

Item 8 (e) of the provisional agenda

Managing THE PEP

Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations

TECHNICAL BRIEFING

Healthy people through environmentally sustainable urban transport: towards the 5th

High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

Sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

Rome, Italy, 17-20 September 2018

Draft report

Summary

THE PEP Technical Briefing took place on 18 September 2018 in the context of the Sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, held in Rome, Italy, from 17 to 20 September 2018. The event reflected on how environmentally sustainable urban transport can help making people healthier and happier. The event also provided preliminary information on the preparation of the 5th High Level Meeting on THE PEP to be held in Vienna, from 22 to 24 October 2019.

Participation

The event was attended by more than 50 participants mainly representing national governments from the Ministries of Health of the Member States of the European Region, as well as environmental and public health professionals.

Goals and objectives

The overall goal of the technical briefing was to highlight the synergies and opportunities resulting from intersectoral action involving transport and urban planning, health promotion and protection, environmental quality and economic development, and in particular the role played by THE PEP as a policy framework that fosters partnerships across sectors and actors. The event also aimed to raise awareness and encourage the active engagement particularly of ministries of health in the preparation of the 5th High-level Meeting.

The main objectives:

- ✓ highlighting opportunities for better health through environmentally friendly, economically viable and socially fair urban transport policies;
- ✓ raising awareness of the important co-benefits of cycling and walking, particularly in the urban environment
- ✓ illustrating the links between the SDGs and THE PEP and the European Environment and Health Process;
- ✓ showcasing the potential of THE PEP in integrating health and environment concerns into the transport policies;
- ✓ presenting the 5th High-level Meeting and the main expected political outcomes (notably the Masterplan for Cycling Promotion)

Highlights of the Technical Briefing

The session was chaired by THE PEP Chairperson Mr. Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation), who opened the event and briefed the audience on the activities undertaken by THE PEP, in particular, the political efforts of THE PEP for a transition to safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable urban mobility transport systems in the pan-European Region. In his introductory remarks Mr. Donchenko also gave preliminary information on the preparation of the 5th HLM and stressed that the engagement of all three sectors is of paramount importance.

The first Keynote speech was delivered by Ms. Lucy Saunders - Public Health Specialist, Transport and Public Realm Transport for London / Greater London Authority. Ms Saunders highlighted the benefits of sustainable urban transport policies and interventions for health and wellbeing and presented the experience of London in developing the transport plan with a focus on public health.

In the second key note speech Mr. Martin Eder, representing the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria, informed the audience about the development of the first Pan-European Masterplan for the promotion of cycling. The Masterplan gathers together 24 countries actively involved in the preparatory process. Mr. Eder invited participants to continue the interesting discussion during the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, to be hosted by Vienna, Austria in 2019.

The key note speeches were followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Franklin Apfel, Managing Director, World Health Communication Associates, on developing the integrated, comprehensive, inclusive and effective framework for moving forward with sustainable development and implementing the SDGs. The panel included the following speakers:

Ms Biljana Filipovic - Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Serbia

Mr Federico Pizzarotti - Mayor of Parma

Ms Vigdis Rønning – Ministry of Health and Care Services of Norway

Ms Christine Berling - Ministry for Solidarity and Health of France

The panellists discussed the role of the authorities from different sectors and layers of governance in creating healthier urban settings that support the health and well-being of the citizens in the pan-European region.

The Chair ended the technical briefing with warm invitation of all participants to the 5th High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on 22-24 October, 2019 in Vienna.

Annex I

The Flyer of the technical briefing



Provisional programme

- 13:00 **Welcome and introduction**
THE PEP Chairperson [Mr Vadim Donchenko](#), Russian Federation
- 13:10 **Keynote speech**
Benefits of sustainable urban transport policies and interventions for health and well-being
[Ms Lucy Saunders](#), Public Health Specialist, Transport and Public Realm Transport for London / Greater London Authority, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- 13:25 **Keynote speech**
Towards the 5th High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment:
Support Member States in promoting cycling; Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion
[Mr Martin Eder](#), Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria
- 13:40 **Round table discussion**
A moderated panel discussion will tackle the successes and challenges in the promotion of environmentally sustainable urban transport
Moderated by [Mr Franklin Apfel](#), Managing Director, World Health Communication Associates
Panelists:
[Ms Biljana Filipovic](#) – Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia
[Ms Vigdis Rønning](#) – Ministry of Health and Care Services, Norway
[Mr Federico Pizzarotti](#) - Mayor of Parma, Italy
[Ms Christine Berling](#) - Ministry for Solidarity and Health, France
- 14:10 **Questions and answers**
- 14:20 **Closure**

Related documents

- Ostrava Declaration -
http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/341944/OstravaDeclaration_SIGNED.pdf
- Declaration of the Six Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health -
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/past-sessions/67th-session/documentation/resolutions/eurrc67r4-declaration-of-the-six-ministerial-conference-on-environment-and-health>
- Paris Declaration “City in motion – People first”
https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/documents/D%C3%A9claration_de_Paris_EN.pdf
- Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) Link - Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme and the Sustainable Development Goals -
http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/375511/9789289053334-eng.pdf?ua=1
- Environment and health for European cities in the 21st century: making a difference (2017) -
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/environment-and-health/urban-health/publications/2017/environment-and-health-for-european-cities-in-the-21st-century-making-a-difference-2017>
- Towards more physical activity: Transforming public spaces to promote physical activity — a key contributor to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Europe (2017) -
<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/disease-prevention/physical-activity/publications/2017/towards-more-physical-activity-transforming-public-spaces-to-promote-physical-activity-a-key-contributor-to-achieving-the-sustainable-development-goals-in-europe-2017>