 472<sup>1</sup></b>
<i>Contributions 2021 (USD)</i>	
Austria	46 511
Serbia	5 967
<b>Total Contributions 2021</b>	<b>52 478</b>
<b>Total available 2021</b>	<b>420 950</b>
<i>Expected Costs 2021</i>	
Staff and personnel costs, International consultant fees etc.	24 200
Contractors	
Contractual services*	33 547
Travel	
<b>Total Forecast Costs 2021</b>	<b>57 747</b>
13% Programme Support Costs	7 507
<b>Total Forecast Expenditure 2021</b>	<b>65 254</b>
<b>Forecast Balance at 31.12.2021</b>	<b>355 696</b>

\* Forecast

<sup>1</sup> This opening balance.

**B. World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2020 and estimates for 2021 (as of 15 September 2021)**

<b>Opening balance 2020</b>		<b>USD 83 939</b>
<i>Contributions 2020 (USD)</i>		
Austria	EUR 48 000	USD 53 571
France	EUR 35 000	USD 37 680
Netherlands	EUR 15 000	USD 15 525
Serbia	EUR 5 000	USD 5 287
<b>Total contributions in 2020</b>		<b>112 063</b>
<b>Total available in 2020</b>		<b>196 002 (a)</b>
<i>Expenditures 2020 (USD)</i>		
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, relay race workshop)		0
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings)		0
Meeting costs (webinar, flyer layout, interpretation for SC18)		17 081
Consultants		10 800
Contracts (publications, HEAT maintenance, layout and translation of COVID-19 related technical guidance, animation)		22 013
<b>Expenditures in 2020</b>		<b>49 894</b>
13 % Programme Support Costs		6 486
<b>Total expenditures for 2020</b>		<b>56 380 (b)</b>
<b>Total unencumbered net fund balance as of 31.12.2020 (a)-(b)</b>		<b>139 622 (c)</b>
<i>Contributions 2021 (USD)</i>		
Austria	January	EUR 38 000
		USD 41 160
WHO resources		USD 120 000
<b>Total contributions in 2021</b>		<b>161 160 (d)</b>
<b>Total available in 2021 (c)+(d)</b>		<b>300 782</b>
<i>Expected expenditures 2021 (USD) (estimates)</i>		
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, workshops)		0
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings, workshops)		0
Preparation for the 5HLM (communication materials, including video clips, animated info graphics, social tiles, leaflets, etc.)		28 075
Consultants		38 802
Publications (e-Magazine, THE PEP Brochure, Vienna Declaration, Booklet for policy makers)		40 457
HEAT update		20 791
<b>Expected direct expenditures for 2021</b>		<b>128 125</b>
13 % Programme Support Costs		16 656
<b>Total expected expenditures for 2021</b>		<b>144 781 (e)</b>
<b>Expected balance at 31.12.2021 (c)+(d)-(e)</b>		<b>156 001</b>

To note that in 2021 the WHO was able to exceptionally direct towards the implementation of THE PEP activities 120,000 USD of voluntary donations received in support of its priority technical work.

Furthermore, additional funds for the further development of the Health Economic Assessment Tool for walking and cycling (HEAT) were made available through:

1. A partnership with WHO Headquarters, through which the scope of the HEAT has been expanded to accommodate assessments in the global context.
2. A project to update WHO tools for Health Impact Assessments, supported by the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

### **III. Commentary of financial results**

3. The secretariat would like to highlight the precarious financial situation of the THE PEP trust fund and in particular the likelihood that, without an increase in contributions, the possibility to fund the participation of member States to THE PEP meetings will be significantly reduced.

4. Although the finances of THE PEP have benefited from reduced costs in 2020 and 2021, along with important financial contributions from member States without interventions the precarious financial situation will continue.

### **IV. Guidelines for the transfer of contributions to the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme**

5. The secretariat provides bank information for the transfer of contributions to ECE and WHO/Europe to ensure the effective implementation of the work plan of THE PEP and the adequate participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) in its meetings. Contributions should be transmitted to the ECE THE PEP Trust Fund and/or to WHO/Europe.

6. For administrative reasons, funds for personnel and IT infrastructure for THE PEP Clearing House should be made available to the ECE Trust Fund, while support for additional services to be provided by the Clearing House can be made available to either organization. In general, resources made available through the ECE Trust Fund would mainly support activities that have a strong transport and environment component. Funds promoting primarily health-related objectives could be directed to WHO/Europe.

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