Why THE PEP?

**Air pollution**
- Causes premature death, heart attack, stroke, chronic bronchitis and respiratory symptoms.

**Deaths and injuries**
- Road transport is a leading cause of road traffic deaths and injuries.

**Noise**
- Exposes a large number of people to noise causing sleep disturbance and other health effects.

**Landscape degradation**
- Building more roads causes habitat fragmentation, degradation, loss of ecosystems and biodiversity.

**Water and soil pollution**
- The inclusion soft tires on wet roads and in-pavement pollution from winter control can cause serious health and environmental impacts.

**Psychological and social effects**
- These include traffic stress, loss of sense of community and physical and social property.

**Urban sprawl**
- This encourages the use of cars as a means of transport.

**Transport** comes from almost all energy for transport.

**Climate change** and sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide and ozone, particulate matter, lead, and young people.

**Where is the solution?**

Working together

**THE PEP’s greatest achievement** is bringing the three sectors, local authorities, Government officials from the three sectors, local authorities, and professionals solve transport problems that affect health and the environment. In addition to tools and promising practices, it combines policy briefs on selected topics and provides access to information from relevant sources. It also provides guidance on transport-related health impacts and sustainable solutions with a focus on issues such as road traffic, air pollution, noise, climate change and physical activity.

Learn more

THE PEP Home Page: www.thepep.org

Provides information about past and upcoming activities of THE PEP and events and material on various subjects related to transport, health and the environment.

THE PEP Clearing House: www.thepep.org/CHWebSite/

This CLEARING HOUSE provides an internet portal bringing together a range of policy, legal and scientific information, including good practices, on issues relevant to transport, health and environment. It features user-friendly search mechanisms and provides interactive facilities for the exchange of views and good practices, thereby representing a reference base and platform for all actors under the framework of THE PEP in so doing. The CLEARING HOUSE addresses the specific needs of countries with economies in transition. It operates in English, French and Russian.

THE PEP Toolbox: www.healthytransport.com

The Healthy Transport website (THE PEP toolbox) was developed to help policymakers and local professionals solve transport problems that affect health and the environment. In addition to tools and promising practices, it combines policy briefs on selected topics and provides access to information from relevant sources. It also provides guidance on transport-related health impacts and sustainable solutions with a focus on issues such as road traffic, air pollution, noise, climate change and physical activity.

Check out the latest publications at www.unece.org/thepep/en/html/43.htm

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The economy or the environment? A healthy choice

The economy and the environment are not mutually exclusive. The first priority goal of the Amsterdam Declaration was to create a more environmentally sustainable and healthy transport system in cities. SeveralActions have been taken to achieve this goal, including the integration of sustainable transport modes such as cycling and walking into urban areas by creating safe and accessible infrastructure. The Walking Bus—which is a natural way to commute—has been introduced in some cities as an alternative to private cars. This initiative has helped to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality, while also promoting physical activity among children and adults. The Walking Bus is an example of how integrating transport, health, and environmental policies can contribute to a healthier and more sustainable society.