Scaling up active mobility in Europe: the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme from Paris 2014 to Vienna 2019

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Abstract

Being physically active is one of the most important steps that people of all ages can take to improve their health. In the WHO European Region, about 1 million deaths annually are attributed to insufficient physical activity. Active mobility can have multiple positive effects: it greatly improves health; reduces traffic congestion, noise, and emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases; and can contribute to new occupational opportunities and the prosperity of local communities.

This side event aims to attract the attention of policy-makers and urban planners at national and regional levels, as well as environmental and public health professionals, academia, civil society, the private sector and youth representatives, to the policies and interventions for increasing active mobility. Speakers will outline ways to speed the transition to safe, age- and gender-responsive, affordable, accessible and sustainable urban mobility transport systems.

They will also highlight the preparation of a pan-European master plan for cycling promotion, under development within the context of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), and discuss the role of youth in promoting active mobility and achieving THE PEP priority goals.

Main organizers

- THE PEP
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- WHO Regional Office for Europe

Partners

- United Nations Environment Programme
- European Environment and Health Youth Coalition
- National Cycling Coordination of the Czech Republic
- City of Ostrava

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