

INVITATION THE PEP / EHP PARTNERSHIP ON HEALTHY ACTIVE MOBILITY

VIENNA, MARCH 24-26, 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are happy to invite you to the next meeting of THE PEP / EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility taking place on invitation of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, March 24-26, 2026.

Supported by the secretariats of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Transport and Environment Divisions in Geneva and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) in Copenhagen, THE PEP is a unique tripartite policy platform that seeks to encourage transport policymakers and urban planners to consider the health and environmental impacts of transport and address them through shared policy approaches. THE PEP Partnerships form an important pillar of THE PEP implementation mechanism providing platforms for pan-European cooperation and the joint development of forward looking strategies, concrete projects and actions for clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport.

At the 5th High-level Ministerial Meeting on Transport Health Environment in Vienna May 2021 the ministers responsible for transport, health and environment of the member states of the UNECE WHO-Euro pan-European region adopted the Vienna Ministerial Declaration and with it the first pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion. Taking up the task to extend the scope of action to walking, THE PEP Steering Committee adopted the first ever pan-European Master Plan on Walking which was developed by the members of the partnership in October 2024. Together these documents mark major milestones for the promotion of walking and cycling on the pan-European level.

With the Vienna declaration the ministers were also calling for the development of a Pan-European Master Plan for Active Mobility and have mandated THE PEP / EHP Partnership on Healthy Active Mobility with this task. This document should provide the strategic umbrella for the promotion of active mobility in the pan-European region.

The forthcoming partnership meeting will give participants the possibility to:

- Get an update on the implementation of the master plans on walking and cycling promotion
- Discuss the next steps to accelerate and support their implementation
- Co-create policy action recommendations to be integrated into the pan-European Master Plan Active Mobility
- Discuss ongoing initiatives in the countries of the pan-European region
- Get inspired by existing practices implemented in the city of Vienna

We therefore kindly invite the representatives of member states, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs including relevant experts and stakeholders to join and participate in this event and bring in their perspectives and approaches.

Please be aware that this meeting of the partnership will be organized only as a live meeting.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Vienna and joining our forces to promote active mobility in Europe!

During the meeting, photos will be taken. With your registration for this event and your participation, you agree that these photos may be used by the organizers for any type of media, in particular print media and websites to promote these or similar events and the project purpose, and you agree to waive your right to your own image.

AGENDA THE PEP / EHP PARTNERSHIP ON HEALTHY ACTIVE MOBILITY

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH - WALKING

Venue: Austrian Ministry Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Wien (Room 2G09)
Please arrive at the venue ahead of the scheduled time - the registration process will take some time!

09:30 Registration, welcome coffee

10:00 **Welcome and introduction**



- Wiebke Unbehaun (Austrian Federal Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Chair of THE PEP)
 - Andreas Friedwagner
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10:30 **Walking data availability in the countries of the pan-European region**



- Results of THE PEP survey on main indicators for progress report the pan-European Master Plan on Walking (Alessandra Angelini, Daniel Sauter)
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11:00 **Joint Action: Promoting the International Walking Day**



- Update on current status of promoting the International Walking Day (Wiebke Unbehaun, Bernhard Kalteis)
 - Showcase National Walking Day in Austria (Bernhard Kalteis)
 - Examples for planned actions in other countries (participating country representatives)
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11:45 **Joint Action: Launching the National Case Studies**



- Presenting the final version of the document (Wiebke Unbehaun & Jim Walker)
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Group picture officially launching the National Case Studies & Promoting the International Walking Day

12:30 *Light lunch*

For the afternoon session we need to change rooms within the same building: Austrian Ministry Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Wien (**Room 6F13**)

13:00 Update on improving road traffic regulations



- Inputs from country representatives
 - o How pedestrian friendly are the traffic regulations in your country?
 - o What was the last improvement for pedestrians?
 - o What is the most pressing issue for improving the traffic regulations for pedestrians?
 - Group discussion
 - Conclusions / main take aways
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15:30 *Coffee break*

16:00 Update on ongoing initiatives



- Status Webinar + sharing contacts to acquire new countries
 - Update on EGUM (Sofia Pires Bento)
 - Synergies with other international walking initiatives
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18:00 Evening walk to dinner venue

19.00 *Common dinner (Venue: Restaurant Zum Leupold, Schottengasse 7/5, 1010 Wien, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dpQNshausYA521dn9>)*

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH – ACTIVE MOBILITY

Venue: Austrian Ministry Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Wien (Room 1F09)
Please arrive at the venue ahead of the scheduled time - the registration process will take some time!

