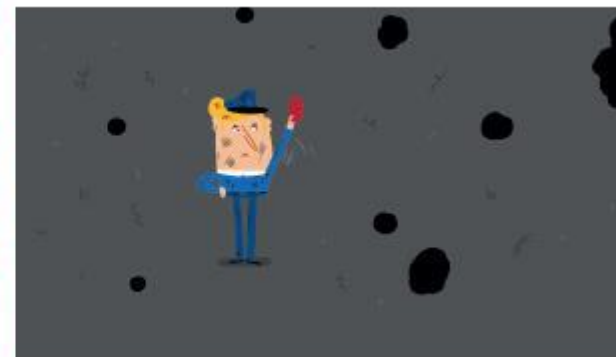
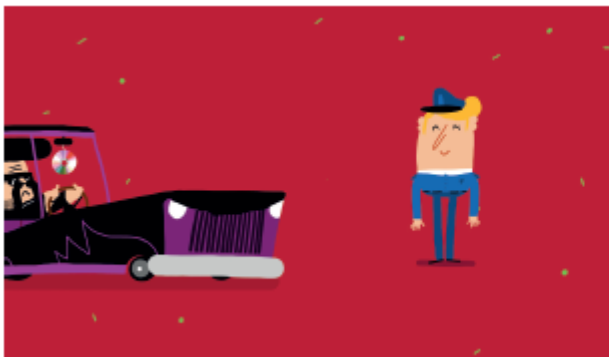


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Brussels Low Emission Zone

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1.1 LEZ background (1/3)

- Like many other cities... Brussels does not comply with the air quality standards (NO₂)
- Thus, **improving air quality is considered a priority** by citizens and policymakers
- **2016 decision** of the Regional Government to implement a LEZ
 - as part of long term plan on air, climate and energy
 - after a study conducted in 2011 had confirmed the merits in terms of air quality
- Brussels LEZ general principles:
 - most polluting vehicles prohibited from accessing **the entire region** (161 km²)
 - **cars, vans, buses and coaches affected** → trucs (+3,5t are exempt: km charge)
 - **gradual implementation as of 2018**

1.2 Research goals

- Propose accompanying measures to support the behaviour change and mitigate negative effects
- Identify the persons and businesses most affected by LEZ implementation
 - socio-economic characteristics
 - mobility habits
 - vulnerability to LEZ

2.1 Research approach

- **Learn from LEZ experiences in selected other cities**
 - a thorough look at Antwerp, Rotterdam, Berlin, Paris
- **Gather input from stakeholders**
 - focus groups with participants representing citizens, companies, local governments, transport operator, sector organisations, etc.
- **Identify socio-economic and mobility profiles** of people and businesses affected
 - via literature review + own surveys
- **Propose accompanying measures** based on all the above

2.2 Lessons from selected other cities and stakeholder input (1/3)

- LEZs differ from one city to the other...
 - **vehicles affected:** all in Paris ↔ only cars and trucks in Rotterdam
 - **area:** whole city in Paris ↔ only city centre in Antwerp
 - **time:** Monday-Friday 8am-8pm in Paris ↔ 24/7 in Berlin
 - **exemptions:** permanent for market vendors in Paris, temporary for companies facing bankruptcy in Berlin and Rotterdam, day-passes available for purchase everywhere except Paris, etc.
 - **accompanying measures:** various ‘modal shift’ incentives in Paris, scrappage subsidy in Rotterdam, ‘park+ride’ options in Antwerp, etc.

2.2 Lessons from selected other cities and stakeholder input (2/3)

- Proposed exemptions for Brussels – taking into account stakeholder input
 - **permanent for ‘vehicles serving as shops’** (commercial old-timers, food-trucks, market vendors...)
rationale: replacement is often prohibitively expensive and amount of kilometres driven is limited
 - **temporary for public transport company** and certain private coach operators
rationale: STIB unable to replace vehicles in time / reducing offer would push people into private cars
 - to be considered: **temporary for financially-challenged households and companies**
rationale: cost (reduced mobility / bankruptcy) > benefit (cleaner air)
BUT arbitrariness + admin burden
 - **day passes available for purchase**, albeit only a certain amount per vehicle per year
rationale: option to cater for occasional visitors (hospital appointments, tourist visits...)

