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**Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-
European Programme: programme of work for 2023–2024****Draft programme of work for 2023–2024****Note by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European
Programme secretariat***Summary*

A workplan for 2021–2025 was included in the Vienna Declaration of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (hybrid), 17–18 May 2021). The Committee is invited to review the activities carried out in 2023 and to endorse those planned for 2024.^a This document was prepared as agreed at the twentieth session of the Steering Committee (Geneva, 17–19 October 2022) and is presented in a new layout.

^a See Report of the eleventh session of the Bureau of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, para. 2. Available at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/en/committee/bureau/documents/11thbureaureport.pdf.



I. Introduction

1. The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (hybrid), 17–18 May 2021) adopted the Vienna Declaration, including the workplan for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for 2021–2025 (ECE/AC.21/2021/5–EUCHP2018924/4.3.5). The workplan is based on the priorities enshrined in the Declaration, which commit member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in the WHO European Region to the pursuit of integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient and environment- and health-friendly transport.

2. THE PEP workplan,¹ which covers the period between the Fifth and the Sixth High-level Meetings, sets out the activities to be pursued in the lead-up to the Sixth High-level Meeting. This draft work programme was prepared in accordance with the decision taken at the twentieth session of the Steering Committee.² The present document was prepared in a new format, with firstly a review of activities carried out in 2023 (see sect. III below) and then the plan for 2024 (see sect. IV below). The Committee is invited to endorse the activities planned for 2024 and provide guidance for their implementation.

II. Statutory and other meetings 2023–2024

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and venue</i>
Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility and Partnership on Active Mobility (meeting back-to-back)	23–26 January 2023, Netherlands
Fifth meeting of THE PEP Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments	3 February 2023, online
Meeting of the Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility	24–25 April 2023
THE PEP relay-race workshop: Boosting active mobility and mobility management for climate-friendly, healthy and energy-saving mobility in Europe	25–27 April 2023, Vienna
Meeting of the Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	27 April 2023, Vienna
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on walking	27 April 2023, Vienna
Sixth meeting of THE PEP Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments	27 April 2023, Vienna (hybrid)
THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on cycling	08 May 2023, Leipzig, Germany
Forty-first meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	16 May 2023, online
Seventh meeting of THE PEP Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments	2 June 2023, online
Leveraging THE PEP Partnerships to accelerate the transition to healthy, sustainable and climate neutral mobility in the pan-European region	5 July 2023, Budapest

¹ Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) draft workplan 2021–2025, available at <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2023/03/working-documents/draft-workplan-2021-2025>.

² See ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUCHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 34.

<i>THE PEP body (status)</i>	<i>Date and venue</i>
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on walking	14–15 September 2023, Lisbon
Meeting of the Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility	26–27 September 2023, Bled and Bohinj, Slovenia
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on cycling	October 2023, Madrid (date to be confirmed)
Twenty-first session of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme	23–25 October 2023, Geneva
Eighth meeting of THE PEP Ad hoc Working Group on Strategy and Possible Legal Instruments (working on the Strategy)	November/December 2023 (date to be confirmed, online). Thereafter, meeting expected every two months
Forty-second meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	January/February 2024 (online)
Relay race workshop and Partnership on active mobility meeting ³	22–25 April 2024, Belgrade
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on walking	Spring 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Meeting of the Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility	Spring 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Meeting of the Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	Spring 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on cycling	June 2024, Ghent, Belgium (date and venue to be confirmed)
Forty-third meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	June/July 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Twenty-second session of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme	28–30 October 2024, Geneva
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on walking	Autumn 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Meeting of the Partnership on Active Mobility - meeting on cycling	Autumn 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Meeting of the Partnership on Sustainable Tourism Mobility	Autumn 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)
Meeting of the Partnership on Child- and Youth-friendly Mobility	Autumn 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed)

³ The Steering Committee, at its twenty-first session, will be invited to adopt a new name and scope for the Partnership, to better reflect the health component.

