

Minutes of the 4th Pedestrians' Quality Needs MC 10-11 April 2008 – London (United Kingdom)

10th April 2008

Venue:

One Great George Street
London
United Kingdom

Participants:

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Malasek	Jacek		

All presentations held during the meeting will be put on the PQN website
(www.walkeurope.org)

1. Welcome

Jim Walker welcomes everyone and explains the time schedule of the meeting. He mentioned that the WALK21-Conference has been very successful, there were 320 participants.



2. Adoption of the agenda, minutes of the MC meeting

Jim thanks Clemens Kaufmann and Gudrun Haindl for drawing up the minutes of the last meeting in Valencia. Catia Rennesson from France has to be added at the participants list.

MC accepts the minutes of the 3rd MC meeting, the Senior Management Group meeting and Working Group 4 meetings of January 2008.

This meeting's minutes are made by Iris Utzmann (Germany).

The Chair proposes to accept a scheme for making minutes of next meetings:

- MC 5 – Lisbon – November 2008 – Czech Republic
- MC 6 – Belgrade – April 2009 – Greece
- MC 7 – Brno – November 2009 – Italy
- MC 8 – (Israel) – April 2010 – Norway
- MC 9 – Final conference Amsterdam / The Hague – October 2010 – Portugal

MC agrees on the scheme

No adaptation of the Agenda needed.

MC agrees on the Agenda

3. Status of the COST Action

3.1 *General status of the Cost Action*

There are no new signatures since the 3rd MC meeting and no formal indications regarding countries that plan to sign.

In January 2008 a meeting of the Senior Management Group in Rotterdam / Leiden took place. The outcome of that meeting is reported in its Senior Management Group Minutes. (The minutes were sent to everyone before the meeting). The mentioned items will all be treated in this meeting.

Participants from Sweden (Christer Hydén and Ase Svensson), Austria (Michael Meschik) and Hungary (Miklos Papp) indicated that they currently are not able to contribute to the PQN project.

Karin Ausserer substitutes Michael Meschik for the time being.

MC accepts the minutes of the 3rd SMG

3.2 *News from the COST office*

At the meeting no news was available from the COST office. The COST office e-mailed a report just before the meeting, which did not reach the chair until after the meeting.



3.3 *COST Mid-term evaluation – progress report*

The chair's COST Mid-term evaluation report is included in the MC meeting papers bundle. Unfortunately an older version was sent out. In the updated version the two changes are included:

- The period of the progress report must be from September 2007 to this moment
- A National committee is formed in the Switzerland, but will become active later on.

The SMG proposes to agree with the report and to indicate which items are missed, so that they can be included in the next report.

No comment on the COST Mid-term report; the MC accepts the Chair's report. The Chair will send the report to the COST office directly after the meeting.

3.4 *Working Group participation*

Tasks will be agreed in the working groups. No changes are indicated.

3.5 *Short Term Scientific Mission*

Professor Cristina Pronello from Torino Technical University was the only one that proposed as Short Term Scientific Mission. The Senior Management Group discussed and accepted the application on behalf of the Management Committee. In this framework Giulia Dell'Asin was appointed trainee from 1 February till 1 April 2008 at DVS Centre for Transport and navigation. She worked on the first part of her Masters Thesis on Pedestrian Quality Needs regarding the physical environment.

Her work includes comparison of model cities in the PQN countries, evaluation of information and data in the available country reports and a benchmark comparison of the PQN countries. For this comparison also the CARE database is used. Rob gives a short summary about her work. The full report (200 pages) was sent to everyone before the MC meeting. Jürgen points out, that if her data on benchmark comparison of the PQN countries and the model cities will be used, every member should have a closer look at the parts concerning his/her country. A Word-file would be very helpful to ad changes.

Jim points out that Giulia Dell'Asin did a fantastic work and thanks her. Jim proposes that she should attend the next meeting. The MC agrees on that. There are no other Short Term Scientific Missions placed.

The MC thanks Giulia Dell'Asin for her great work. Other ideas for STSM shall be addressed to Rob.

3.6 *National Committees of support*

In some countries National Committees of support have been established. New developments are:

- One meeting has been in Belgium
- Two meetings took place in Greece, another one is planned

Summaries of the progress should be sent to Jim and Rob.