2.2 Lessons from selected other cities and stakeholder input (3/3)

- Proposed additional measures for Brussels
 - **allow a transition period** before enforcing the LEZ via fines
 - **ensure unrestricted access to the ‘park+rides’ facilities** near the region’s borders:
 - **set up ‘mobility points’** where people can find assistance
 - promote the ‘modal shift’ by continuing to **improve public transportation**
as well as infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists
 - **reform car registration and road taxes** to incentivize ‘green’ choices



3.1 Households affected – socio-economic profile (1/5)

| | | # of Brussels households | monthly net revenue | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | | | < 1.000€ | > 1.000€ < 1.500€ | > 1.500€ < 2.000€ | > 2.000€ < 3.000€ | > 3.000€ < 5.000€ | > 5.000€ |
| | | 2103 = 100% | 16.1% | 28.1% | 18.3% | 17.1% | 13.8% | 6.6% |
| # of cars in household | 0 | 850 = 100% | 30.4% | 36.9% | 17.3% | 10.0% | 3.5% | 1.9% |
| | 1 | 1045 = 100% | 7.5% | 25.5% | 21.5% | 22.7% | 17.1% | 5.7% |
| | → which is old | 93 = 100% | 21.5% | 29.0% | 22.6% | 16.1% | 9.7% | 1.1% |
| | 2 of meer | 208 = 100% | 1.0% | 5.3% | 6.3% | 18.3% | 38.9% | 30.3% |
| | → of which at least 1 is old | 25 = 100% | 0.0% | 16.0% | 4.0% | 20.0% | 32.0% | 28.0% |

- source: Beldam survey (2010)

- Conclusions

- lower income groups are overrepresented among households without cars and with only one old car
- higher income groups are overrepresented among households with more than one car

3.1 Households affected – socio-economic profile (2/5)

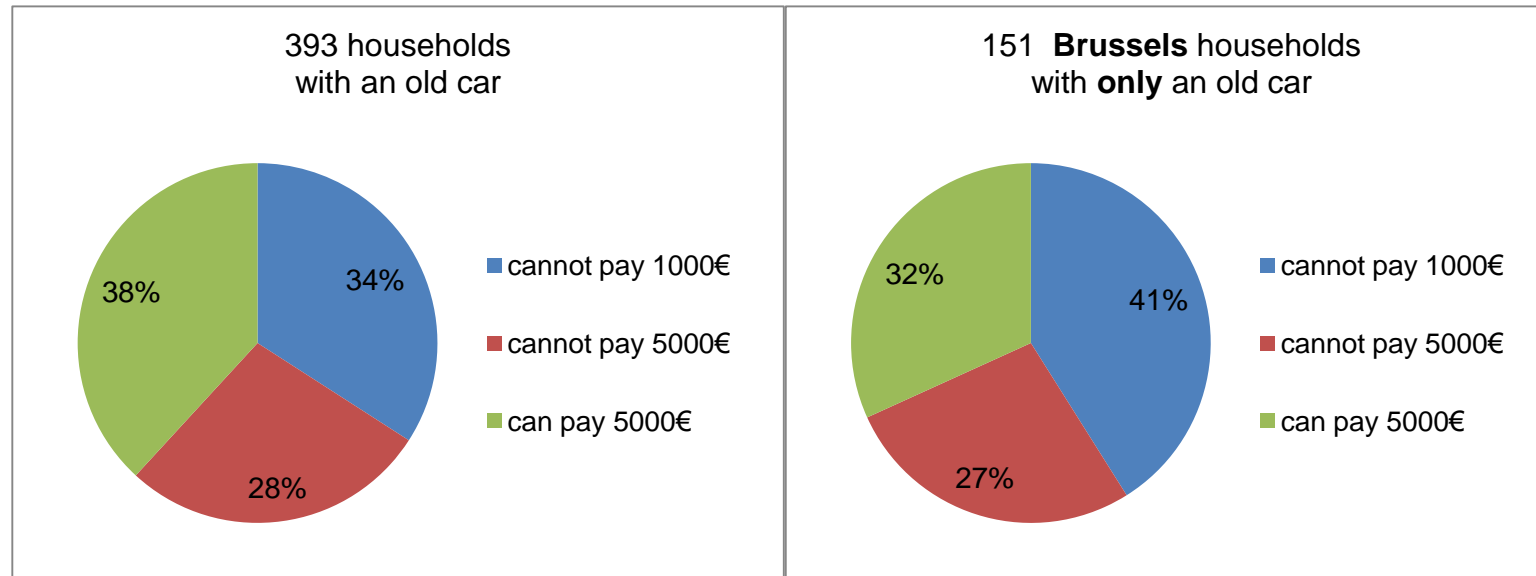
| | | monthly net revenue | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | < 1.000€ | > 1.000€ < 1.500€ | > 1.500€ < 2.000€ | > 2.000€ < 3.000€ | > 3.000€ < 5.000€ | > 5.000€ | |
| # of Brussels households | | 2103 = 100% | 338 = 100% | 591 = 100% | 385 = 100% | 360 = 100% | 290 = 100% | 139 = 100% |
| # of cars in household | 0 | 40.4% | 76.3% | 53.1% | 38.2% | 23.6% | 10.3% | 11.5% |
| | 1 | 49.7% | 23.1% | 45.0% | 58.4% | 65.8% | 61.7% | 43.2% |
| | → which is old | 4.4% | 5.9% | 4.6% | 5.5% | 4.2% | 3.1% | 0.7% |
| | 2 of meer | 9.9% | 0.6% | 1.9% | 3.4% | 10.6% | 27.9% | 45.3% |
| | → of which at least 1 is old | 1.2% | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.3% | 1.4% | 2.8% | 5.0% |

