Implementing the Amsterdam Declaration of the Third High-level Meeting of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

DRAFT OUTLINE (5 July 2013)

A. Introduction

1. Following the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment in January 2009 in Amsterdam, the Steering Committee and its Bureau underlined the importance of monitoring the implementation of THE PEP programme and of progress made by Member States at national level toward the attainment of the four Amsterdam Goals. These reports will facilitate the assessment of progress made and provide valuable information about the achievements and obstacles encountered by Member States and other stakeholders in attaining the Amsterdam Goals and in implementing THE PEP. In turn, this feedback will provide elements to adjust THE PEP work programme to better meet the needs of Member States.

2. In fall 2011, THE PEP secretariat conducted a pilot testing of a draft questionnaire among Member States. The results were presented to the Steering Committee at its ninth session and the committee endorsed the questionnaire with minor changes for future use. Using the updated questionnaire in summer 2012, THE PEP secretariat conducted the second survey among all Member States of the UNECE-WHO/Europe region that have at least one THE PEP Focal Point (n=46) to gather self-assessed qualitative information on the state of national implementation of THE PEP and the Goals of the Amsterdam Declaration, the main developments, challenges and enabling factors as well recommendations for further strengthening the process. The same questionnaire will be repeated in summer 2013 and a complete report covering the years 2011 to 2013 will be drafted for the 4HLM. The report will provide an overview of the implementation in the reporting countries and at the regional level, highlighting good practices from across the Region.

3. In addition to reporting to the 4HLM, this report will also contribute to the Mid-Term Review of the European Environment and Health Process (EHP), scheduled to take place in 2014, as THE PEP is directly contributing to achieving Regional Priority Goal 2 (RPG2) of the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health of 2010. As agreed by the European Environment and Health Task Force at its extraordinary meeting held in June 2012 in The Hague (Netherlands), THE PEP survey will be formally used to report on RPG2 implementation.

4. Eleven of the 14 reporting Member States in 2012 also completed the questionnaire in 2011, theoretically allowing for some limited comparisons across one year. Three Member States reported for the first time and two did not report again in 2012. In order to further increase the response rate, the questionnaire will also be

shared with WHO's Environment and Health Focal Points in 2013, to complement the existing THE PEP Focal Points.

5. While replies have so far been received from across the region, the low number of replies limits the possibility to draw conclusions on trends in geographical terms.

B. Structure of the report

6. The general structure of the report will follow the structure of the questionnaire (see Annex). Each section will include THE PEP outputs and pan-European actions and progress made by Member States. Attention will also be given to areas for which a lack of action is reported in order to identify recommendations for future implementation.

7. The main structure of the report is proposed as following:

Implementation of the Amsterdam Goals

- Priority Goal 1: to contribute to sustainable economic development and stimulate job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport.
- Priority Goal 2: to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system
- Priority Goal 3: to reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise
- Priority Goal 4: to promote policies and actions conducive to healthy and safe modes of transport

Implementation of THE PEP

- THE PEP Implementation mechanisms
- Policy, regulatory and operational frameworks that support the promotion of THE PEP

Considerations for the future of THE PEP

8. The report will also provide an opportunity for highlighting good practices from around the region, giving concrete examples of actions that can be taken at national, sub-national and local level.

Annex: THE PEP Questionnaire

THE PEP Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme — UNITED NATIONS Economic Commission for Europe — World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

Questionnaire for reporting on progress made since 2009 on the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals

making THE link — Transport choices for our health, environment and prosperity

Section A: Information about the preparation of the replies to the questionnaire

Country select your country: Date

Name of officer (national focal point) responsible for submitting the report

Institution

Postal address

Telephone Fax

E-mail address

Website http://

Names of the officers (national focal points) from the other two sctors that participated in the preparation of the report
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Institutions
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E-mail addresses
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Websites
1. http://
2. http://

Please provide brief information on the process through which this report has been prepared, including information on which types of authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation.

- ☐ Ministry in charge of health
- ☐ Ministry in charge of environment
- ☐ Ministry in charge of transport
- ☐ Regional authorities
- ☐ Local authorities
- ☐ Academia
- ☐ Private business
- ☐ Non-governmental organizations
- ☐ Others, please specify:

Please report any particular circumstances that have a major impact on the context for the implementation of THE PEP in your country. For example, whether the decision-making structure is federal and/or decentralized and whether financial constraints are a significant obstacle to implementation.