09:00	Pan-European Master Plan Active Mobility
	Introduction and current status of the document
09:30	Group exercise: Identifying and prioritizing policy action recommendations World Café setting discussing recommendations around People, Places, Process
11:00	Coffee break including Galley Walk & Dot Voting
11:15	Synthesis presentations of table hosts in plenary
	Conclusions and next steps
12:00	The work of the partnership in the wider context
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on initiatives to promote active mobility in the framework of the UN Decade for Sustainable Transport - PATH: Update on the activities of PATH (Fabian Küster & Jim Walker) - Active 2 Public Transport: How the results of the project are supporting cities and regions (Andreas Friedwagner)
12:30	Light lunch
13:00	Interactive session: topics for future cooperation in the partnership
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation opportunities - Funding options - Possible commitments
14:30	Departure to site visit
15:00	Site visit: Infrastructure and services for pedestrians and cyclists – a reality check in the streets of Vienna supported by Mobility Agency Vienna / City of Vienna



While walking along Praterstraße, Praterstern to the Danube we will discuss the following topics:

- How to do better infrastructure for walking and cycling?
- How to prevent conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists?
- How to improve active mobility and public transport?

17:30 Debriefing session, lessons learned

18:00 End of site visit

18:30 *Common dinner (at your own expense), Venue: Restaurant brösl, Wohlmutstraße 23, 1020 Wien <https://maps.app.goo.gl/guJoKLrvC2S3gbyy9>*

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH – CYCLING

Venue: Austrian Ministry Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure, Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Wien (Room 6F13)

09:00 Registration

09:20 Welcome and introduction to the day

09:30 How to support governments in developing own National Cycling Plans



- The state of national cycling strategies in Europe (Fabian Küster, ECF)
- How to support countries in developing their own National Cycling Plan? Experiences from DCP project + Interreg Europe Peer Reviews
- Outlook and next steps: discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Update on implementing the pan-European MP for Cycling Promotion



Presentation of monitoring results – status 2025 (Willy Raimund)

11:30 UNECE Update on definition of cycling infrastructure, cycling network development and a possible cycling convention



- Status report from UNECE (Lukasz Wyrowski & Martin Eder)
- Discussion

12:30 Light lunch

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13:00 Overview what is going on in Brussels

- MFF 2028-2034, Social Climate Fund, implementation EPBD, road safety, Affordable housing, Ticketing package (Fabian Küster)
- Discussion

14:00 What is going on in your country? Tour de table

16:00 End of meeting

Practical information

Registration

To register for the meeting please send an email to a.friedwagner@verracon.at

Please arrive at the venue ahead of the scheduled time - the registration process will take some time!

Transport

We encourage you to travel in an environmentally friendly way. If possible, please travel by public transport. In case of reduced mobility, please contact us so that we may assist you accordingly!

The Vienna public transport network is extensive and reliable. Tickets are available for single rides and extended periods (e.g. 24-72 hours). Trips can easily be planned [online](#) or via the mobile app WienMobil (available for [Android](#) and [iOS](#)).

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for booking and paying for their accommodation. There are numerous hotels in all categories close to the meeting venue.

Costs

All partners need to cover costs for travel expenses (including the trips from and to Vienna), daily allowances and accommodation. Coffee breaks and lunches are covered by the host. Participants are responsible for covering the cost of the dinners.



Hybrid meeting

Please note that some sessions offer hybrid participation, allowing you to join either online or in person. These sessions are indicated by the icon above.

For any other question concerning the partnership, please contact:

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