- source: Beldam survey (2010)

- Conclusions

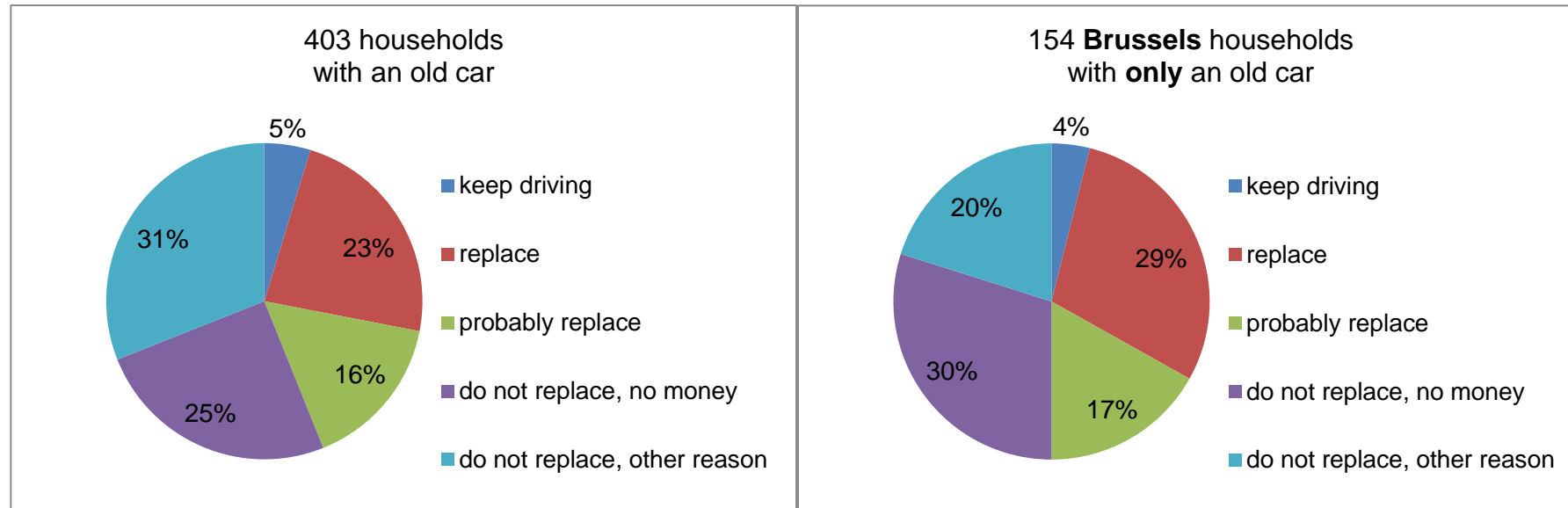
- a significant share of Brussels households – especially of low income households – has no car
- of the low income households that do own a car, relatively many have an old one