Section B: Implementation of the Amsterdam Goals

Priority Goal 1: to contribute to sustainable economic development and stimulate job creation through investment in environment- and health-friendly transport

indicator 1.1 **Please describe any policies or programmes in your country that support investment in the following:**

Development of transport infrastructure that promotes safety, environment and health and has a job creation potential, including rail and light rail. *Please specify:*

Clean and efficient intermodal connections. *Please specify:*

Safety measures in road transport. *Please specify:*

Infrastructure for active and environmentally friendly transport. *Please specify:*

Eco-Tourism. *Please specify:*

Priority Goal 2: to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system

indicator 2.1 **Describe the 3 main policies or programmes in your country that support mobility management and modal shift away from the private car toward more environmentally-friendly modes (public transport, walking and cycling, etc.) and indicate the level (i.e. national, sub-national, local/municipal) and target groups**

Level	Description
Target group	

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indicator 2.2 **Does the government raise awareness of mobility choices?**

indicator 2.3 **Does the government promote the use of information technology to increase the efficiency of the transport system?**

indicator 2.4 **Are there mechanisms in place in your country to improve the coordination between land use and transport planning?**

indicator 2.5 **Does you country take any measures to promote high-quality integrated public transport and reducing the need for, and the volume of, car traffic?**

Please, specify:

Priority Goal 3: to reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise

indicator 3.1 **Describe any strategies, policies or measures to support a shift in the vehicle fleet towards zero- or low-emission vehicles and fuels based on renewable energy, clean transport modes and fostering electric mobility as well as eco-driving.**

indicator 3.2 **Does your Government take any measures to support a reduction in noise emissions from transport activities?**

