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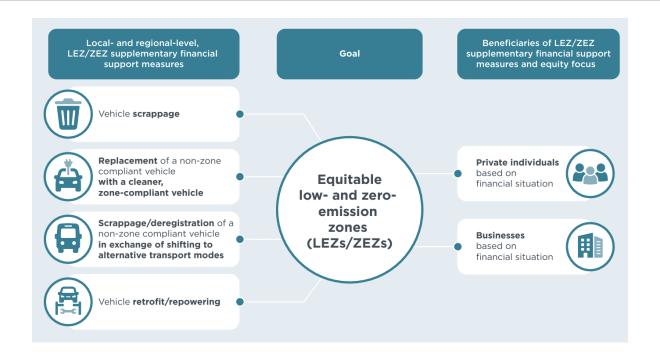
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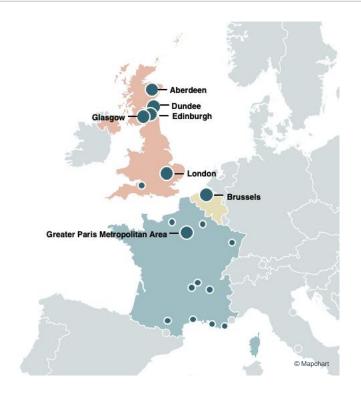
Financial support measures ensure that no one is left behind when planning for or implementing LEZs/ZEZs





Various cities provide financial support measures alongside their implemented or planned LEZs/ZEZs for those most in financial need

- > Belgium: Brussels
- > France: Paris, Aix-Marseille, Grenoble, Lyon, Montpellier, Nice, Reims, Rouen, Saint-Étienne, Strasbourg, Toulouse
- United Kingdom: London, Bristol (England), Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow (Scotland)





In Brussels, micro and small businesses can get up to €15,000 for the replacement of a non-LEZ compliant with a compliant van

Table 3. Brussels (Belgium) LEZ supplementary financial support measures by local government.

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		Businesses operating or active in the Brussels Capital Region					
		Micro businesses (less than 10 employees, annual turnover max. €2 million or balance sheet max. €2 million)	Small businesses (less than 50 employees, annual turnover max. €10 million or balance sheet max. €10 million)	Medium businesses (less than 250 employees, annual turnover max. €50 million or balance sheet max. €43 million)			
Van replacement with a cleaner van or quadricycle model							
Step 1	Scrappage of a non- LEZ compliant gasoline, natural gas, or diesel van	Yı	Yes				
Step 2	Replacement with a new or second-hand LEZ- compliant van (gasoline or natural gas)	€3,000		€2,000			
	Replacement with a new or second-hand LEZ-compliant van or quadricycle (electric)	€15,000 (including €1,000 for a charging station)		€10,000 (including €1,000 for a charging station)			
Van retrofit/repowering to an electric version							
Repowering of a non-LEZ compliant gasoline, natural gas, or diesel van to a BEV or FCEV		€7,500 (including €1,000 for a charging station)		€5,000 (including €1,000 for a charging station)			



Note: Aid amounts reflect maximum values; grant amounts applicable if applying for a grant between 2023 and 2024.

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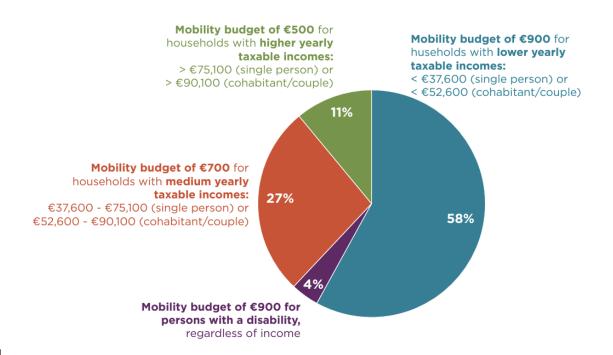
Table 2. Brussels (Belgium) LEZ supplementary financial support measures by local government.

	ion with a yearly taxable					
		< €37,600 (single person) or < €52,600 (cohabitant/couple) or person with a disability, regardless of income	€37,600 - €75,100 (single person) or €52,600 - €90,100 (cohabitant/couple)	> €75,100 (single person) or > €90,100 (cohabitant/couple)		
	Car replace	ement with alternative modes	of transportation			
Step 1	Deregistration of a private car	Yes				
	Mobility budget which can be spent on services by third parties					
Step 2	supporting mode shift including subscriptions for public transport and vouchers for TaxiBus, purchase	€900	€700	€500		

Note: Aid amounts reflect maximum values; grant amounts applicable if applying for a grant between 2023 and 2024.



In Brussels, 58% of people in the lower income brackets received the maximum amount of the mobility budget in 2022





In Paris, private individuals with lower incomes can get up to €6,000 when scrapping an older car/van and replacing with a low-emitting one

Table 4. Greater Paris Metropolitan Area (France) LEZ supplementary financial support measures for individuals by local government.

	Private individuals living in the Greater Paris Metropolitan area with a yearly per capita reference taxable income of							
		€0 - €6,300	€6,301 - €13,489	€13,490 - €35,052	above €35,052			
Car or van replacement with cleaner car of van model								
Step 1	Scrappage of a gasoline or diesel car or van registered before 2006 or 2011 respectively	Yes	Yes	No	No			
	Scrappage of a gasoline or diesel car or van registered before 1997 or 2006 respectively	No	No	Yes	Yes			
Step 2	Replacement with a new or second-hand car or van (BEV, FCEV, PHEV with a battery electric range more than 50 km, hybrid, or CNG vehicle)	€6,000	€5,000	€3,000	€1,500			
	Car, van, 2- or 3-wheeler replacement	t with cleaner 2	or 3-wheeler, or q	uadricycle model				
Step 1	Scrappage of a gasoline or diesel car or van registered before 1997 and 2006 respectively, or a gasoline or diesel 2-/3-wheeler registered before 2000	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Step 2	Replacement with a new or second-hand 2- or 3-wheeler, or quadricycle (electric)	€1,400	€1,100	€900	€600			

Note: Aid amounts reflect maximum values; the reference taxable income considers all income of tax and is calculated from the taxable income; BEV = Battery electric vehicle, FCEV = Fuel cell electric vehicle, PHEV = Plug in hybrid electric vehicle, CNG = Compressed Natural Gas



Conclusions

- Various cities in Europe have adopted supplementary local and regional level financial measures for private individuals and businesses in most financial need alongside the planning and implementation of an LEZ/ZEZ
- > Evaluation shows that these measures can help to support equitable outcomes of LEZs/ZEZs



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