

Kaunas Municipality, Government of Lithuania and Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

Relay Race Workshop

Improvement of Sustainable Urban Mobility for Better Health and Environment

Move to improve

24-25 September 2014, Kaunas (Lithuania)

Venue: Grand Hall, Kaunas City Municipality, Laisvės al. 96.

Lithuania is famous for its reputation as a very green country where people have lived in concord with nature for many centuries; however, the effects of the economic growth and increasing population in urban areas set challenges to manage and prevent the pollution of city environment and create favourable health-friendly conditions for the citizens. European Commission also encourages the Member States and their regions and cities not to postpone decisions in this field taking proper measures under the basis and principles of sustainable urban mobility planning.

THE PEP Relay Race Workshop in Kaunas aims to foster a better vertical and horizontal cross-institutional and cross-sectorial cooperation among the policy makers, international organisations, NGOs, academic researchers and local authorities providing the platform of discussion for the specialists of transport, health and environment.

The objectives of Kaunas Workshop include sharing the knowledge from the latest research and best practices of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans and sustainable urban development to increase the competences of the specialists and to encourage the development of SUMP in Lithuanian municipalities in the nearest future. Moreover, the workshop aims to share ideas and best practices in promotion of physical activity, awareness rising of the benefits of sustainable mobility among youth and local communities as well as empowering and including citizens into decision making and implementation of sustainable urban development.

The workshop is a part of THE PEP relay race, a series of capacity-building events to share best practices across different regions. The staffette was launched in January 2009 in Amsterdam, followed by workshops in Pruhonice – Prague, Czech Republic (September 2009), Skopje, The former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (June 2010), Batumi, Georgia (September 2010), Kiev, Ukraine (June 2011), Moscow, Russian Federation (June 2012), Almaty, Kazakhstan (September 2013). In April 2014 the Lithuanian delegation of the three Ministries of Transport and Communications, Health and Environment and a representative from Kaunas City welcomed THE PEP baton during the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment in Paris.

Draft Programme

Arrival day, 23 September 2014 (Tuesday)

Arrival of international experts and guests

Check-in at the hotel Kaunas or Best Western Santaka

19.00 Dinner at the hotel restaurant on behalf of the Ministry of ... (tbd)

Day 1, 24 September 2014 (Wednesday)

9.00 – Registration of participants and coffee

10:00: 10:30. Opening session. Moderator: PhD. Vilius Grabauskas

10.00–10.05 Welcome by the Minister of Transport and Communication

10.05–10.10 Welcome by the Minister of Health

10.10–10.15 Welcome by the Minister of Environment

10.15–10.20 Welcome by the Mayor of Kaunas City Municipality Andrius Kupčinskas

10.20–10.25 Welcome by the THE PEP secretariat

10.30–11.00 Press Conference (high level representatives only)

10.30–12.30 Session I: Setting the scene: (Present the current challenges and emerging trends to address them so far). Moderator: Moderator: THE PEP representative

10.30–10.50 Presentation by the representative of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (confirmed, speaker and title to be announced)

- 10.50–11.10 Presentation by the representative of the Ministry of Health (to be announced)
- 11.10–11.30 Air quality in Lithuania, main problems and challenges, D. Perkauskas, Aplinkos apsaugos agentūra (confirmed).
- 11.30–11.50 Sustainable Public Transport and Mobility. Presentation which will illustrate the results of the UNECE analysis on sustainable public transport and mobility.
- 11.50-12.10 Health effects of air pollution from transport (Marie-Eve Heroux, WHO)
- 12.10-12.30 VGTU PhD Dalia Bardauskienė – „Urban planning challenges in Lithuania“ (confirmed)
- 12.30-12.50 Kaunas in Development for Healthier Lifestyle and Environment, Andrius Kupčinskas, Kaunas City Mayor (to be confirmed).
- 12.50–13.00 Questions and discussion.
- 13.00–14.00 Lunch**

14:00- 17:00. Session II: Towards improved sustainable urban mobility: tools to support policy interventions Moderator: Gražvydas Jakubauskas, Ministry of Transport and Communication