4. General Planning

In the reference paper for this project, the Technical Annex of the PQN Memory of Understanding, apart from the Kick-off meeting 2 Workshops (3rd quarter of 2008, 3rd quarter of 2009) and a final conference are planned (3rd quarter 2010)². During the last MC a preliminary meeting list was presented. The spring 2009 meeting was planned to be in Lund, but the local organisers indicated that this would not be possible. Dragana Bazik from Serbia (venue in Belgrado, April 2009)) and Karel Schmeidler from the Czech Republic (venue in Brno, November 2009) agreed to organise a meeting. The SMG proposes to accept the candidacies of Belgrado and Brno and to agree with the planning of meetings of the PQN project.

MC agrees on both locations.

Jürgen proposes to find a new date for the meeting in Belgrade (the proposed one is at Easter). As a new date the chair proposes April 2nd and 3rd 2009, to be discussed by the local organisers. Shalom proposes that the April 2010 meeting takes place in Israel. The Management Committee agrees.

Rob Methorst declares that there is a possibility to conduct a final conference together with ICTCT / walk 21 and a new group on pedestrians of OECD/IFE. The new group did not meet yet, but will have its final meeting at the same time as this COST action.

The following table summarise the status quo:

Date:	Nr. Place:	Subject:
28-29 March 2007	2 Wuppertal	Setup of conceptual and organisational structure
23-24 October 2007	3 Valencia	Discussion on results of data & information accumulation
10-11 April 2008	4 London	Abstracts to coordinate tasks and discuss approaches
13-14 November 2008	5 Lisbon	Current understanding of the subject
(2-3 April 2009) to be confirmed	6 Belgrade	Opportunities
November 2009	7 Brno	Results of research
April 2010	8 Israel	Conclusions
End of October 2010	9 Amsterdam or The Hague	Dissemination of findings

No further comments on the general planning; the MC agrees on the presented planning.

5. Budget Plan October 2007 – December 2008

In the 2nd MC of March 2007 the first Budget Plan for the period 1 May 2007 to 30 April 2008 was agreed on. However, the effectuation of the COST Grant system has been postponed; a new starting date is not yet fixed. As mentioned this is due to problems at the Brussels side. In May 2007 the COST office asked to send in an updated Budget for the period May 2007 –



December 2008, so that the 2008 financial year was fully included. The chair now made up an new update.

No further comments on the (updated) Budget and Activities Plan; the updated plan is accepted by the MC.

6. Budget Plans 2009 and 2010

Based on the Work Plan Budget Plans for the years 2009 and 2010 were developed, again on the assumption that the COST Grant System will be implemented. The Senior Management Group proposes to discuss and agree the Budget Plans for 2009 and 2010.

MC agrees on current planning.

7. Working Group 4 Report

Rob reports on Working Group 4 progress. He gives a power-point-presentation and points out:

- In general:
 - Everyone should give findings to the other working groups
 - The country reports are the base and should be completed as soon as possible.
- Concerning the handbook:
 - The handbook will be directed at usefulness for stakeholders
 - The theoretical part of the handbook (= Part 1) is still a draft and any comment is welcome
 - The handbook will become comprehensive and will contain information that is not relevant for specific stakeholders. It is therefore better to create a web-based expert system like presentation of the handbook, that only shows what is relevant for the stakeholder in question. There is a company in Vancouver (Canada) that builds such systems and could be asked to develop a web-based application.

Thérèse explains that she still sees a problem, how to integrate the results of working group 3 (trends and visions) in all tasks.

MC agrees on minutes of WG 4.

COFFE BREAK

8. Presentation by Rodney Tolley

Daniel welcomes and introduces Rodney Tolley. Rodney Tolley is currently program director at WALK21 and former head of the Centre for Alternative and Sustainable Transport unit (CAST) of the University of Staffordshire. He gives a presentation on two Delphi surveys conducted 2000 and 2006. Within the Survey experts from different countries were questioned about “walking”.

After the presentation the following questions were raised and answered:

- **Question:** The conditions and premises for walking differ a lot in different countries. Were the preconditions of different countries regarded as a part of the survey? (Kimmo Lapintie)
- *Answer: This was not directly asked.*



