

Advance information on the

**WORKSHOP ON
INSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS FOR INTEGRATED
TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH POLICIES**

**Berlin, Germany
23–24 January 2006**

Organizers and partners

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and
World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO) secretariat to the
Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

Federal Environmental Agency, Germany

European Academy of the Urban Environment (EA.UE)

Technical University of Delft

Background:

The Berlin workshop is organized as part of a project on “Supportive institutional mechanisms for integrated policy and decision-making on transport, environment and health”, which is carried out within the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), a programme jointly administered by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization’s Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) (<http://www.thepep.org/>).

THE PEP provides a framework for cooperation to representatives from the three sectors in 55 countries with the aim to promote sustainable transport goals across the pan-European region. Special emphasis is given to the countries in East-Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and in South-East Europe (SEE).

The integration of environment and health concerns into transport policy is crucial for sustainable development and constitutes one of the priorities for THE PEP. It is, however, a challenging task to put into practise because of factors such as conflicting interests and priorities between policy-makers in different sectors. Following the need expressed by a number of countries to receive specific guidance on institutional mechanisms for policy integration both within and between the central and local administrations, THE PEP Steering Committee discussed and approved the objectives and the implementation steps of the present project.

Objectives/Outputs:

The workshop aims to contribute to understanding about policy-making processes that integrate transport, environment and health issues more effectively, with a focus on institutional arrangements. It serves to deepen and complete the information on current institutional practise in the region building on the relevant studies and publications available as well as on the replies to an on-line questionnaire survey.

You are kindly invited to submit relevant information concerning your country/administration by filling in the questionnaire by 15 November. The questionnaire is available at: <http://www.thepep.org/en/survey.htm>

The information provided by the participating governmental, intergovernmental and local level representatives before and during the workshop as well as the conclusions of the discussions shall be fed into a report under preparation.

The workshop will focus on:

- A. The state of the art of current institutional practise concerning the integration of transport, environment and health.
- B. Success criteria for institutional mechanisms, barriers to policy integration and common lessons and ways for the different countries in the region to learn from them.
- C. Conclusions, recommendations and further steps.

The preliminary programme for the workshop will be made available by 9 December 2005.

Follow-up:

The outcomes of the workshop will be discussed by THE PEP Steering Committee at its session in April 2006 after which the project report will be finalized. The report will be translated into Russian and French and widely disseminated within the transport, environment and health administrations of the UNECE and WHO/Europe Member States and local governments, city networks and relevant organizations. Training courses for professionals may also be developed as a follow-up activity.

Dates and venue:

23 - 24 January 2006

The workshop is hosted by the German Federal Environmental Agency. It is organized by the European Academy of the Urban Environment (EA.UE), at its premises:
46 / 48 Bismarckallee, 14193 Berlin, Germany

Participation:

The workshop is open to representatives from transport, environment and health sectors at the central and local governments of the UNECE and WHO/Europe member countries, city networks, relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the academic community.

Due to organizational reasons, the number of participants will be restricted to around 50-60. It is therefore recommended to register early.

Registration and practical information:

Please find enclosed the registration form for the workshop. You can access it also at www.eaue.de and <http://www.thepep.org>

Please return the duly filled in registration form to Ms. Jenny Johnson **by 6 January 2006** by e-mail: jj@eaue.de or by fax: +49/30/89-59-99-19.

For practical information, you can also contact her by telephone (+49/30/89-59-99-0).

Visa:

In order to apply for a visa, citizens of some countries require an official invitation (cp.: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/www/en/willkommen/einreisebestimmungen/index_html). If this is the case, please apply for an invitation of this kind to EA.UE. In addition, in some countries it is necessary to show proof of medical insurance in order to obtain a visa / enter Germany. In this case too Jenny Johnson at EA.UE will be glad to help. Please remember that it can take a matter of weeks before a visa can be issued.

Accommodation:

Most participants will be able to stay in the European Academy Berlin (co-located with EA.UE: <http://www.eab-berlin.de>) (single room: 57,- € double room: 42,- € per person per night; in each case

including breakfast). Alternatively, there are in the vicinity 'pensions' / boarding houses / hotels. EA.UE is able to obtain special rates in these premises, so if you wish to book accommodation of this kind, please do so by contacting EA.UE.

Travel costs:

Travel and accommodation costs are to be assumed by participants themselves. There are no charges for the workshop. For approx. 20 participants from SEE and EECCA countries it is possible to organise a small subsidy to assist with travel and accommodation costs. Please apply for a subsidy of this kind to EA.UE, Jenny Johnson.

Working languages:

English and Russian