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## **Technical briefing on healthy people through environmentally sustainable urban transport: towards the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment**

**Tuesday, 18 September 2018  
13:00–14:30, Sala Andrea Pininfarina**

### **Background**

1. Environmentally sustainable urban transport can have many health, social, environmental, cultural and economic benefits for communities and countries. It thereby not only contributes to the implementation and achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, but also to meeting the commitment made by Member States of the WHO European Region in the Ostrava Declaration (2017), to support “the efforts of European cities and regions to become healthier and more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”.
2. This event will highlight the synergies and opportunities that result from intersectoral action involving transport and urban planning, health promotion and protection, environmental quality and economic development. In particular, it will illustrate the role played by the WHO/UNECE Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) as a policy framework that fosters partnerships across sectors and actors.
3. The event will also raise awareness and encourage active engagement, particularly by ministries of health, in the preparations for the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, which will take place in Vienna, Austria, on 22–24 October 2019.

***Promoting sustainable transport in the pan-European region to create safe, inclusive and liveable cities that make people healthier and happier***

**Provisional programme**

- 13:00            **Welcome and introduction**  
*THE PEP Chairperson, Mr Vadim Donchenko, Russian Federation*
- 13:10            **Keynote speech**  
Benefits of sustainable urban transport policies and interventions for health and well-being  
*Ms Lucy Saunders, Public health specialist, transport and public realm, Transport for London, Greater London Authority*
- 13:25            **Keynote speech**  
Towards the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment: Support Member States in promoting cycling; Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion  
*Mr Robert Thaler, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria*
- 13:40            **Round-table discussion**  
A moderated panel discussion will tackle the successes and challenges in the promotion of environmentally sustainable urban transport  
*Moderated by Mr Franklin Apfel, Managing Director, World Health Communication Associates*  
Panellists:  
*Ms Biljana Filipovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Serbia*  
*Representative of the Municipality of Parma, Italy*  
*Representative of the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition*  
*Representative of the Ministry of Health of Norway and/or France (to be confirmed)*
- 14:10            **Questions and answers**
- 14:20            **Closure**