

**REPORT OF THE 7th SESSION OF THE EXTENDED BUREAU
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENT PAN-EUROPEAN PROGRAMME (THE PEP)**

2 October 2008, the Hague

1. The Extended Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee held its 7th session on 2 October 2008 in the Hague. The objective of the meeting was to further prepare the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (3HLM) to be held on 22-23 January 2009 in Amsterdam, in particular the draft programme. The meeting was preceded by an on-site visit on 1 October to the Felix Meritis European Centre for Arts, Culture and Science in the Hague, the conference venue for the 3HLM. The Bureau also discussed preparations for the Moldova workshop to be held on 29-30 October in Chisinau (secretariat note no.4), which would be followed by a meeting of the Extended Bureau on 30-31 October. It postponed the discussion of a draft note on THE PEP Centre of Excellence (secretariat note no. 2) and a note on financing options for THE PEP (secretariat note no. 3) until the next Bureau meeting.

2. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation). The following Bureau members attended: Mr. Robert Thaler (Austria), Mr. François André (Belgium), Mr. Jiri Bendl (Czech Republic), Mr. Jan Jániga (Slovakia), Mr. Mihail Kochubovski (the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Mr. Mario Fruianu (the Netherlands). Ms. Zana Fakin (Croatia) participated as a member of the Steering Committee. In addition, Mr. Jaroslav Volf (Czech Republic) and Ms. Julie Tham (the Netherlands) participated. Mr. Robert de Hartong attended from RIVM (the Netherlands) and Ms. Heather Allen from the International Association of Public Transport (UITP).

3. Ms. Francesca Racioppi, Ms. Sonja Kahlmeier (WHO Regional Office for Europe) and Ms. Brinda Wachs and Ms. Christina von Schweinichen (UNECE, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division) participated on behalf of THE PEP secretariat. The meeting was hosted by the Netherlands.

A. Preparations for Third High-level Meeting (3HLM)

4. The Netherlands informed that it intended to produce a short film for the opening day of the meeting, based on existing footage of urban transport themes and solutions. The final draft version would be presented for information to the Extended Bureau at its meeting on 8-9 December 2008, in Rome.

5. The Netherlands would set up a dedicated website on the 3HLM by end-October. Three posters would be produced by the Netherlands, tailored to address the three different sectors, as well as a logo and a brochure with the final programme to be presented at the next meeting of the Extended Bureau. Press activities would be planned in November. The UNECE informed it has taken preliminary steps toward in-house promotion of the 3HLM; attendance of a WHO press officer at the 3HLM was foreseen. Further actions would be conveyed to the Extended Bureau in Chisinau.

6. The secretariat (UNECE) informed it had organized a design competition with the International School of Geneva (Switzerland). This constituted community outreach and awareness-raising and corresponded with the students' current curriculum on sustainable development. Depending on the quality, one of the designs from the drawing competition could be produced as a poster by the Netherlands.

7. The secretariat also informed that letters announcing the 3HLM were sent to ministries of health and that those to ministries of transport and environment were about to be sent. Individual letters would be sent to selected ministers and international organizations, inviting speakers and discussants for specific parts of the programme. .

8. The Felix Meritis centre for Arts, Culture and Science had 5 rooms available for the 3HLM. There were two options for the plenary, holding either about 150 or 100 participants with chairs and tables and booths for translators. There were 2 additional rooms that could be used as exhibition area for posters and related technologies or materials and for side events; there was a work room for the secretariat. There were also some small rooms that could be used for bilateral meetings or negotiations, as well as a separate room for the press. There was a separate exhibition space available for WHO/UNECE Member States and other stakeholders to present products related to THE PEP. Interested Governments, NGOs or private companies who wished to exhibit should arrange with the organizers and the secretariat in advance. In the foyer of the building there was a café with Internet access (at a cost) where coffee breaks and buffet lunches would take place.

9. The Netherlands informed it would hire an agency to handle the conference logistics including registration, technical matters, security, administration and travel of participants eligible for support, as well as for the secretariat. WHO and UNECE secretariats would confirm how many people would be needed from their respective administrative personnel. Individual letters of invitation needed for visas would be issued by WHO and UNECE secretariats according to their respective procedures.

B. Draft programme of 3HLM

10. The secretariat presented the revised draft programme for the 3HLM. Thus far, delegations of Austria, Estonia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Latvia and Turkmenistan had expressed interest in participating in the 3HLM. A preliminary list of potential speakers was agreed by the Extended Bureau. The secretariat would communicate with interested countries and organizations to confirm the names and their respective roles in the programme. It was also suggested that the chair and former chairs of THE PEP could participate in the panel discussion on THE PEP goals, achievements and challenges. A special effort was requested by the Extended Bureau and by the Steering Committee to attract as many ministers and high-level officials as possible to the 3HLM.