3.1 Households affected – socio-economic profile (3/5)



- Ability to cope with an unforeseen necessary expenditure
 - source: own survey (2017)

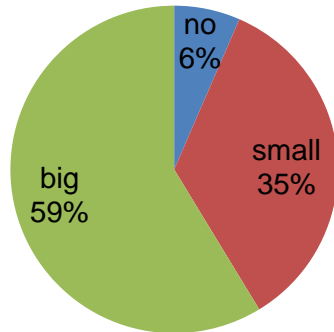
3.1 Households affected – socio-economic profile (4/5)



- Reaction to LEZ prohibition of the old car
 - source: own survey (2017)
- Conclusion
 - confirmation that (Brussels) households with only one car that is old are on average more vulnerable

3.1 Households affected – socio-economic profile (5/5)

46 **Brussels** households
with **only** an old car
who **cannot afford** to replace it



- Mobility impact on most vulnerable affected group
 - source: own survey (2017)
- Conclusion
 - for some, implementation of LEZ could indeed lead to mobility deprivation

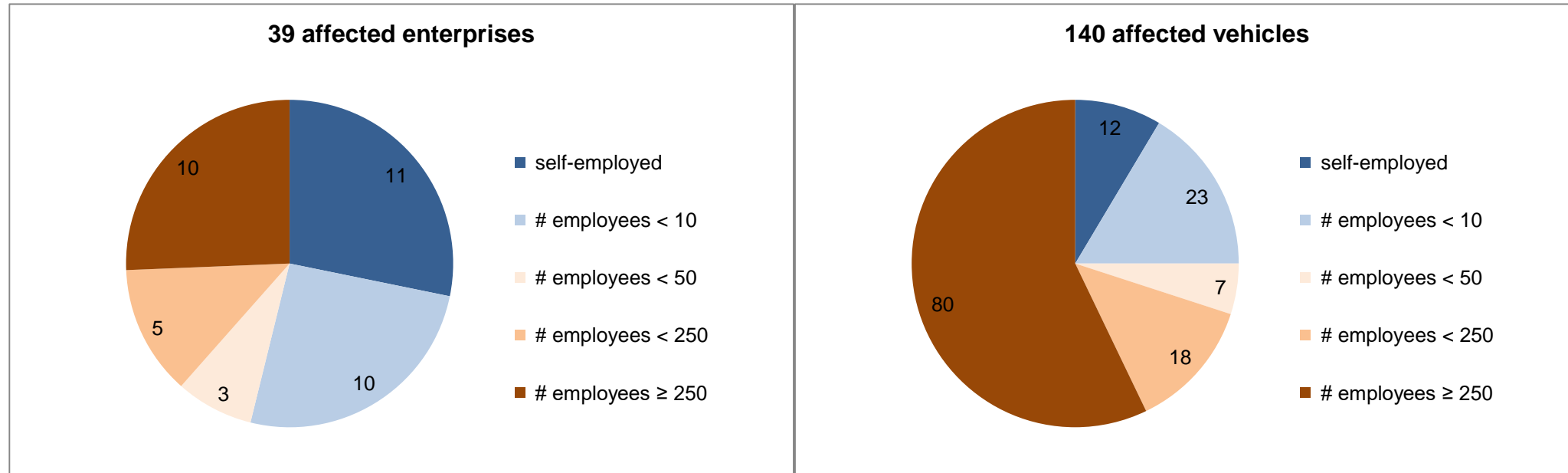
3.2 Households affected – potential financial ‘compensation’

| | ‘modal shift’ subsidy | scrappage compensation |
|--|---|---|
| conditions | - hand in licence plate - do not register a new car for a period of at least one year | - hand in licence plate - have old car scrapped |
| available to | all Brussels households | Brussels households affected by LEZ and with a low income |
| form | cash or restricted ‘mobility budget’ | cash |
| amount | € 750 proposed - aligned with Brussels’AIR subsidy | € 2000 proposed - aligned with Rotterdam |
| BUT... estimated cost 2018-20 | € 15.5 million for those affected by LEZ + cost for households not affected + administrative cost | € 12.4 million + administrative cost |
| goal? | - primarily green measure: to incentivize people to give up their car in favour of alternatives | - primarily social measure: as assistance to low income households that lose a car and risk mobility deprivation as a result |

