

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PAN – EUROPEAN PROGRAMME (THE PEP)

Expected date of initiation: December 2002 (1st Session of the Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health)

Expected date of completion: Timetable for the implementation of the various activities under THE PEP will be agreed upon by the Steering Committee. The progress made will be assessed by a High-level Meeting convened for that purpose in 2007

Partners Involved:

Governments: *Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in particular ministries of transport, health and environment*

Intergovernmental organizations: *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and World Health Organization, in close cooperation and coordination with the other relevant Intergovernmental organizations, namely: European Commission (EC), United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT), Regional Environmental Center for CEE (REC); Central European Initiative (CEI)*

Major groups: *Relevant Non-governmental organizations, such as European Federation for Transport and Environment (T&E), International Road Federation (IRF), International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE), International Road Transport Union (IRU), European Cyclist Federation (ECF), International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Healthy Cities Network, Aviation Environment Federation (AEF), European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), International Touring Alliance (AIT) & Federation Of International Automobile Transport (FIA); local authorities; as well as business and industry*

Other: *Children and youth, Scientific and technological community;*

Leading Partner: **The Steering Committee on Transport, Environment and Health**

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

THE PEP aims at making progress towards the achievement of transport patterns that are sustainable for health and the environment by focusing work at the Pan-European level on those priorities where further work of the international community is most needed and could make the biggest impact: integration of environmental and health aspects into transport policies and decisions; shift of the demand for transport towards more sustainable mobility; urban transport issues. In addition, special attention will be given to the needs of the Newly Independent States and South-Eastern European countries as well as to areas, which are particularly sensitive from an environmental point of view.

THE PEP streamlines and consolidates the WHO and UNECE activities on transport, environment and health with a view to a more effective use of resources and better co-ordination of efforts at the international as well as at the national level.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

THE PEP aims at contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the following items of Agenda 21:

- *2. International co-operation to accelerate sustainable development in developing countries and related domestic policies*
- *3 Changing consumption patterns*
- *6 Protecting and promoting human health conditions*
- *7 Promoting sustainable human settlement development*
- *8 Integrating environment (health) and development in decision-making*
- *9 Protection of the atmosphere*
- *25 Children and Youth in Sustainable development*
- *27 Strengthening the role of NGOs*
- *28 Local Authorities' initiatives in support of Agenda 21*
- *30 Strengthening the role of business and industry*
- *31 Scientific and technological community*

THE PEP aims at contributing to the achievement of the following goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

- *Shared responsibility*
- *Protecting our common environment*
- *Give greater opportunities to the private sector, non-government organizations and civil society, to contribute to the realization of the UN goals and programmes*

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

- (a) ***Integration of environmental and health aspects into transport policy***

(i) Further development, implementation and monitoring of national strategies or action plans for transport sustainable for health and the environment.

(ii) Define and adopt environment and health targets, identification of indicators for monitoring of the implementation and of impacts, development of reporting mechanisms.

(iii) Dissemination of information, good practices and capacity building.

(iv) Development of institutional mechanisms for integration of the environment and health concerns into transport policies, with participation of health and environment sectors representatives in the decision making process at different levels.

(v) Development and implementation of administrative, regulatory and financial instruments in the NIS/CEEC to stimulate and enforce the production and use of vehicles and fuels with improved environmental and safety performance

(b) Demand side management and modal shift

(i) Elaboration of investment strategies influencing modal split towards sustainable transport

(ii) Development of measures influencing the modal split towards modes of transport, which are sustainable for health and the environment for both freight and passenger transport.

(iii) Promotion of the elaboration of sustainable transport plans e.g. by large private and public enterprises as well as other organisations for both passenger and freight transport.

(iv) Promotion, implementation and review of policies designed to internalize the health and environmental externalities (external costs) generated by transport activities.

(v) Improving driver behaviour through large-scale introduction of “eco-driving” programmes, in-car feedback instruments, traffic management measures and measures to ensure respect for existing speed limits.

(c) Urban transport

(i) Establishment of a framework for the elaboration and implementation of urban plans for transport sustainable for health and the environment by agglomerations (urban and suburban) beyond a defined size.

(ii) Further development of a common set of indicators for urban transport.

(iii) Development of measures for promoting high quality and integrated public transport and reducing the need for, and volume of, car traffic.

(iv) Development of measures for promoting and improving safe conditions of cycling and walking.