11. Regarding side events to the 3HLM, the secretariat had contacted the International Union of Public Transport (UITP) and the Healthy Cities and urban governance programme of WHO which expressed interest. The Bureau suggested holding these events during the lunch breaks of 22 and 23 January on the theme: “Think Globally; Act Locally”, in which other organizations can participate. The side events could be focused on a specific theme or project that the organizations may wish to showcase, to highlight a specific topic in the programme, or to underline an action point for policymakers in the outcome document. Other PEP-related members of civil society would also be invited, including: Child-Friendly Cities Network, Energie Citée (organizers of Mobility Week), ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), PRONET (European Commission) and Transport and Environment (T&E). NGO representatives may also be invited as panellists in order to have different stakeholders represented.

12. Contacts also took place with the Youth Network of the Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE). It was decided to invite the two chairs of the network to participate in one of the debates on 23 January. Progress in the participation of civil society in the HLM will be presented and further discussed at the Extended Bureau at its next meeting. The possibility for an excursion, a relay race to promote the themes or a bicycle press conference would be explored further at the next meeting.

13. Ms. Julie Tham and Mr. Mario Fruianu presented the idea of a relay of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme. In this relay, the participating Member State would show to other Member State how they are elaborating THE PEP principles into actual implemented projects at the sub-national level. The baton would then be passed to another Member State which would then showcase its efforts on implementing THE principles and knowledge. Participants welcomed the idea of such a relay to showcase their projects and activities. Questions regarding the funding and coordination needed to keep such a relay running would be discussed further at the next meetings. The secretariat (UNECE) informed that UNEP had expressed interest in participating in such a project.

C. Draft outcome document

14. The latest draft of the conference outcome document was discussed (secretariat note no. 1), including comments received from Member States through 5 July 2008, as well as written input from the Czech Republic and from the United States of America. The Extended Bureau felt that while the current draft reflected the decisions taken by the Steering Committee at its Sixth Session in April 2008, a shorter, streamlined document of around 3 pages would be more useful. A new draft would be developed by the secretariat based on the guidance by the Extended Bureau and would be sent to the Steering Committee before the meeting in Chisinau.

D. Workshop on Sustainable and Healthy Urban Transport, 29-30 October 2008, Chisinau, Moldova

15. The Bureau took note of the agenda for the workshop (secretariat note no. 4), including the final draft programme, highlighting the importance of the workshop in developing EECCA/SEE-related inputs to the 3HLM and its outcome document. The secretariat would send to participants materials and abstracts of presentations in advance of the workshop.

E. Next meetings and other business

16. The next meeting of the Extended Bureau would be on 30 October 2008 (16:00-18:00) and on 31 October (09:00-15:00) in Chisinau (Moldova), following the Workshop on Sustainable and Healthy Urban Transport . A subsequent meeting would be held in Rome from 8 December (beginning at 14:00) until 9 December (ending at 16:00). A subsequent meeting of the Extended Bureau would take place in advance of the 3HLM on the afternoon of 21 January 2008 in Amsterdam.

Annex

Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 22-23 January 2009

16/10/2008

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22 January 2009

Choices for a transport, health and environment future

08:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Welcome by representatives of the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, WHO Regional Office for Europe and the UNECE.

Election of officers, approval and adoption of provisional agenda

Session 1: THE challenges for the pan-European region

10:00-10:10 Making THE link: Film on transport, health and environment in the pan-European region

10:10-11:00 Transport, Health and Environment: challenges and developments
Two keynote speeches

11:00-11:25 THE PEP: Past achievements and a vision for THE Future
Panel of THE PEP present and past chairmen

11:25-11:30 Introduction of the draft outcome document - Making THE Link: Transport choices for our health, environment and prosperity and action points for policymakers

11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:00 Panel discussion: How sustainable is transport in the pan-European region today?

13:00-14:30 *Lunch buffet*

13:00-14:30 Side-event with civil society

Session 2: Linking THE knowledge

14:30-15:00 Linking THE knowledge – Lessons learned in transport, health and environment since the inception of THE PEP

Keynote speech

15:00-16:00 Experiences and good practices: Interventions from Member States

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Debate from the floor on key issues related to the outcome document and the action points for policymakers

17:30-18:00 Draft outcome document: detailed introduction

19:30-21:30 Dinner

Exhibition during the day:

09:00-17:00 Room for posters, brochures, leaflets and exhibit of children's drawing competition

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Friday, 23 January 2009

Solutions and good practices

Session 3: THE Policy choices

09:30-10:30 Ministerial keynote speeches on policy choices in THE and the future of THE PEP

10:30:11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 How do we make the right policy choices?

Ministerial debate

12:30-14:00 Lunch buffet

12:30-14:00 Side event with civil society

Session 4: Making THE future

14:00-14:30 Key international perspectives

European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy and Transport Green Paper and
Action Plan: *Towards a new culture for urban mobility*

14:30:15:30 How can we best ensure synergy on an international, national and sub-national level to
promote integration of transport health and environment?

Debate from the floor

15:30-16:00 Final discussion and adoption of the Outcome Document

16:00-16:30 Closing speeches

Hosts, WHO Regional Office for Europe, UNECE

Exhibition during the day:

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