- **Question:** Walking is very often a part of a trip. Therefore it should not only be looked at monomodal-walking. Was this considered? (Rob Methorst)
- *Answer: Within the surveys it was looked at all forms of walking – walking in a general sense. No specific attention was paid to multi modal walking trips.*
- **Question:** How were the experts and the countries selected? Why was for example China and India not represented? They would be very interesting cases in respect of walking. Developing countries are under-represented. (Diego Moreno Ribas)
- *Answer: Only experts could be included that are known and available. Unfortunately there is no research culture on walking in most of the developing countries.*
- **Question:** How could the developing countries be more represented during research work concerning walking? (Manuel Ramos)
- *Answer: very difficult question.*
- **Question:** Within the surveys only experts were included. But isn't there a gap between the perception of experts and the perceptions of people? (Ralf Risser)
- *Answer: The methods used are generally accepted. Some bias can be expected, but the estimations of the experts from different countries went in the same direction.*
- **Question:** Couldn't there be a bias due to the composition of the experts? Maybe another composition would have delivered other results? (David Zaidel)
- *Answer: Within the research field of walking very little is known in general. It is therefore better to have some data than nothing. It's speculative to talk about what another composition would have brought out.*

Jim thanks Rodney very much.

Jim mentioned that he could organise a power-point-presentation about the London walking schemes. He will give this presentation the next day.

Parallel sessions of the Working Groups

The Working Groups 1, 2 and 3 will have separate sessions; Working Group 4 will meet again in August 2008. The WG sessions will be introduced by the Working Group leaders.

Participants meet in small groups according to what WG they wanted to join (meeting to finish 17:45).

Second part of the MC meeting

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Jim welcomes everyone and explains the time schedule.

9. Results of the Working Groups

Ralf shows the results of working group 2. He gives a short power-point-presentation. Working group 2 discussed different proposals of how to structure the chapter (i.e. Target groups- or needs-orientated). The members will contribute/have contributed abstracts for the research questions A – M. At the end of May every working group member will have delivered his/her text.



Afterwards Hector gives a summary of the working group 1 (power-point-presentation). Within working group 1 the personal reports were discussed, gaps were identified, decisions on main topics were made and a reorganisation of the proposed topics was carried out. At the end it was assigned who is responsible for each topic.

Finally Daniel reports on working group 3. Firstly overlap and gaps between different chapters have been discussed. Then it has been looked at the first abstracts. Within working group 3 specific issue discussed were:

- Relevance of walking in shopping centres
- leisure walking vs. instrumental walking
- tourists spending more time walking
- flagship schemes
- climate change and demographic development and impacts on walking
- privatisation of public space
- paradoxes and countertrends
- gaps in knowledge concerning visions
- realistic/utopia visions

WG 3 participants shall deliver his/her abstract before mid May. At first the chapters on trends shall be finished. After that the papers on visions should be written. Daniel reports that it was also concluded to look for visions concerning walking/pedestrians in all kinds of arts.

Daniel asks for visions of walking in arts. If anybody knows examples, he/she should please send it to Daniel.

10. Homework

The following homework is needed:

- Search for additional funding
- Search for additional support for the project both on the national level (additional research, students involvement, dissemination options) and the PQN project as a whole
- administrative work, dissemination costs, promotion of the project
- Establishment of national PQN committees or platforms
- To gather additional information for a Country Report
- Complete the country and model city parts of Giulia Dell'Asin report
- Ongoing: To collect and compile abstracts from new research on the national level on the pedestrian issue
- Writing for the working groups

11. Miscellaneous

11.1 “Measuring walking”

Daniel explains that the question of “how to measure walking” is crucial for all working groups. He proposes to write a general theoretical chapter, to which all working groups can refer. The report should include an analytical part (state of the art) and also a guideline (how to collect data). He will refer to the work of cost action “C 6”. Shalom remarks that also new technologies should be regarded, like tracking people by mobile phones. The MC agrees on that.



The MC agrees on this procedure. Contributions or proposals shall be sent to Daniel

11.2 *Presentation of Jim Walker*

Jim Walker gives a presentation on “PERS” (Pedestrian Environment Review System) and “LAMS” (London access management system), two projects of Transport of London.

PERS is a walking audit tool. PERS can assist in the identification of opportunities to improve pedestrian walking routes and public spaces. The audits can be conducted after a short training by means of a data collection sheet. A software package allows an analysis and comparison of routes and spaces and to prioritise measures. Transport of London has given PERS to all boroughs, but until now only 1-2 use it.

Detail information is available at the following websites:

<http://www.lams.no-ip.org/>

<http://www.walklondon.org.uk/>

11.3 *Reviewers*

There is still a need for one reviewer. It is looked for a female reviewer coming from the southern part of Europe. Prof. Bert van Wee and Prof. Stein Johannessen agreed to review to be published PQN documents. Reply from one other candidate is pending.

11.4 *Declaration forms*

Everyone has signed the declaration forms. The travel reimbursement forms will be collected by Rob. It is also possible to send them by mail to the COST office within one week.

