

1. Form for requesting establishing of a new THE PEP Partnership by the Steering Committee Partnership Description

1. Name of the Partnership

THE PEP Partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility (PCY)

2. Objective

“A child-friendly city is a city, town, community or any system of local governance committed to improving the lives of children within their jurisdiction by realizing their rights as articulated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In practice, it is a city, town or community in which the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions.” (UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative)

In the **Vienna Declaration**, which was adopted during the 5th High Level Ministerial Meeting of THE PEP in May 2021 in Vienna, Austria ([Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment | THE PEP - UNECE / WHO](#)), the Ministers responsible for Transport Health and Environment in UNECE / WHO Member States acknowledged the importance of child- and youth-friendly mobility and in paragraph

26. *Welcome the establishment of a new partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility and highlight the importance of incorporating the perspective of future generations in the work of THE PEP;*

To implement this agreement **THE PEP Partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility will be launched.**

Regarding child- and youth-friendly mobility our main objectives are:

- To *create awareness* for the importance of child- and youth-friendly mobility society.
- To *raise awareness* for the needs of this important target groups.
- To *support the development and implementation* of measures for child- and youth-friendly mobility.
- To *promote and enhance* child- and youth-friendly mobility at international, national and local level.
- To *elaborate* guidelines, tools as well as practical workshops in this sector to assist Member States in the promotion of child- and youth-friendly mobility.
- Many of these activities should be planned and realised in collaboration with young people.

3. Scope and purpose

The **Vienna Declaration** welcomes the establishment of a **THE PEP Partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility** to highlight the importance of the needs children and youth in relation to transport, health and the environment.

The Youth Position Paper, Vienna 2021, in the context of the WHO/UNECE Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) acts as an impulse for our further efforts towards child- and youth-friendly mobility (<https://www.klimaaktiv.at/service/publikationen/mobilitaet/the-pep.html>).

This partnership addresses the following elements:

- *Raise awareness* for the role and importance of active child and youth mobility and active play and recreation time as important indicators for the healthy development of children and youth,
- *Exchange experiences* among partners interested in the promotion of child- and youth-friendly mobility in the Pan-European region, both regarding urban and rural areas,
- *Create national cross-sector platforms* on child- and youth-friendly mobility,
- *Disseminate knowledge* and best practices about the different mobility needs of young people compared to those of adults,
- *Support measures* for a safe design of school and leisure routes and school environments to increase active mobility on the way to school or kindergarten,
- *Promote a redistribution of public space*, including restricted car use, to establish green areas and attractive public recreational areas as playing and roaming areas for young people,
- *Provide guidelines and teaching materials* for integrating mobility programmes into education, starting from kindergarten, in schools and in extracurricular youth work,
- *Provide* youth workers, NGOs etc., with information about active mobility and multimodality so that they can pass it on to young people,
- *Strengthen the cooperation* between relevant stakeholders of different levels and sectors (e.g. health, education, environment, climate protection, transport) committed to child- and youth-friendly green mobility,
- *Support the establishment* of a child and youth mobility fund in the Member States to support child and youth mobility projects and make cycling and public transport affordable for young people.

4. List of initial partners

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5. Management arrangements

Lead Partner

Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

Coordinating Partner

Austrian Energy Agency

Coordination Mechanism

Partners will primarily communicate via e-mail and online meetings. The lead partner will inform participating partners about planned activities and for exchanging information.

Requested role of and support from the secretariat

- Contact persons in Member States and networking to THE PEP national focal points
- Support the active involvement of representatives of Member States
- Present the partnership in meetings
- Support in reporting to Steering Committee

6. Target groups

The Partnership for child- and youth-friendly mobility is addressing the following target groups:

- National Ministries for Climate Protection, Transport, Health, Environment, Education and Youth
- Representatives and delegates for children and youth from Member States
- National Youth Councils and other national children and youth organisations (e.g. Fridays For Future)
- International children and youth organisations such as the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition (EEHYC) or Generation Climate Europe
- Relevant organisations and associations for transport and health on national and international level, such as The Global Climate and Health Alliance (AJOMED)
- European Commission
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Other relevant international organisations (POLIS, EPOMM, CIVITAS, ...)

7. Relation to THE PEP work plan 2021-2025 and the Goals of the Vienna Declaration 2021

Active and independent travel to kindergarten or school and also during leisure time is a key factor for children's development and health. Furthermore, health in childhood and adolescence has a particularly strong impact on health in adulthood.

In contrast, a WHO report found that 81 percent of adolescents in Europe do not meet the recommendation of at least one hour of physical activity per day.

The partnership considers the specific needs of children and youth and promotes the safe and independent active mobility of children and youth.

The development of a partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility is included as such in the workplan activity 8 "Social inclusivity of access to mobility and transport" and in point 26 of the Vienna Declaration ("Welcome the establishment of a new partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility and highlight the importance of incorporating the perspective of future generations in the work of THE PEP"). The partnership furthermore contributes to the workplan activities 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9, and to all 5 priority goals of the Paris Declaration 2014.

8. Work plan and specific expected deliverables for 2-4 years

Decision to establish this partnership within the 5th High Level Meeting of THE PEP in Vienna, May 2021

Preparatory work:

1. Organise three online youth forums and a webinar in scope of the 5th HLM discussing the content and activities of the partnership (13, 20, 28 of April 2021 and 10 of May 2021)
2. Support the compilation of a Youth Position Paper which was officially presented by two young persons within the Ministerial session of the conference (18 of May 2021)

Year 1:

3. Invite Member States to join the partnership and networking activities
4. Collect existing tools and good practices from previous successful cooperations and best practice projects in the field of child- and youth-friendly mobility
5. Exchange of information and experience on child- and youth-friendly mobility from the Member States and further stakeholders
6. Organise a first partnership meeting
7. Prepare a work plan for 2-4 years

Long-term goals:

8. Contribute inputs regarding child- and youth-friendly mobility for the Pan-European THE PEP strategy 2023
9. For 2025: Awareness raising, establishment of guidelines and a platform for child- and youth-friendly mobility
10. Pan-European masterplan on child- and youth-friendly mobility

9. Reporting and monitoring

The partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility will provide regular updates of the current status of implementation to the governing bodies of THE PEP. The partnership will seek to get feedback of the national ministries represented in THE PEP.

10. Expected financial management

The activities of this partnership on child- and youth-friendly mobility are funded by the participating Member States according to their possibilities (financial and/or in kind contribution) and competences.

Documentation

11. Relevant accompanying document

Respective section of the Vienna declaration as adopted within the 5th HLM in Vienna, May 2021:

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