III. Activities carried out in 2023

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead city/country/organization</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Related targets under the Sustainable Development Goals^a</i>	<i>Implementation</i>
1. Transforming to clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport for happiness and prosperity for all			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13	
Continue work towards development of comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment, (taking into account experiences of COVID-19 crisis)	Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing – Draft for review at Steering Committee
Initiate work towards development of proposals for possible legal instrument in line with THE PEP vision and Priority Goals, for consideration by Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing – Work to commence after twenty-first session of Steering Committee
Development of THE PEP communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate results of THE PEP	Steering Committee/WHO	2022–2023		Complete
Development of communication products, including completing THE PEP Brochure	Steering Committee/WHO	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
Development of joint initiatives and actions at international, regional, national and local levels to support member States in the transition towards more resilient, safe, equitable and sustainable transport and mobility systems. Expansion of Partnership on Active Mobility to “THE PEP/Environment and Health Process (EHP) Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility”, following Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest, 5–7 July 2023)	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
Monitoring implementation of THE PEP (and identifying country needs and main challenges in implementation process): conducting THE PEP Survey for 2023 and developing summary of key findings	Bureau and Steering Committee/WHO	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity (every two years)

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Organization of annual meetings of Steering Committee and biannual meetings of Bureau	Bureau	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
2. Ensuring the resilience of transport systems to climate change, pandemics and other disasters			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12	
Exploring how to assist member States in implementation of Recommendations for green and healthy sustainable transport and support member States	Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing, pending project funding
3. Improved living conditions in cities and regions by integrating environmental and health policies and objectives into coordinated transport and spatial planning				
Activity to support coordination on integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment	Russian Federation and France	2022–2023		No actions in 2023
4. Clean, safe, low-noise and net-zero emission transport by implementing policies and actions for healthy, active and safer mobility			3; 7; 11; 12; 13	
Activity to implement Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion, including activity to promote measures to shift from motorized mobility to active mobility (and measures directly addressing COVID-19 and role that cycling could play in making transport systems more resilient), including continuing work on and implementation of infrastructure module and development of pan-European competence centre on active mobility	Austria and France, as leaders of the Partnership, ECF, CONEBI, ECE and other member States	2022–2023		Ongoing
Development of pan-European master plan for active mobility	Austria, France and other member States	2022–2023		Ongoing, drafting underway
Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process	Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity

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Activity under THE PEP Academy to transfer knowledge and best practices and reinforce capacities of member States for integrated policymaking	Steering Committee and lead country	2022–2023		No actions in 2023
Activity for future updates and improvements of HEAT. Developing a new module on e-biking	WHO	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
Activity to promote eco-driving	Austria	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes	Steering Committee	2022–2023		No actions in 2023
Activity for future updates and improvements of ForFITS	ECE	2023		Ongoing, work in progress through development of other case study examples
5. The social inclusivity of access to mobility and transport			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12	
Identify partners and stakeholders and create synergies with them so that all levels of society can be reached (how to involve them, how to benefit from them and how to make them benefit from THE PEP) (including custodians of Sustainable Development Goals and indicators)	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
6. Directing investments, fiscal incentives and green finance initiatives towards sustainable transport to stimulate job creation and the economy			8; 9; 11; 12; 13	
Green and healthy jobs in transport	France has provided support for a new phase	2022–2023		Ongoing, study to commence in 2023
7. Making the best use of the benefits of the digitalization of transport and mobility services			3; 8; 11; 12	No actions in 2023

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8. Implementing sustainable mobility management and services, employing appropriate technologies for clean, efficient, healthy and safe transport systems			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13	
Provide ad hoc support and advice towards creation of transport, health and environment action plans	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023		No actions in 2023
Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at national and local levels	Bureau, Steering Committee and other stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
Promotion activities and sharing of good practices on mobility management and more studies on managed mobility	Bureau, Steering Committee, lead country, e.g., Austria, and stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	2022–2023		Ongoing, regular activity
Activities on tourism and mobility	Austria	2022–2023		Ongoing, through activities of Partnership on Sustainable Tourism
Development and implementation of studies on the environment and health impacts on new mobility options	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023		No actions in 2023
9. The promotion of solutions to implement sustainable urban mobility, including a wide range of electric urban public transport modes and cycling and walking, and consideration of these forms of mobility in transport and spatial planning			3; 7; 9; 11; 12; 13	
See activities in programme areas 3 and 4 on supporting active mobility and integration of transport planning into urban planning	Bureau and Steering Committee	2022–2023		Ongoing

^a Generally speaking, THE PEP supports the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular, Goals 3 and 11. Shown here are the additional targets under the Goals that are relevant to specific activities.

