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Managing THE PEP: Programme of work for 2013–2014

Programme of work for 2013–2014

Note by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme secretariat

Summary

At its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 23 October 2009), the Bureau of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee requested the secretariat to prepare each year a detailed programme of work, showing work accomplished over the previous year and expected outputs for the forthcoming year. A draft programme of work for 2013–2014 was considered by THE PEP Steering Committee Bureau at its twentieth meeting in Copenhagen in July 2013. The Committee is invited to review activities carried out in 2013 and to endorse planned activities for 2014.

I. Introduction

1. The Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, 22–23 January 2009) adopted the Amsterdam Declaration, including the work plan for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for 2009–2014 (ECE/AC.21/2009/2–EUR/09/5086385/2, annex II). The work plan is based upon four priority goals, enshrined in the Amsterdam Declaration, which commit the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization Regional

Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) member States to pursue integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient, environment- and health-friendly transport.

2. THE PEP programme of work, covering the period between the Third and Fourth High-level Meetings, is subdivided into six chapters addressing a range of activities to be pursued up until 2014. The Committee may wish to review the work carried out in 2013, endorse the planned activities for 2014 and provide guidance for their implementation.

II. THE PEP programme of work for 2013–2014

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead country/organization</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>
(a) Develop a platform to attract and support investments in environment- and health-friendly transport		
Preparation for the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, including follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio+20 Conference)	Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	2013–2014
(b) Build capacity for better integration of transport, health and environment policy		
Relay race 6: Subregional Workshop: Green and Health-friendly Sustainable Mobility — Focus on Urban Central Asia	Almaty	26–27 September 2013
Relay race 7: Subregional workshop to kick-off implementation of Paris Declaration (under discussion)	Lithuania	2014
Further development of the Health Economic Assessment Tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling to include more health endpoints and risk factors (in progress)	WHO, European Commission (DG Research, project PASTA), ¹ the European network for the promotion of health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA Europe)	2013–2014
Development of a publication on the scope of employment in green and healthy transport (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat and THE PEP Partnership (Austria and France)	2013–2014
(c) Share and disseminate good practice in environment- and health-friendly transport		
Development of communication materials (postcards, new design and logo, THE PEP Brochure) in preparation for and following the Fourth High-level Meeting (partially completed)	THE PEP secretariat/lead countries	2013–2014
Implementation of THE PEP communication strategy: side event at ECOMM 2013 ² (partially completed)	THE PEP secretariat/lead countries	2013–2014

¹ The “Physical Activity through Sustainable Transport Approaches (PASTA)” is a project approved by the European Community FP7 research programme on innovative societal solutions to promote physical activity. PASTA will be implemented through a consortium led by the Institute of Transport Studies of the University of Natural Resources and Life Science in Austria, University of Zurich and Oxford University, Polis (a network of European cities and regions working together to develop innovative technologies and policies for local transport). www.polis-online.org/.

² ECOMM 2013 — the 17th European Conference on Mobility Management organized in Gävle, Sweden.

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Outreach to schools and local communities to share experience in environment- and health-friendly urban transport (e.g. the Walking School Bus, THE PEP Prize, photography, film and/or art competitions) in the run-up to the Fourth High-level Meeting (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat/interested countries	2013–2014
THE PEP Toolbox: further enrichment with more supportive tools	THE PEP secretariat and lead countries	2013–2014
THE PEP Clearing House:	THE PEP secretariat	
(i) Modification in concept of uploading and maintenance of data and information (completed)	Dedicated consultant	2013–2014
(ii) Revitalization of Clearing House as centre of information exchange in preparation for the Fourth High-level Meeting (in progress)	Dedicated consultant and THE PEP secretariat	2013–2014
(d) Facilitate the implementation of activities at the local, national and regional levels		
Launch new THE PEP Partnership for a European platform of national cycling coordinators	THE PEP secretariat and THE PEP Partnership (Austria and the European Cycling Federation)	2014
Publish manual to assist member States in the preparation of National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans (NTHEAPs) (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat	2013
Provide technical assistance to member States, if requested, in developing national action plans through THE PEP Partnership	Beneficiary country and supporting countries (to be identified)	2013–2014
Develop, through a questionnaire of an inventory of regulations and practices in signs and signalling for cyclists and pedestrians (completed)	France	2013
(e) Support international advocacy and cooperation projects to promote best practice and an integrated approach to policymaking in transport, health and environment		
Develop proposal with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for advocacy and public campaigns on sustainable mobility, making use of UNEP links with municipalities and local non-governmental organizations in South-Eastern Europe and other subregions	THE PEP secretariat/UNEP	2013–2014
Explore potential of THE PEP as a model for other regions for sharing experience and good practice, beginning with the Mediterranean	THE PEP secretariat/World Bank	2013–2014
Strengthen collaboration with the European Commission, international financial institutions (IFIs), and other international processes (e.g. the European Environment and Health Process), non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to achieve THE PEP priority goals (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat/European Commission/IFIs	2013–2014
(f) Enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms for implementation		
Development of a framework and questionnaire to regularly monitor the implementation of the Amsterdam Goals (completed)	Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	2013
Produce a regional overview of THE PEP implementation, based on the questionnaire, for consideration by the Steering Committee (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat	2013–2014

III. Statutory THE PEP meetings 2013–2014

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and location</i>
Steering Committee Extended Bureau, nineteenth meeting (completed)	4–5 April 2013 (Paris)
Steering Committee Extended Bureau, twentieth meeting (completed)	11–12 July 2013 (Copenhagen)
Steering Committee, eleventh session and 2013 THE PEP Symposium	27–28 November 2013 (Geneva, Palais des Nations)
Steering Committee Extended Bureau, twenty-first meeting	29 November 2013, (Geneva, Palais des Nations)
Steering Committee Extended Bureau, twenty-second meeting	30–31 January 2014 (Zurich)
Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (4HLM)	14–15 April 2014 (Paris)
Steering Committee Extended Bureau, twenty-third meeting	16 April 2014 (Paris)
Steering Committee, twelfth session	19–20 November 2014 (Geneva, WHO Headquarters)
Steering Committee Bureau, twenty-fourth meeting	21 November 2014 (Geneva, WHO Headquarters)
