

**Economic Commission for Europe****World Health Organization
Regional Office for Europe****High-level Meeting on Transport, Health
and Environment****Steering Committee of the Transport, Health
and Environment Pan-European Programme****Twenty-second session**

Geneva, 28–30 October 2024

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* The twenty-second session of the Steering Committee will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. Information on registration will be available at <https://indico.un.org/event/1007252/>. For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring to the meeting copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda, which are available at <https://unece.org/info/THE-PEP/events/390719>.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) is expected to adopt the agenda of its twenty-second session as prepared by the secretariat, comprising the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, in consultation with the Bureau of the Steering Committee.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-second session (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/1–EUCDE2422320/2.1/1)

2. Election of officers

In accordance with its rules of procedure,¹ the Committee will elect a new Vice-Chair. The chairship rotates between representatives of the transport, health and environment sectors. The Chair of the Committee's twenty-second session will represent the health sector, the two Vice-Chairs will be the Committee's incoming Chair for the next regular session (i.e., the twenty-third session) and the outgoing Chair from the previous regular session (i.e., the twenty-first session).

Bureau members were elected in 2021.²

3. Transforming urban transport for gender equality

Member States and stakeholders will have the opportunity to discuss how urban transport can be transformed to ensure equal gender access. Discussions might include topics such as improving accessibility, providing suitable alternatives to private car use, and making transport infrastructure more women-friendly.

4. Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

(a) Strategy on transport, health and the environment

At the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna (hybrid), 17–18 May 2021), member States agreed to develop a comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and the environment, including a clear pathway for its implementation, to achieve the agreed vision and to guide the further work of THE PEP,³ for adoption in 2023. The Steering Committee, at its nineteenth meeting (Geneva (hybrid), 27–28 October 2021), established an ad hoc working group on a draft strategy on transport, health and the environment and possible legal instruments.⁴

At its twentieth session (Geneva, 17–19 October 2022), the Steering Committee, following a proposal by the working group, decided to modify the timeline for developing the strategy and agreed to the following: (i) the presentation of an advanced draft strategy in autumn 2023; (ii) the initiation of work on possible legal instruments in autumn 2023, and the finalization of work on the strategy by autumn 2024; and (iii) to only work on possible legal instruments thereafter for finalization in 2025.⁵

¹ See <https://unece.org/thepep/steering-committee>.

² ECE/AC.21/SC/2021/2–EUCHP2018924/4.1/2, para. 10.

³ ECE/AC.21/2021/2/Add.1–EUCHP2018924/4.3.2/Add.1, para. 3.

⁴ ECE/AC.21/SC/2021/2–EUCHP2018924/4.1/2, paras. 20–25.

⁵ ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUCHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 24 (b).

The Steering Committee is invited to consider: (i) adopting the strategy as presented by the working group, with the support of a consultant; and (ii) continuing the work on possible legal instruments and providing guidance thereon to the working group.

Documentation

Draft Strategy on transport, health and environment (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/5–EUCDE2422320/2.1/5)

(b) Communication activities

The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment decided to develop a communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for, and benefits of, sustainable and healthy transport, and disseminate the results of THE PEP.⁶ The Steering Committee, at its twenty-first session, adopted the strategy.⁷

The Steering Committee is invited to provide guidance on the implementation of the strategy.

(c) Financial matters

The secretariat will inform the Committee about the use of funds in 2023 and provide an outlook for planned expenditures in 2024 based on the programme of work. Delegations may wish to pledge contributions, in cash or in kind, to support the implementation of THE PEP activities.

Documentation

Status of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Trust Fund (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/3–EUCDE2422320/2.1/3)

(d) Programme of work for 2025

The Steering Committee will discuss the draft programme of work for 2025, showing work accomplished in 2024 and through its implementation mechanisms and expected outputs for 2025.

The Committee will be invited to review activities completed in 2024 and to adopt its programme of work for 2025.

Documentation

Draft programme of work for 2025 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/4–EUCDE2422320/2.1/4)

(e) Implementation mechanisms of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

The Steering Committee will discuss and consider the activities carried out and planned for the implementation of existing and new Partnerships. The Committee may wish to discuss various events and activities held or planned in 2024–2025 under other implementation mechanisms.

As outputs of the work of the Partnerships, the Committee may wish to adopt the Draft Pan-European Master Plan on Walking; and the document Sustainable tourism mobility: Inspiration for the countries of the pan-European Region.

Documentation

Draft Pan-European Master Plan on Walking (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/6–EUCDE2422320/2.1/6)

⁶ ECE/AC.21/2021/5–EUCHP2018924/4.3.5, para. 9 (c) and table, programme area 1, fourth activity on list.

⁷ ECE/AC.21/SC/2022/2–EUCHP2219536/1.1/2, para. 27 (c).

Sustainable tourism mobility: Inspiration for the countries of the pan-European Region (ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/7–EUCDE2422320/2.1/7)

(f) Monitoring of the implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

At its twenty-first session, the Steering Committee shared the results of its survey on the implementation of THE PEP for 2023.⁸ The Steering Committee may wish to discuss the next steps regarding the survey.

Member States might wish to inform other members about initiatives, policies or projects concerning transport, health and environment in their countries.

5. Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations

The Committee will be informed about collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes, with a view to strengthening synergies. The Committee may wish to discuss ways to promote THE PEP as a model for other regions and to strengthen collaboration with international organizations and processes.

6. Other business

The Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

7. Dates and venues of the next session of the Committee and of the next Bureau meetings

The Steering Committee might wish to consider the timeline for the next meetings: the date of the twenty-third session of the Steering Committee, as well as the dates and venues of the next Bureau meetings.

⁸ ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/2–EUCHP2219536/1.1/2, paras. 51–53.