

INVITATION THE PEP PARTNERSHIP ON ACTIVE MOBILITY

PARIS, 25TH/26TH, APRIL 2022

VENUE PARIS, LA DÉFENSE - TOUR SEQUOIA

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are happy to invite you to the next meeting of THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility taking place on invitation of the French Ministry of Ecology Transition in Paris, April 25th/26th, 2022.

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. With this declaration the ministers are calling for the development of a Pan-European Master Plan for Active Mobility and have mandated THE PEP Partnership on Active Mobility with the task to highlight and integrate walking. To this end a **first ever pan-European Master Plan Walking** will be developed which will then together with the Pan-European Master Plan on Cycling Promotion provide the requested strategic umbrella – the Pan European Master Plan on Active Mobility - for the promotion of active mobility in the pan-European region.

The forthcoming partnership meeting in Paris will focus on setting the scope of the new first Pan-European Master Plan Walking. It will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the main topics and fields of action to promote walking, to agree on contributions, joint efforts and steps of the development process.

We therefore kindly invite the representatives of member states, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs including relevant experts and stakeholders to join and participate in this important Kick-Off event and bring in their perspectives and approaches in the development process. They will also benefit from the experiences of the participating countries and institutions in developing national walking strategies. This and all the following meetings will therefore offer a great opportunity to exchange on current challenges and to jointly work on recommendations for strategies and actions regarding the promotion of walking throughout the whole pan-European region and to get inspired by the examples of other countries facing similar challenges.

We in particular welcome the support of Walk21 as a very active and highly experienced organization to promote walking in this process.



Together with all members of THE PEP Partnership and their big experience, their inspiring contributions and their joint efforts and support we will be able to provide a great first ever pan-European Master Plan Walking that can be adopted by the ministers in the course of the 6th High-level pan-European Ministerial Meeting on Transport Health Environment in 2025 while at the same time also support countries in setting up their national walking strategies.

Please be aware that this meeting of the partnership will be organized as a live meeting as we have planned interactive work that requires inspiring physical presence. Your participation will also give you the opportunity to experience great solutions for walking and cycling in the French capital – making it one of best examples for a city pushing forward active mobility!

In case of circumstances that you can not make it to Paris you will have the opportunity to follow the meeting via a live stream.

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

Robert Thaler

Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action,
Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and
Technology
Vice Chairman of THE PEP

Thierry Du-Crest

French Ministry of Ecology Transition



AGENDA

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ONLINE LINK

TO BE PROVIDED TO THE REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS OF THE MEETING IN A SEPARATE EMAIL

Day 1 – April 25th

10.00 Welcome

Thierry Du-Crest, French Ministry of Ecology Transition / Robert Thaler, Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Vice Chairman of THE PEP

Virginia Fusé / Nino Sharashidze, THE PEP Secretariat

Short introduction of all participants, especially the new members of the partnership

Getting started, setting the scope and

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| 10.30 | Creating the pan-European Master Plan for Walking – Priorities, Processes and Partnership Participation | Robert Thaler & Jim Walker |
| 10.45 | Walking Policies to inspire us and learn from - Examples on the national level | Tbc |
| 11:30 | Coffee break | |
| 12:00 | The 8 Steps to an effective pan-European Master Plan for Walking | Jim Walker & Bronwen Thornton |
| 13:30 | Lunch break | |

Paris Walking tour

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| 14:30 | Introduction to Paris a Pied – Understanding the 8 steps in a French and Paris context. | City of Paris (tbc) |
| 15:00 | Experiencing the reality of “Paris à Pied” - a 7.5km tour of policy into practice including: Putting pedestrians back along The Seine "voies sur berges"; Including pedestrians in new developments in the heart of Paris; and the historic core, designed for walking at the Louvre and Palais Royal Gardens. | |

- 18:30 End of tour
- 19:30 Partnership dinner

Day 2 – April 26th

Pan-European Master Plan Walking – Structure, topics and shared contributions for its development

- 09.30 Partnership working groups for the Master Plan Walking Interactive session
- 11:30 Coffee break

National walking plans

- 11:45 The opportunity to develop effective national Walking Policy in parallel Jim Walker
 - 12.45 Next Steps and a look forward to the next Partnership Meeting on occasion of Walk21 in Dublin 19 – 23 September 2022 Andreas Friedwagner
 - 13.30 End of meeting
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REGISTRATION

To **register** for THE PEP Partnership Meeting, please send an email to a.friedwagner@verracon.at. Please be aware that only registered persons will be allowed to enter the meeting (live or online)! When logging in online, please use your real name otherwise access will be denied.