11.5 *Draft outline of the handbook*

A first draft Outline for the Handbook is available for discussion. After the meeting of Working Group 4, it has changed a bit. Rob will send out a new outline as soon as possible.

11.6 *Additional financing*

- DVS Centre for transport addition research budget of € 45,000 (Rob)
- Probing for Israel's financial support for the website (Shalom)
- F&E exchange funded by EC, Project “people” (Ralf)

11.7 *Related PhD postings*

Miles reports on two new research projects in the UK, in which he is involved. One is on “visions of future walking and cycling” and one on “understanding walking and cycling”. There are no new developments concerning PhDs.

11.8 *External interests and ties*

- I'D GO Two: Rob is asked to be reviewer, within the project residential areas are evaluated
- VOLPE (USA Department of Transport): DVS arranged a agreement to exchange information with VOLPE (that is very similar to DVS)



11.9 Walk21 conference in Barcelona October 2008 call

The calls resulted in at least 160 abstracts. The registration for the conference is open by now. Ideas for keynote speakers are welcome. (Please send them to Jim or Rob)

11.10 ICTCT Workshop Melbourne

Clemens reports that the Workshop will be on “intersections”.

11.11 ICTCT Workshop Riga October 2008

Theme for the Riga workshop will be “engineering solutions for traffic safety in urban areas”. Nicole reports that, for the first time, there will be a course for young researchers linked to the ICTCT workshop. It is planned that courses for young researchers becomes a regular activity.

11.12 WALK 21 Master Classes

Jim explains that there are WALK 21 Master Classes in USA and Australia but not yet in Europe. There will be a Master class in Copenhagen at the end of May. Any interests shall be addressed to Jim.

11.13 Pedestrian accident data on EU level

The EU had initiated a website that aims to become the starting page for road safety researchers on the European level: www.erso.eu. It has become an interesting website. For some samples on pedestrians see:

http://www.erso.eu/safetynet/fixed/WP1/2006/BFS2006_SN-KfV-1-3-Pedestrians.pdf
http://www.erso.eu/safetynet/fixed/WP1/2006/BFS2006_SN-KfV-1-3-Pedestrians.pdf
http://www.erso.eu/safetynet/fixed/WP1/2006/SN_1_3_ASR_2006_final.pdf

11.14 New address DVS Centre for Transport and Navigation

AVV Transport Research Centre will merge with another ministerial organisation. The new name is DVS Centre for Transport and Navigation. Rob Methorst works in the Safety Section. The offices will be moved to Van den Burghweg 1 – 2228 CS Delft. Rob's e-mail address will not change; the new telephone number is + 31 6 2164 9855 and +31 88 7982 453. His position within the organisation is approximately the same, but the organisation tasks will change. DVS is meant to be the internal consultant for the national road and waterways authority, which deals only with the national networks, and is an agency at some distance of the Ministry. As a secondary task DVS supports policy development by the policy department of the ministry. Pedestrian issues can still be an element in policy advise to the policy department, but within the DVS centre it does not have a priority position. Rob will send an E-mail with his new contact data as soon as possible.

9. Closing

The meeting closes at 15:45.

Iris Utzmann, 21th of April 2008



Decisions list 3rd MC meeting

Nr.	Issue	Votes	Actor
2008-1	Minutes 3 rd MC	accepted	
2008-2	Scheme for making minutes	accepted	
2008-3	Agenda	accepted	
2008-4	Minutes 3 rd SMG	accepted	
2008-5	Mid-term evaluation till March 2008	accepted	
2008-6	Venue 6 th MC meeting in Belgrade	accepted, date to be confirmed	Rob Methorst and Dragana Bazik
2008-7	Venue 7 th MC meeting in Brno	accepted	Rob Methorst and Karel Schmeidler
2008-8	Agreement on Budget Plan 2008	accepted	
2008-9	Agreement on Budget Plan 2009	accepted	
2008-10	Agreement on Budget Plan 2010	accepted	
2008-11	Minutes 1 st meeting WG4	accepted	
2008-12	Agreement on homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for additional funding • Search for additional support for the project both on the national level (additional • research, students involvement, dissemination options) and the PQN project as a whole • (administrative work, dissemination costs, promotion of the project) • Establishment of national PQN committees or platforms • To gather additional information for a Country Report • Check and complete the country and model city parts of Giulia Dell'Asin report • Ongoing: To collect and compile abstracts from new research on the national level on the pedestrian issue • Writing for the working groups 	accepted	All