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**Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-
European Programme: financial matters****Status of the Transport, Health and Environment
Pan-European Programme Trust Fund****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. The present document contains information provided by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) secretariat on the use of financial resources available in 2022 and 2023 to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) secretariats. Detailed information for 2021 and 2022 can be found in document ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/3–EUCHP_{2219536/1.1/3}.

2. This note does not include the in-kind contributions provided by several member States and other stakeholders to the implementation of THE PEP programme of work, in terms of expert time, mobilization of technical expertise, hosting of meetings and workshops, engagement of consultants and participation in and support to the work of THE PEP Partnerships, Relay race workshops and Academy. These contributions are of paramount importance in advancing the implementation of THE PEP programme of work and are gratefully acknowledged. Lastly, this note also excludes the corporate resources made available by ECE and WHO to support THE PEP joint secretariat salary costs and provide conference services.



II. Financial resources received and used by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

A. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2022 and estimates for 2023 (as of 25 August 2023)

(United States dollars)

<i>Opening balance 2022</i>	294 790	
<i>Contributions 2022</i>		
Switzerland	15 000	
France	60 000	^a
Total contributions 2022	75 000	
Total available 2022	369 790	
<i>Actual costs 2022</i>		
Staff and personnel costs, international consultant fees, etc.	29 187	
Contractors		
Contractual services	1 167	
Operating and other direct costs	1 291	
Travel	14 720	
Total costs 2022	46 365	
13 per cent programme support costs	6 027	
Total expenditure 2022	52 392	
Interest income	6 941	
(Expected) balance at 31 Dec. 2022	317 398	
Opening balance 2023	317 398	
<i>Contributions 2023</i>		
Serbia	5 580	
Total contributions 2023	5 580	
Total available 2023	322 978	
<i>Expected costs 2023</i>		
Staff and personnel costs, international consultant fees, etc.	64 140	
Grants out to end beneficiaries	60 000	^a
Contractual services	225	
Operating and other direct costs	8 000	
Travel	20 000	
Total forecast costs 2023	152 350	
13 per cent programme support costs	19 807	
Total forecast expenditure 2023	172 172	
Interest income	1 500	
Forecast balance at 31 Dec. 2023	150 805	(Provisional)

^a Provided for the Green Jobs Study.

B. World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2022 and estimates for 2023 (as of 31 August 2023)

(United States dollars)

<i>Balance on 31 Dec. 2021</i>	148 458
Contributions 2022	
France	10 764
WHO HQ contribution to HEAT	20 000
Serbia	5 222
Total contributions in 2022	35 986
Total available in 2022	184 444(a)
Expenditures 2022	
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, workshops)	8 274
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings, workshops)	7 950
Communication Strategy, THE PEP Survey, communication materials	25 390
Consultants	25 182
Health Economic Assessment Tool update	18 915
Expenditures in 2022	85 711
13 per cent programme support costs	11 142
Total expenditures for 2022	96 853(b)
Total unencumbered net fund balance as of 31 Dec. 2022 (a)–(b)	87 5911(c)
Contributions 2023	
Switzerland (pledged, not received)	20 000
Norway (pledged, not received)	20 000
Total pledged contributions in 2023	40 000(d)
Total available in 2023 (c)+(d)	127 591
Expected expenditures 2023 (estimates)	
Travel of staff (statutory meetings)	4 000
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings, THE PEP side event)	7 500
Communication strategy; THE PEP survey, communication materials	18 079
Consultants	18 000
Updating THE PEP web page on WHO website	1 538
HEAT – maintenance; a new module on e-biking	15 000
THE PEP side event	1 750
Expected direct expenditures for 2023	64 117
13 per cent programme support costs	8 335
Total expected expenditures for 2023	72 452(e)
Expected balance at 31 Dec. 2023 (c)+(d)–(e)	55 138

^a Pledged for a short film.

Abbreviations: HEAT, Health Economic Assessment Tool; HQ, headquarters.

3. It should be noted that, in 2022, the WHO side of the secretariat was able to mobilize funding from internal sources to an amount equivalent to \$20,000. These funds supported the implementation of part of the activities related to the Health Economic Assessment Tool due to its global scope.

4. Unlike in previous years, in 2023, the WHO side of the secretariat did not receive voluntary financial contributions from the member States. In order to implement the activities mandated by the Vienna Declaration, WHO sought resources available to the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, through the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. These resources supported: maintenance and update of the Health Economic Assessment Tool for walking and cycling; and finalization of THE PEP publications.

5. In view of the low amount of funds in the WHO side of the Trust Fund for 2023, the WHO secretariat will review THE PEP workplan to reassess planned activities in line with resources, prioritizing the essential functions of providing secretariat services to THE PEP over the implementation of other activities, until a clearer perspective on the amount and predictability of dedicated resources becomes available.

III. Commentary of financial results

6. The secretariat would like to highlight the precarious financial situation of the THE PEP Trust Fund and in particular the likelihood that, without an increase in contributions, the possibility to fund the participation of member States in THE PEP meetings will be significantly reduced. ECE and WHO note that their internal secretariat rules do not allow it to draw funding for THE PEP statutory activities from sources other than direct funds from member States earmarked for this Programme; therefore it will not be possible to draw on funds from alternative sources in the short or long term, nor has this been done in the past.

7. The finances of THE PEP have benefited from reduced costs in 2021 and 2022, along with some financial contributions from member States. However, 2023 expenditure has been significantly higher, due, in part, to the work on the Strategy. Without interventions, the precarious financial situation will continue.

IV. Guidelines for the transfer of contributions to the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

8. The secretariat provides bank information for the transfer of contributions to ECE and WHO/Europe to ensure the effective implementation of the workplan of THE PEP and the adequate participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in its meetings. Contributions should be transmitted to the ECE THE PEP Trust Fund and/or to WHO/Europe.

9. For administrative reasons, funds for personnel and information technology infrastructure for THE PEP Clearing House should be made available to the ECE Trust Fund, while support for additional services to be provided by the Clearing House can be made available to either ECE or WHO/Europe. In general, resources made available through the ECE Trust Fund would mainly support activities with a strong transport and environment component. Funds promoting primarily health-related objectives could be directed to WHO/Europe.