Abbreviations: CONEBI, Confederation of the European Bicycle Industry; COVID-19, coronavirus disease; ECF, European Cyclists' Federation; EPOMM, European Platform on Mobility Management; ForFITS, For Future Inland Transport Systems; HEAT, Health Economic Assessment Tool.

IV. Programme of work for 2024

<i>THE PEP activity</i>	<i>Host/lead city/country/organization</i>	<i>Related targets under the Sustainable Development Goals^a</i>
1. Transforming to clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport for happiness and prosperity for all		3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Finalize work towards development of comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment, (taking into account experiences of COVID-19 crisis)	Steering Committee	
Initiate work towards development of proposals for possible legal instrument in line with THE PEP vision and Priority Goals, for consideration by Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	Steering Committee	
Implementation of THE PEP communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate results of THE PEP	Bureau/WHO	
Development of communication products,	Steering Committee/WHO	
Development of joint initiatives and actions at international, regional, national and local levels to support member States in the transition towards more resilient, safe, equitable, healthy and sustainable transport and mobility systems	Bureau and Steering Committee	
Uptake of the 2023 survey results and promoting their use for policymaking and decision-making at the national level	Bureau and Steering Committee	
Organization of annual meetings of Steering Committee and biannual meetings of Bureau	Bureau	
Initiate preparations for Sixth High-level Meeting	Steering Committee	
2. Ensuring the resilience of transport systems to climate change, pandemics and other disasters		3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12
Exploring how to assist member States in implementation of the Recommendations for green and healthy sustainable transport and support member States	Steering Committee	
3. Improved living conditions in cities and regions by integrating environmental and health policies and objectives into coordinated transport and spatial planning		
Activity to support coordination on integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment	Russian Federation and France	

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4. Clean, safe, low-noise and net-zero emission transport by implementing policies and actions for healthy, active and safer mobility		3; 7; 11; 12; 13
Activity to implement Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion, including activity to promote measures to shift from motorized mobility to active mobility (and measures directly addressing COVID-19 and role that cycling could play in making transport systems more resilient), including continuing work on and implementation of infrastructure module and development of pan-European competence centre on active mobility	Austria and France, as leaders of the Partnership, ECF, CONEBI, ECE and other member States	
Development of pan-European master plan for active mobility	Austria, France and other member States	
Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process	Steering Committee	
Activity under THE PEP Academy to transfer knowledge and best practices and reinforce capacities of member States for integrated policymaking	Steering Committee and lead country	
Activity for future updates and promotion of HEAT	WHO	
Activity to promote eco-driving	Austria	
Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes	Steering Committee	
Activity for future updates and improvements of ForFITS	ECE	
5. The social inclusivity of access to mobility and transport		3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12
Identify partners and stakeholders and create synergies with them so that all levels of society can be reached (how to involve them, how to benefit from them and how to make them benefit from THE PEP) (including custodians of Sustainable Development Goals and indicators)	Bureau and Steering Committee	
6. Directing investments, fiscal incentives and green finance initiatives towards sustainable transport to stimulate job creation and the economy		8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Finalize new phase of the Green and healthy jobs in transport study	France	
7. Making the best use of the benefits of the digitalization of transport and mobility services	Steering Committee	3; 8; 11; 12

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8. Implementing sustainable mobility management and services, employing appropriate technologies for clean, efficient, healthy and safe transport systems		3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13
Provide ad hoc support and advice towards creation of transport, health and environment action plans	Bureau and Steering Committee	
Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at national and local levels	Bureau, Steering Committee and other stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	
Promotion activities and sharing of good practices on mobility management and more studies on managed mobility	Bureau, Steering Committee, lead country, e.g., Austria, and stakeholders, e.g., EPOMM	
Activities on tourism and mobility	Austria	
Development and implementation of studies on the environment and health impacts on new mobility options	Bureau and Steering Committee	
9. The promotion of solutions to implement sustainable urban mobility, including a wide range of electric urban public transport modes and cycling and walking, and consideration of these forms of mobility in transport and spatial planning		3; 7; 9; 11; 12; 13
See activities in programme areas 3 and 4 on supporting active mobility and integration of transport planning into urban planning	Bureau and Steering Committee	

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