

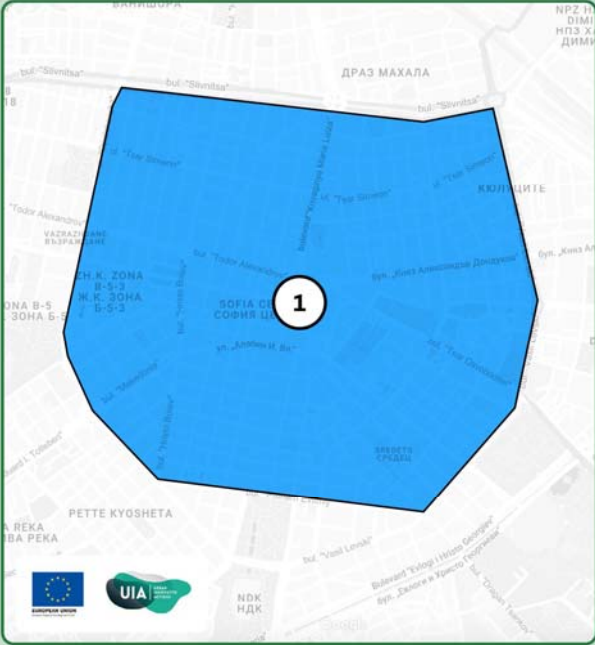
Low Emission Zones (LEZs) in Sofia Municipality, Bulgaria

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In December 2022, Sofia Municipality introduced one of the first low emission zones (LEZ) for motor vehicles in Central and Eastern Europe, which started operating in December 2023. A dedicated LEZ for domestic heating appliances will start in January 2025.

First Low Emission zones on the territory of Sofia Municipality



Transport

As of **1st December 2023**, motor vehicles of categories **M1** and **N1** are prohibited from entering the area surrounded by:
 "Vasil Levski" Blvd.,
 "Patriarch Evtimii" Blvd.,
 "Gen. Skobelev" Blvd.,
 Opalchenska Str.,
 Slivnitsa Blvd.,
 which area is called

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Small ring

The restriction applies to motor vehicles:

Category M1 - motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, with a maximum of 9 seats, including the driver's seat (cars, vans, minibuses, etc.)

Category N1 - motor vehicles used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3 500 kg from the following environmental groups (column #2 of the following table):

The restriction applies from:	The restriction applies to:			
	Eco group*	Fuel	Euro category	Date of first registration of the vehicle before
1st December 2023	For eco group I	Petrol	Without category Euro 1 Euro 2	1st January 1996
		Diesel	Without category Euro 1 Euro 2 Euro 3	1st January 2002
1st December 2024	For eco groups I and II	Petrol	Euro 1 Euro 3 Euro 2	1st January 1998
		Diesel	Euro 4 Euro 5	1st January 2007
1st December 2028	For eco groups I, II and III	Petrol	Euro 3 Euro 5 Euro 4 Euro 6	1st September 2009
		Diesel	Euro 4 Euro 6 Euro 5	1st September 2009



* The vehicle's eco group is determined upon passing an annual technical inspection and is certified with the corresponding sticker valid for 1 year.

The restriction **does not apply** to vehicles owned by:

- people with **address registration** in the specific zones
- people **with special needs and disabilities**

The respective vehicles can be excluded from the restriction after registration at Sofia Urban Mobility Centre

The period of restriction for the motor vehicles is from **1st December** of the respective calendar year to the **last day of February** on the following calendar year.

The LEZ areas have been selected to achieve a reduction in traffic emissions, while at the same time providing alternative routes with sufficient capacity for citizens to use. The inclusion of the central parts of the city in the LEZ 'cuts off' the most direct road link between the western and eastern parts of the city, thereby promoting the use of public transport.