

## THE PEP Gives Youths A Voice! Register Now!

Do you think that there are far too many cars on the streets and that there is not enough space for cyclists and walkers?

**And are you a young person who would like to express your personal opinion to responsible ministers of the pan-European members of the UNECE and the WHO European Region? Then register for the first pan-European virtual THE PEP Youth Forum!**



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### What is it all about?

- THE PEP (Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme) is a joint programme of the UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) and the WHO (World Health Organization for Europe) which brings together national transport, health and environment ministries from 56 countries, with the aim to promote environment-friendly and healthy mobility.
- By invitation of Austria, the Fifth High-level Ministerial Meeting in the frame of THE PEP will take place in Vienna from May 17 to 18, 2021 in the form of a virtual conference. At this meeting, the declaration "Building forward better by transforming to new, clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport" ("Vienna Declaration") and the first ever Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion will be adopted.

- THE PEP would like to know more about what young people think!
- Therefore, European youth aged 16–30 years will be invited to take part in three virtual Youth Forums, which will be organised in April 2021 ahead of the THE PEP Ministerial Conference.
- The Youth Forums will be prepared by Austrian experts from the fields of transport, health and environment with the support and involvement of Austrian and international youth organisations.
- The outcome of the Youth Forums will be a specific THE PEP Youth Paper, which will be officially presented by a young person during the Ministerial Session of the conference.

### **Main Objectives**

- Exchange and network building between young people from the UNECE and WHO/Europe member states on the issue of youth mobility
- Integration of opinions and experiences of young people in the process of THE PEP

Do you enjoy cooperating with other young people?

- Be part of a dedicated team discussing new approaches for healthy, comfortable and environmentally friendly mobility for young people.
- Participate in three online Youth Forums in April 2021 and contribute your ideas and opinions. Further information on the structure and topics of the Youth Forums will be provided in advance.

#### **Dates (3 hours for each forum):**

Forum I 13 April, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Forum II 20 April, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Forum III 28 April, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Take an active role in drafting the THE PEP Youth Paper, which will be presented at the Ministerial Conference!**

### Requirements for Participation and Registration

- Age: 16–30 years
- Ability to communicate with others in English (no simultaneous translation will be offered at the Youth Forums)
- High interest in healthy and climate-friendly transport
- Previous experience such as involvement in relevant NGOs, initiatives, projects and others
- The number of participants is limited
- Please register until **2 April 2021** using the template “Youth Forums Application Form”

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### About THE PEP

- Travel and transport are essential parts of modern life. We depend on transport to travel to work, to school, for shopping and leisure, by car, by bus, by train, by walking and cycling. Human powered mobility can also contribute to our health and well-being through physical activity.
- However, transport also has harmful effects on the environment and on our health – through congestion, accidents, pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions.
- More than ever, we need to be aware of the crucial connection between transport, health and the environment. THE PEP – the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme – makes the link.
- THE PEP (Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme) aims to stimulate investment in environment- and health-friendly transport and to make use of the economic opportunities arising in this context. It also aims at promoting alternative technologies and mobility management, reducing transport-related emissions and health risks and encouraging active health-promoting modes of transport.
- The THE PEP Steering Committee consists of representatives of the UNECE and WHO-Europe member states in collaboration with international organisations and NGOs and is the principal decision-making body for the implementation of THE PEP.

Further information: <https://thepep.unece.org>