- 14.00–14.20 What is sustainable urban transport?, Expert on SUT (THE PEP)
- 14.20–14.40 Sustainable urban mobility plans (SUMPs), the expert of SUMP: What is SUMP? Key priorities in SUM / SUMP in process: 12 steps to success, examples from Europe. Expert on SUMPS from European Commission (THE PEP)
- 14.40–15.00 ForFITS (UNECE)
- 15.00–15.30 Coffee break Stand presentations at the Small Hall: ECE Multilateral Environmental Agreements (Air, TBC)**
- Jonava town and its pilot project in developing bicycle paths.
 - Healthy nutrition and physical activity promotion policy in local communities, University of Mykolas Romeris (confirmed).
 - Experience in education of young road users. Algis Žikevičius, Safe child's school.
 - Traffic Snake Game Network, Environmental Centre for Administration and Technology.
 - Sustainable mobility improvement for better health and environment, Lazdijai District Municipality.
 - Internationally recognized town parks - incentive for Utena residents to live healthy, Utena District Municipality.
 - Green Mobility Plan, Kaunas University of Technology.

- Safe travel plan to school, enhancing youth awareness on safe and sustainable mobility in daily life. Paulius Keras, Kaunas City Municipal Administration (confirmed)
 - European Cycling Challenge – innovative tool to promote cycling, Laima Griauslytė, Kaunas City Municipal Administration (confirmed)
- 15.30–15.50 Towards Sustainable Urban mobility planning in Lithuania (Guidelines of SUMP), G. Zorskaitė, Ministry of Transport and Communication (confirmed)
- 15.50–16.10 Presentation on universal design (THE PEP)
- 16.10–16.30 HEAT for walking and cycling (Christian Schweizer, WHO)
- 16.30–16.45 Questions and discussion.

17.00 – 18.30 Opening of a new cycling path Šilainiai – Old Town along the River Neris
Public transport and cycling tour for 9 km and Awareness-raising rally

Please change your shoes into comfortable wear before this tour. City buses of public transport will take the participants from the bus stop Kaunas Musical Theatre in Kęstučio Street (In front Kaunas City Municipality). 50 bicycles will be available for this tour, so those who would like to cycle, please mention this while registering for the conference. The rest can take the tour by city buses.

This year Kaunas City Municipality is finishing implementing the Project „Establishment of the Cycling Path the Neris River bank – Jotvingių Street“. The new cycling path laid during the Project is 5.5 km long. The overall goal of the Project aims to modernise the system of public transport services in systematic way in pursuit to reduce the pollution of the air and assure more effective communication for the citizens, to encourage the mobility of labour, reduce traffic jams, improve the safety on the roads and insure high quality of public transport services.

The new cycling path will take the riders along the bank of the beautiful River Neris, the picturesque park of the confluence of two rivers The Nemunas and Neris and Kaunas Castle.

Start – Kuršių Street, finish – Rotušė (Town Hall) Square. Length of the tour – 9 km.

19.30 Reception of the Minister of ... (tbd) and Kaunas City Mayor in the historical Town Hall, Rotušės a. 15.

Day 2, 25 September 2014 (Thursday)

9.30–12.15 Session III: Role of the community in sustainable urban mobility: Involving and empowering civil society. Moderator: a representative of the Ministry of Health (to be announced)

9.30–9.50 Presentation from Lithuanian Sports University (to be announced)

9.50–10.10 Presentation from Ministry of Education and Science Presentation (to be announced)

10.10-10.30 Tourism ring in Kaunas region for healthy life, Valerijus Makūnas, Kaunas District Municipality.

10.30–11.00 Coffee break Stand presentations at the Small Hall:

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11.00-11.20 Presentation of Klaipėda as a member of the world network of Healthy Cities (to be announced)

11.20-11.40 Physical activity of Lithuanian schoolchildren, PhD Apolinaras Zaborskis, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences.

11.40-12.00 Cyclers' communities involvement into decisions making. Sharing best practice, Linas Vainius, Lithuanian Cyclers' Association (confirmed).

12.00-12.20 Promotion of physical activity and prevention of road traffic injuries, Kaunas
Public Health Bureau (confirmed)

12.15–13.00 Lunch

13.00–15.00 Walking workshop and awareness-raising rally (to be announced)

15.00–16.30 Session IV: Conclusions and follow up actions. Moderator: a representative from (to be decided)

15.00-16.00 Discussion

16:30 – 17:00 Adoption of [insert here a concrete outcome document to be adopted either by all participants or specifically by a representative from the national or local government. This could be a list action points for policy makers, a commitment to implement SUMPs, launch of a awareness raising campaign etc]

17.00–19.00 Closing of the conference dinner on behalf of the Ministry of .. (tbd) at the restaurant of Kaunas Žalgiris Arena.