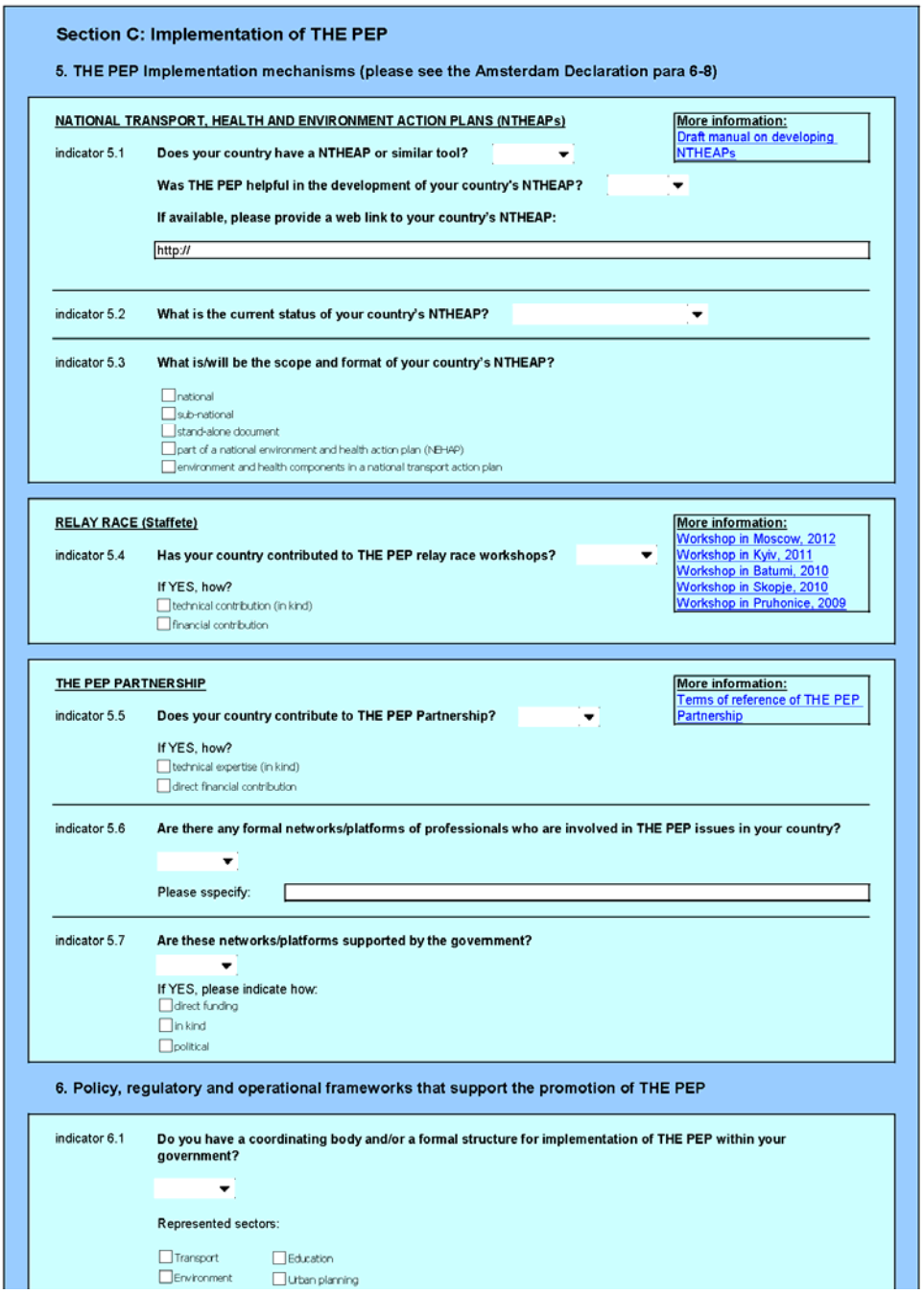
Specify

Priority Goal 4: to promote policies and actions conducive to healthy and safe modes of transport

indicator 4.1 **Describe any strategies, policies and measures in your country for the promotion of healthy and safe modes of transport, including infrastructure and safety measures for safe walking and cycling, policies to support cycling and walking, in particular in urban areas and links with efficient and accessible public transport**

indicator 4.2 **Do transport policies and actions in your country focus on vulnerable groups such as children and persons with reduced mobility?**

Specify:



Section C: Implementation of THE PEP

5. THE PEP Implementation mechanisms (please see the Amsterdam Declaration para 6-8)

NATIONAL TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLANS (NTHEAPs)

More information:
Draft manual on developing NTHEAPs

indicator 5.1 **Does your country have a NTHEAP or similar tool?**

Was THE PEP helpful in the development of your country's NTHEAP?

If available, please provide a web link to your country's NTHEAP:

http://

indicator 5.2 **What is the current status of your country's NTHEAP?**

indicator 5.3 **What is/will be the scope and format of your country's NTHEAP?**

- ☐ national
- ☐ sub-national
- ☐ stand-alone document
- ☐ part of a national environment and health action plan (NEHAP)
- ☐ environment and health components in a national transport action plan

RELAY RACE (Staffete)

More information:
Workshop in Moscow, 2012
Workshop in Kyiv, 2011
Workshop in Batumi, 2010
Workshop in Skopje, 2010
Workshop in Pruhonice, 2009

indicator 5.4 **Has your country contributed to THE PEP relay race workshops?**

If YES, how?
- ☐ technical contribution (in kind)
- ☐ financial contribution

THE PEP PARTNERSHIP

More information:
Terms of reference of THE PEP Partnership

indicator 5.5 **Does your country contribute to THE PEP Partnership?**

If YES, how?
- ☐ technical expertise (in kind)
- ☐ direct financial contribution

indicator 5.6 **Are there any formal networks/platforms of professionals who are involved in THE PEP issues in your country?**

Please sspecify:

indicator 5.7 **Are these networks/platforms supported by the government?**

If YES, please indicate how:
- ☐ direct funding
- ☐ in kind
- ☐ political

6. Policy, regulatory and operational frameworks that support the promotion of THE PEP

indicator 6.1 **Do you have a coordinating body and/or a formal structure for implementation of THE PEP within your government?**

Represented sectors:

- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Urban planning

☐ Academia

indicator 6.2 **Is integration of the three sectors reflected in any other national policy document(s)?**

Please list main documents:

indicator 6.3 **Is public awareness in relation to the integration of the three sectors addressed in relevant national document(s)?**

Please list main documents:

indicator 6.4 **Are public budgets and/or economic incentives available specifically to support integration of the three sectors?**

Please specify:

7. Future of THE PEP

Indicator 7.1 **What have been the main successes of THE PEP in stimulating national action in the priority areas of THE PEP in your country? Please give concrete examples and a short explanation of your assessment.**

Indicator 7.2 **What have been the main weaknesses of THE PEP in stimulating national action in the priority areas in your country? Please give concrete examples and a short explanation of your assessment.**

Indicator 7.3 **How could THE PEP better support national efforts to integrate transport, environment and health policies and achieve sustainable transport?**