For any other question concerning THE PEP Partnership meeting, please contact:

Andreas Friedwagner, Verracon GmbH (a.friedwagner@verracon.at)

Please check the practical information on how to participate in this hybrid meeting on the following pages!

Although the meeting will be organized in a hybrid format allowing as many interested parties as possible to participate, the host highly recommends joining the meeting in person – taking into account the current conditions of the pandemic!

How to participate in a hybrid meeting

For people participating LIVE:

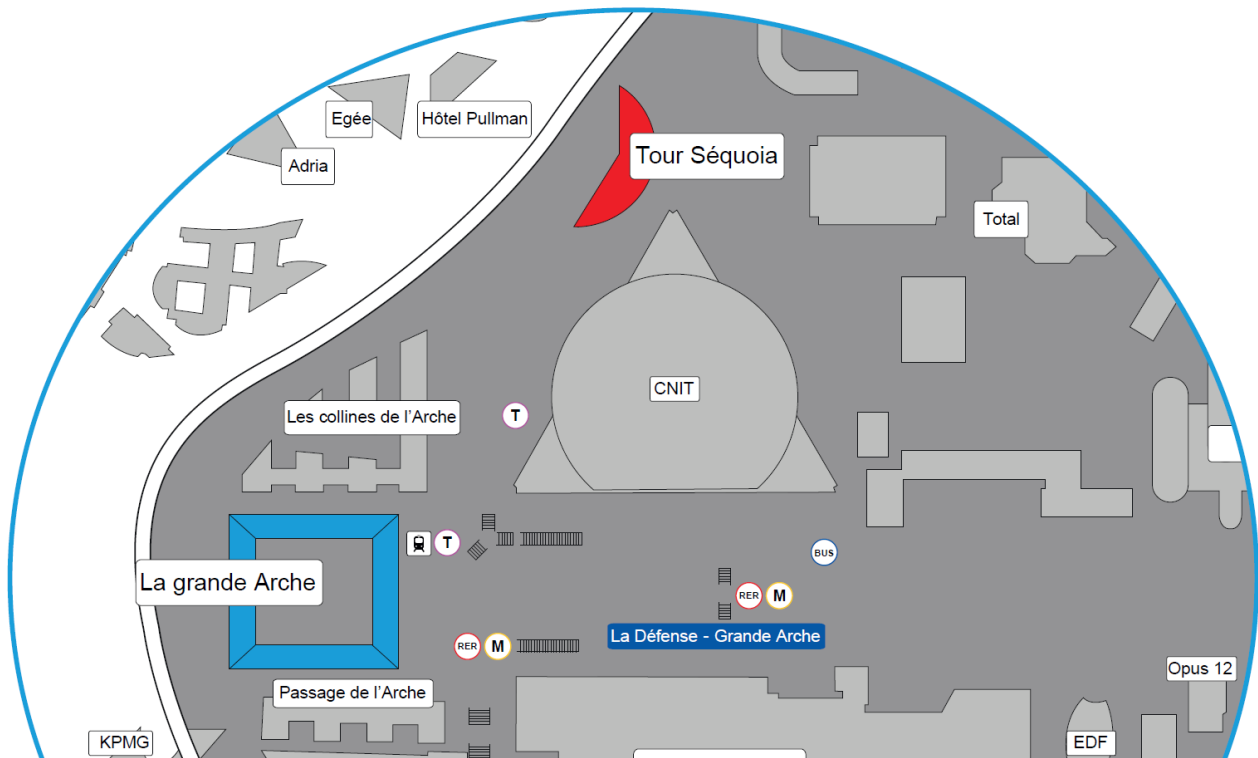
For participating LIVE in a meeting in Paris: currently either a vaccination certificate, a valid test certificate, or a certificate of recovery is requested for entering France and using services such as hotels or restaurants in France.

The host will reserve the right to ask you to be tested right before the meeting. Up-to-date information will be provided prior to the meeting

In any case: please check the website of your Ministry of Federal Affairs for the latest travel restrictions/limitations.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Coming to “Tour Sequoia” at La Défense by metro or suburban train (La Defense Grand Arche – line 1 , RER A)



Coming by bike

<https://parisladefense.com/fr/download/pdf/plans/plan-acces-velos-paris-la-defense-2020.pdf> - Entrance n°7

Coffee Breaks and Lunch break will be covered by the host. Thus, all partners need to cover costs for other meals as well as travel expenses, daily allowances and accommodation.