(v) Special care for groups at high risk, in particular children.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

The above results will be achieved by implementing specific actions, to be undertaken possibly on a step-by-step basis, in co-operation with other international organizations, taking into account the work that has been undertaken so far. Timetable for the implementation of the activities under THE PEP will be adopted by the Steering Committee.

A report on achievements will be done at the latest by 2007, to a High level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health to be convened for that purpose.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

THE PEP implementation will be under the responsibility of the Steering Committee, which will operate under the authority of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health. The Steering Committee will report on an annual basis to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Steering Committee will promote, monitor, coordinate and facilitate the implementation of the programme, including through its ad hoc bodies, according to an agreed timetable, with clear milestones, and with a mechanism to follow-up its implementation. A network of national focal points on transport, environment and health should be established, to facilitate contacts and coordination between the countries of the region and the sectors therein. The NGO representatives should participate as observers in the work of the Steering Committee and of the possible task forces as decided upon by the Steering Committee. Partnerships between governments, local authorities, business community, NGOs and other interested stakeholders should also be encouraged for implementation of the activities.

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

The financial basis for THE PEP implementation should be established through voluntary contributions from the Member States, international organizations and international financial institutions active in the areas of transport environment and health. The possibility of using existing funding sources and financing mechanisms should be made use to the fullest extent possible. Fund raising should be carried out in all three sectors participating in the cooperation. In addition to the support to be provided by the WHO and UNECE through secretariat services to THE PEP, a number of Member States (including Austria, Belgium, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom, Spain, Switzerland) have pledged financial and in-kind support to THE PEP implementation on the occasion of the second High Level Meeting on

Transport, Environment and Health (Geneva, 5 July 2002)

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

THE PEP has a strong component of capacity building, informational support, dissemination and institutional strengthening, with a special focus on NIS and South-Eastern European countries. In particular, the following actions have been proposed to address these aspects:

- *Establishment of a web-based Clearing House on Transport, Environment and Health in English and in Russian, to be run jointly by the WHO, UNECE to ensure effective coverage of relevant scientific, methodological and policy aspects, wide dissemination of information and good practices, and maximise possible synergies with existing initiatives.*
- *Development of pilot as well as joint projects and establishment of mechanisms to facilitate the exchange of experience and cross-fertilization between the eastern and western parts of the region (e.g. through twinning projects, secondments, joint project management arrangements, multi-country/partners ventures, etc...)*
- *Development of training programmes (e.g. a summer school, thematic workshops, etc...) focusing on integration of health and environmental concerns in transport-related policies and institutional/administrative mechanisms.*
- *Dissemination events, workshops and training courses on the application of guidelines for economic valuation of the external costs of transport, as well as for carrying out environmental health impact assessments of transport policies*

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

- *UNECE "Environment for Europe" process*
- *WHO "Health and Environment" process; activities of the network of Healthy Cities*
- *EC "Cardiff process" for the integration of Environmental consideration into sectoral policies*
- *OECD "Environmentally Sustainable Transport" (EST) initiative*
- *CEI "Environment and Transport" initiative*
- *European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign*

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

The Steering Committee would meet on an annual basis and should be assisted by a tripartite Bureau, consisting of nine to fifteen members elected by the Steering Committee and representing

the three sectors and the different parts of the region on an equal footing. The Bureau would hold bi-annual meetings and be responsible for preparing the meetings, and for following-up on the decisions of the Steering Committee (e.g. including developing fund raising initiatives, preparing proposals for establishing partnerships, catalysing action, etc.).

The Steering Committee could establish ad hoc working groups, task forces and other bodies as needed to implement the concrete activities and dissolve them once their task is completed. The composition of these working groups/bodies would be established on an ad hoc basis, to ensure engagement of the most appropriate competencies needed for the work to be carried out, in the best interest of the effective implementation of the specific actions/task entrusted to the working groups/bodies. The setting up of these task-oriented bodies should ensure that progress be achieved without undue delay. The ad hoc bodies should report to the Steering Committee on a regular basis on the work done. The Steering Committee, the Bureau and possible other bodies should be serviced by a joint ECE-WHO secretariat, supplemented with the appropriate staffing from the three sectors for this purpose.

The joint UNECE and WHO Secretariat will be in charge of the preparation of background documents, monitoring and reporting, drafting of reports/ publications, planning, setting-up of ad hoc working groups/task forces, identification of experts, organization and follow-up of activities to be carried out by task forces/working groups. Electronic distribution lists will be set up, for a timely dissemination of relevant documents, which will also be available through THE PEP web site.

Other relevant information: Web-site (if available):

<http://www.unece.org/poja>;

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