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**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
| UNECE TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PAN-
EUROPEAN PROGRAMME | THE PEP**

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) was set up in 1947 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. 56 European, North-American and Asian countries are members of UNECE, whose mission is to foster sustainable economic growth and promote pan-European economic integration. The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme was created in 2002 to evaluate the long-term sustainability of present mobility trends and to address the key challenges involved in achieving more sustainable transport patterns.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- economic cooperation and integration
- environmental policy and climate change
- population, housing and land management
- sustainable energy and forests, timber and trade in forest products
- statistics and technical cooperation
- trade and transport
- gender

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), jointly administered by the UNECE and the World Health Organization's Regional Office for Europe (WHO Europe) aims to more closely integrate health and environmental concerns into transport policies and to provide guidance to decision-makers on the integration of transport, health and environmental policy. For instance, the Health Impact Project examines transport-related health impacts and evaluates the health-related costs and benefits of current transport patterns, focusing on air

pollution, noise, physical activity and psychosocial impacts, traffic safety and climate change. Particular attention is paid in the economic and health-related benefits of walking and cycling as a method of transport in urban settings, and the health impacts of transport-produced air pollution in various contexts. THE PEP also works on related issues such as road safety and sustainable urban transport, reducing transport-related morbidity.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

UNECE is governed by an executive committee, chaired by Ambassador Janis Karklins. There are several additional sectoral committees. The executive secretary of UNECE is Ms. Olga Algayerova. The PEP Steering Committee is serviced by the Environment Division and the Transport Division in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and by the World Health Organization/EURO Secretariat. It reports to the High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The total budget of UNECE is around USD 70 million annually, and is decided by ECOSOC.

PUBLICATIONS

See all UNECE publications at: <http://www.unece.org/publications/oes/welcome.html>
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