



EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT
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The third Bonn Dialogue
on Environment and Health

Walking and cycling for green, healthy and sustainable mobility

3 June 2022
10:00–12:00 CEST



The event will be conducted in English with
simultaneous translation into Russian

THE PEP

Transport, Health
and Environment
Pan-European Programme



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Active travel can provide society with significant transport, health and environmental benefits. However, in most countries, active travel modes such as walking and cycling have been neglected and pushed to the margins of official policy, planning and governmental funding for too long. This scenario is about to change.

This decade promises to be pivotal for active urban mobility. Around the world, urbanists are rethinking urban spaces and functions, creating “cities of proximity”, where residential, commercial and leisure spaces are combined, and travel distances become walkable and bikeable.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a powerful catalyst of change by allowing millions of people around the globe to experience different transport options, often characterized by less traffic, noise and pollution.

The climate change crisis and air pollution urge more decisive actions to promote safe active mobility to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

Promoting active mobility is one of the core priorities for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP). THE PEP is the first and only international programme designed to integrate environmental and health aspects into transport, mobility and urban planning policies in the European Region. It is working to support countries in finding the best balance between the needs for transport and mobility, the health and well-being of people, and the quality of the environment.

The third **Bonn Dialogue** on Environment and Health, organized in partnership with THE PEP, will focus on the role of walking and cycling for **green, healthy and sustainable mobility** and will mark World Bicycle Day.

The main objectives of this Dialogue are:

- to take stock of the latest evidence from urban and transport planning practice and argue for an evidence-based approach to promoting walking and cycling;
- to exchange views on policy opportunities, emerging approaches and good practices to design and implement policies and measures that promote walking and cycling;
- to highlight tools in support of policy-making for walking and cycling.

A new publication, *Walking and cycling: latest evidence to support policy-making and practice*, will be launched at the event.

This event is open to: Environment and Health Task Force members; THE PEP Focal Points; anyone working on transport, health, environment and urban planning issues in national, regional and local governments; as well as researchers; educators; students; policy advocates; managers; civil society representatives and the general public.

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Provisional programme

Welcome and introduction

10:00–10:20

Moderated by **James Creswick**, Technical Officer, Communications, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO ECEH)

Nino Berdzuli, Director, Country Health Programmes, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Lot van Hooijdonk, Alderman, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Urs Walter, Head of Unit Bicycle Traffic, Federal Roads Office, Switzerland

Setting the scene: scientific background and evidence

10:20–10:35

Keynote speech: *Walking and cycling for improved public health and sustainable cities*

Professor Ralph Buehler,* Virginia Tech's Research Center, USA

Professor John Pucher, School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, USA

* Presenter

Panel discussion

10:35–11:05

Moderated by **Francesca Racioppi**, Head, WHO ECEH

Matthew Baldwin, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE), European Commission

Wanda Wendel-Vos, Programme Coordinator/Senior Researcher Sport, Physical Activity and Health, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Netherlands

Eglė Elena Šataitė, Chief Specialist, Future Mobility Policy Group, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Lithuania

Jim Walker, Founder, Walk21

Questions and answers

11:05–11:20

Tools supporting policy-making

11:20–11:25

[Health Economic Assessment Tool \(HEAT\) for walking and cycling](#)

Professor Sonja Kahlmeier, Head, Department of Health, Swiss Distance University of Applied Science

Closure

11:25–11:30

Closing remarks by **James Creswick**, WHO ECEH

“Ask the experts” session

11:30–12:00

Leading experts will be available to answer participants' questions related to active mobility:

Professor Adrian Davis, Edinburgh Napier University

Professor Ralph Buehler, Virginia Tech's Research Center

Professor Sonja Kahlmeier, Swiss Distance University of Applied Science