3.3 Enterprises affected – profile (1/3)

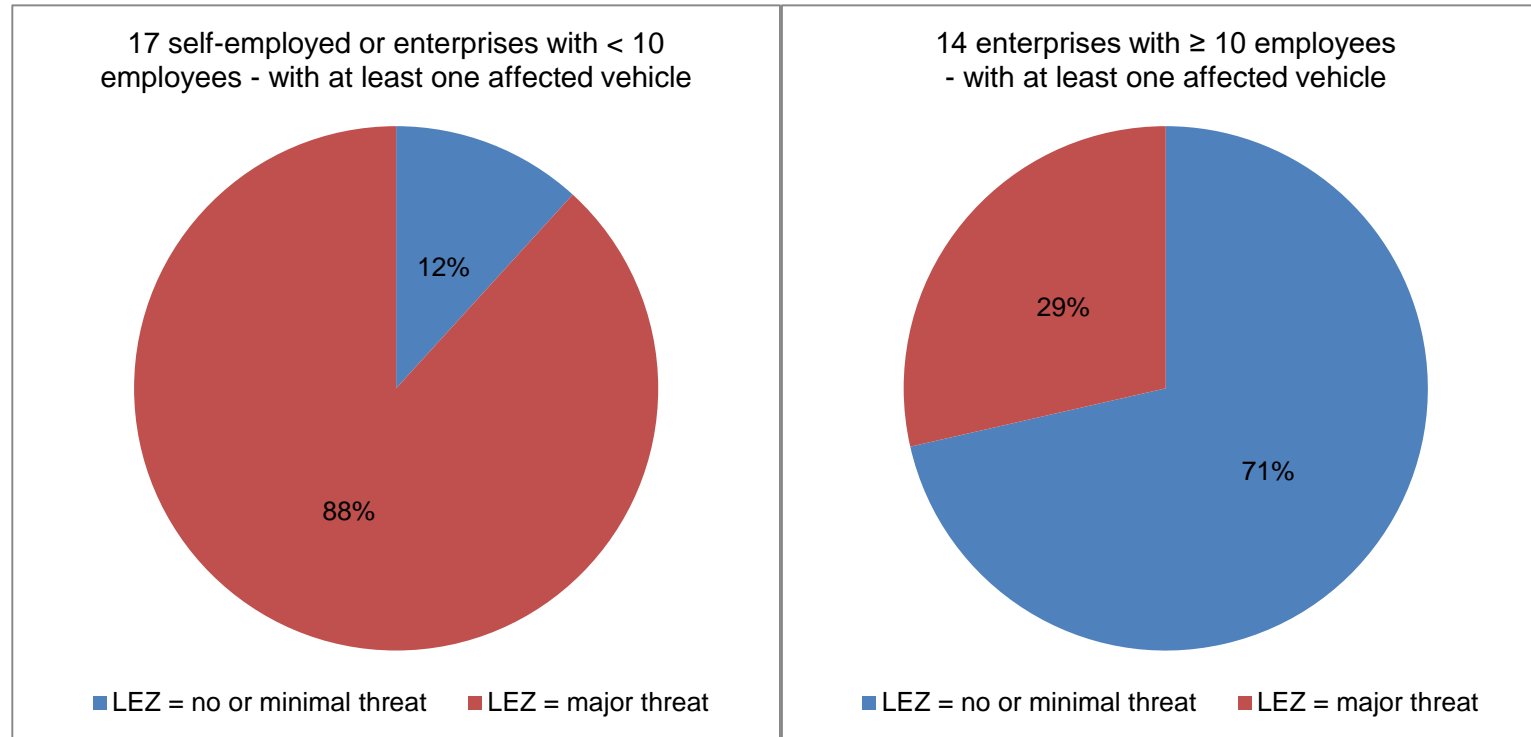
- Case studies in London and Paris + Brussels stakeholder consultation indicate that generally speaking **of the companies affected by a LEZ** the following types are **most vulnerable**:
 - the self-employed + **micro- and very small enterprises**
 - ...and more in general, enterprises that do not have a large fleet of vehicles but are dependent on it
 - **enterprises in the construction sector**
 - ...and more in general, enterprises active in sectors with very small margins of profit

