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Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twentieth session*

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* The twentieth session of the Steering Committee will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, and online. Information on registration will be available at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000686/>. For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring to the meeting copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda, which are available at <https://thepep.unece.org/events/twentieth-session-steering-committee-transport-health-and-environment-pan-european-programme>.

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1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) is expected to adopt the agenda of its twentieth session as prepared by the secretariat, comprising the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe), in consultation with the Bureau of the Steering Committee.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the twentieth session (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/1–EUCHP2219536/1.1/1)

2. Election of officers

In accordance with its rules of procedure,¹ the Committee elects a new Vice-Chair. The Chair rotates between representatives of the transport, health and environment sectors. The Chair of the Committee's twentieth session will represent the transport sector, the two Vice-Chairs will be the Committee's incoming Chair (i.e., for the twenty-first session) and the outgoing Chair from the previous regular session (i.e., the nineteenth session).

Bureau members were elected in 2021.

3. Transport, Health and Environment: including a gender perspective

Members of the Steering Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the relevance of a gender perspective related to transport, health and environment issues. The outcomes of the discussions could contribute to the preparation of the comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and the environment, as per the mandate contained in the Vienna Declaration, as issued at the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna, 17–18 May 2021).²

4. Outcome of the meeting on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

The Government of France hosted a meeting in Paris, on 13–14 January 2022, to take stock of progress on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of THE PEP.

The delegation of France will be invited to inform the Committee about the event and its outcome.

¹ See <https://thepep.unece.org/rules-procedure>.

² ECE/AC.21/2021/2/Add.1–EUCHP2018924/4.3.2/Add.1, para. 3.

Documentation

Synthesis Report of the Meeting on the Occasion of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/10–EUHP2219536/1.1/10)

5. Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

(a) Strategy on transport, health and the environment

At the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, member States agreed to develop a comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and the environment, including a clear pathway for its implementation, to achieve the agreed vision and to guide the further work of THE PEP, for adoption in 2023. The Steering Committee, at its nineteenth meeting (Geneva, 27–28 October 2021), established an ad hoc working group on strategy and possible legal instruments.³

The Steering Committee will hear updates from the working group and will be invited to discuss and agree on the new outline of the strategy.

Documentation

Outline of the Strategy on Transport, Health and Environment (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/5–EUHP2219536/1.1/5)

Reports from the Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/9–EUHP2219536/1.1/9)

(b) Communication activities

The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment decided to elaborate a communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for, and benefits of, sustainable and healthy transport, and disseminate the results of THE PEP.⁴

The Steering Committee will review and discuss the first draft of the communication strategy.

Documentation

First draft of the communication strategy (informal document No. 1)

(c) Revised workplan for 2021–2025

The Vienna Declaration contained a mandate to “develop further and monitor the workplan’s implementation through the Steering Committee”.⁵ The Steering Committee requested its members to provide comments to the secretariat and mandated the Bureau to have a final discussion on it during its summer meeting in 2022.⁶

Members of the Steering Committee will be asked to adopt the revised Workplan for 2021–2025, on the basis of the comments received at the nineteenth session of the Committee and of comments received by the Bureau of the Steering Committee.

Documentation

Draft Revised Workplan for 2021–2025 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/7–EUHP2219536/1.1/7)

³ ECE/AC.21/SC/2021/2–EUHP2018924/4.1/2, paras. 20–25.

⁴ ECE/AC.21/2021/5–EUHP2018924/4.3.5, table, programme area 1, fourth activity on list.

⁵ ECE/AC.21/2021/2/Add.1–EUHP2018924/4.3.2/Add.1, para. 33.

⁶ ECE/AC.21/SC/2021/2–EUHP2018924/4.1/2, paras. 29–30.

(d) Financial matters

The secretariat will inform the Committee about the use of funds in 2022 and provide an outlook for planned expenditures in 2023 based on the programme of work. Delegations may wish to pledge contributions, in cash or in kind, to support the implementation of THE PEP activities.

Documentation

Status of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Trust Fund (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/3–EUHP2219536/1.1/3)

(e) Programme of work for 2022–2023

The Steering Committee will discuss the draft programme of work for 2022–2023, showing work accomplished over the previous year and through its implementation mechanisms and expected outputs for the forthcoming year.

The Committee will be invited to review activities completed in 2022 and to adopt its programme of work for 2022–2023.

Documentation

Draft programme of work for 2022–2023 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/4–EUHP2219536/1.1/4)

(f) Implementation mechanisms of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

The Steering Committee will discuss and consider the activities planned for the implementation of the existing and the new Partnerships. The Committee may wish to discuss various events and activities held or planned in 2022–2023 under other implementation mechanisms.

Documentation

Guidelines for National Eco-driving Initiatives (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/8–EUHP2219536/1.1/8)

Partnership descriptions requesting establishment of THE PEP Partnerships by the Steering Committee (informal document No. 2)

(g) Monitoring of the implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

At its nineteenth session, the Steering Committee decided to modify the questionnaire on the basis of comments received from members of the Committee and members of the Partnerships. It also requested the secretariat to finalize the questionnaire and present it in the three official languages of ECE to the Steering Committee for approval at its twentieth session.⁷

The Steering Committee will be invited adopt the questionnaire.

Member States might wish to inform other members about initiatives, policies or projects concerning transport, health and environment in their countries.

Documentation

Draft questionnaire to monitor the progress in the implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/6–EUHP2219536/1.1/6)

⁷ Ibid., para. 71.

6. Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations

The Committee will be informed about collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes with a view to strengthening synergies. The Committee may wish to discuss ways to promote THE PEP as a model for other regions and to strengthen collaboration with international organizations and processes.

7. Other business

The Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

8. Dates and venues of the next session of the Committee and of the next Bureau meetings

The Steering Committee might wish to consider the timeline for the next meetings: the date of the twenty-first session of the Steering Committee, as well as the dates and venues of the next Bureau meetings.