3.3 Enterprises affected – profile (2/3)



- Enterprises with vehicle types affected by the LEZ in the 2018-2020 time horizon
 - note: limited number of respondents (168) – so only indicative results
 - source: own survey (2017)

3.3 Enterprises affected – profile (3/3)



- source: own survey (2017)

- Conclusion

- confirmation that the self-employed + micro- and very small enterprises are most vulnerable

3.4 Companies affected – potential financial ‘compensation’

| | vehicle replacement subsidy | scrappage compensation |
|--|---|---|
| conditions | - remove old vehicle from traffic - buy a ‘green’ LEZ-compatible vehicle | - remove old vehicle from traffic - have old vehicle scrapped |
| available to | affected self-employed and enterprises with < 10 employees | affected self-employed and enterprises with < 10 employees |
| form | discount upon ‘green’ purchase | cash |
| amount | € 7500 proposed - to be significant vis-à-vis total cost | € 3000 proposed - to convince at least some |
| BUT... estimated cost 2018-20 | € 15.5 million for those affected by LEZ + administrative cost | € 12.4 million + administrative cost |
| goal? | - primarily green measure: to promote spread of ‘green’ vehicles | - primarily social measure: to ensure that no individual enterprises stays empty-handed |

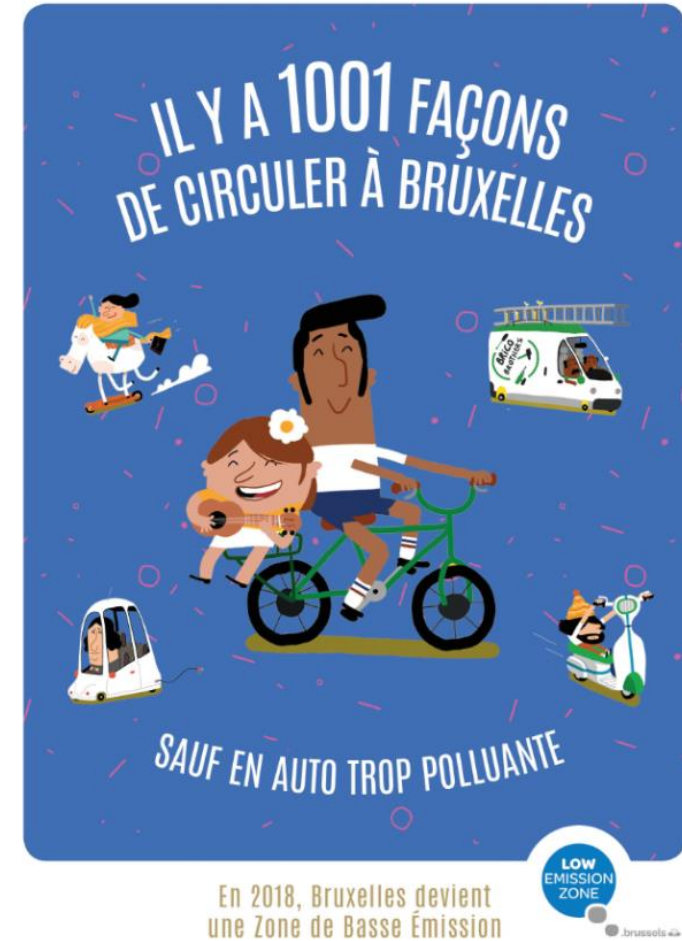
4.1 Implementation of the Brussels LEZ in practice

Decisions based on the conclusions of the study:

- Extra exemptions:
 - day pass (35€ - max 8 / year)
 - adapted vehicles for markets (food trucks)
 - commercial old-timers if it is the business concept
- 4 P+R parkings accessible
- Subsidies
 - Reform of the “Bruxell’AIR” modal shift subsidy into a (more flexible) mobility package, including car sharing, bike sharing, public transport or bike
 - Introduction of a Vehicle replacement subsidy for small companies
- Study to implement a Mobility Point

4.2 Information

- Campaign
 - “1001 ways to come to Brussels... except by to pollutant car”
- Site www.lez.brussels and Call Center
- Information at technical control
 - “your car can enter the LEZ until...”
- Transition period until October 2018: only warnings





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