

WITH THE AIR
QUALITY CERTIFICATE
CRIT'AIR



 THE EURO-
METROPOLIS



BREATHES
EASIER





Air: a challenge for our quality of life

Today more than ever, air pollution is a major public health issue. Even though it is invisible, it has a direct impact on our quality of life, and on the attractiveness of our region.

The Strasbourg Eurometropolis is waging a determined war on air pollution, which is the cause of almost 50,000 premature deaths per year in France, and reduces life expectancy by 8 months.

Local authority is acting every day to improve air quality in **all its fields of competence**: town planning, habitat, transport, agriculture, energy, biodiversity, waste, etc.



In the
Eurometropolis,
1 car journey in 2
is under 3 km
= 15 minutes
by bike.



I ADOPT GOOD PRACTICES EVERY DAY

A pollution peak occurs when an excessive quantity of pollutants is measured in the air we breathe. Each and every one of us can take action to limit air pollution by adopting good practices every day.

- **I avoid taking solo car trips** and give preference to active mobility: cycling, walking, public transport, car-pooling, or the train. “Relais – Tram” park and ride car parks are available.
- **For wood-fired heating**, I give preference to dry, labelled wood; I maintain and sweep my chimney. If I have an open fire, I can install a wood burning stove.

SPECIFIC MEASURES TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGE

During a period of pollution, the State and Strasbourg Eurometropolis progressively deploy specific measures at all levels: transport, heating, industry and agriculture.

DID YOU KNOW?

In France, atmospheric pollution costs 101 billion euros a year. This is twice as much as smoking, which costs 47 billion euros. The cost of harmful health effects caused by the particles alone is between 20 and 30 billion.

Source: Senate health commission.



WHAT IS THE POLLUTION PEAK PROCEDURE?

Pollution peak **day 1**

- **Clear information is given so that everyone can change their habits:**
 - > I **avoid travelling** as far as possible
 - > I **avoid using my open fireplace**, especially if this is an additional heating system.
 - > I consider adopting **eco-driving**, not using the air conditioning and reducing my speed.
 - > I avoid and **postpone my high-intensity physical and sporting activities** (including competitions)

Pollution peak **day 2**

- Speed **limit on dual carriageways and motorways:**
- **Prohibition** on non-essential wood fire heating

-20
km/h

Pollution peak **day 3**

- Speed **limit on the entire road network:**

-20
km/h

Pollution peak **day 4**

- Application of the **alternate-day driving scheme from 6 am to 10 pm**

DID YOU KNOW?

A **Crit'air level 5 car** emits the same amount of exhaust particles as **33 Crit'air level 1 cars**

Source ATMO Grand Est



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33 level 1 sticker cars



Strasbourg Eurometropolis has **560 Km** of cycle paths

CRIT'Air CERTIFICATE: CLEAR ANSWERS TO YOUR DIRECT QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THIS CERTIFICATE?

The Crit'Air certificate is a **national tool** used in several major French cities (Paris, Lyon, Grenoble, Lille...). There are **six coloured stickers** indicating the **pollution level of your vehicle**, in accordance with its age and engine type.



THE DIFFERENT AIR QUALITY CERTIFICATE CATEGORIES



All 100% electric and
hydrogen-powered vehicles



Petrol
& other

Diesel



Private car: **European standard** (recorded on the vehicle registration certificate or the registration date)



All gas-powered vehicles and
rechargeable hybrid vehicles



Euro 5 & 6
From 1 January 2011



Euro 4
Between 1 January 2006 and
31 December 2010 inclusive

Euro 5 et 6
From 1 January 2011



Euro 2 et 3
Between 1 January 1997 and
31 December 2005 inclusive

Euro 4
Between 1 January 2006 and
31 December 2010 inclusive



Norme Euro 3
Between 1 January 2001 and
31 December 2005 inclusive



Norme Euro 2
Between 1 January 1997 and
31 December 2000 inclusive

Over
200 buses
on **65 k**
of lines

WHAT IS THE POINT OF SUCH A PROCEDURE?

The alternate-day driving scheme is an **emergency mechanism** that allows for a **pollution peak to be attenuated in the areas where the population is most affected**. The health risks are thus reduced, particularly for those most susceptible.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THIS PROCEDURE IS IN FORCE?

To find out about pollution peaks and the implementation of the alternate-day driving scheme, go to **www.strasbourg.eu** Stay aware, listen to the radio and read the information messages on the motorway information signposts.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

All motorized vehicles (French and/or foreign) **that have to be driven within the Eurometropolis** are affected: motorcycles, trikes, quads, private cars, vans, and trucks, including buses and coaches.

WHEN IS IT MANDATORY?

The Crit'Air certificate is **mandatory since November 1st, 2017** in order to be able to drive in the Strasbourg Eurometropolis during pollution peaks.

WHERE IS THE ALTERNATE-DAY DRIVING SCHEME APPLIED?

The alternate-day driving scheme is **applied in all the 33 towns comprising the Eurometropolis**. To ensure the road network operates smoothly, detours around the conurbation are authorised on a few sections of the motorway, to the north and to the south. See the detailed map on: **www.strasbourg.eu**



The biggest
tram network
in France:
6 lines,
77 stations

HOW DO I GET A CRIT'AIR CERTIFICATE?

It's very simple to obtain the certificate:

- Have your registration document handy, and make the request on: www.certificat-air.gouv.fr
- If you do not have internet access, call the freephone number: **0800 97 00 33**, from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 17:00.
- **The purchasing price is €3.70** plus postage costs. For shipments in the European Union and Switzerland, this amounts to €4.8.

WHO CAN DRIVE DURING A POLLUTION PEAK?

Only vehicles bearing "**Crit'Air**" certificate levels **0, 1, 2 and 3** may travel. Depending on the local situation and pollution levels recorded, the restriction may be heightened and adapted.

WHO CANNOT DRIVE DURING POLLUTION PEAK?

Vehicles bearing a **Crit'air certificate level 4 and 5, and vehicles without a certificate**. Failure to comply with this measure may be **punished by a category 3 fine** (€68 or €45 when reduced) **or category 4 fine** (€135 or €90 when reduced).

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR MAIN VEHICLE DOES NOT HAVE A CERTIFICATE OR HAS A LEVEL 4 OR 5 CERTIFICATE?

If you cannot postpone your journey, here are a few tips for travelling in a different fashion:

- Opt for **public transport**. The Eurometropolis has 6 tram lines, 30 bus lines, 6000 Vélib' bicycles available, with or without a subscription, at 20 stations and 5 stores, and 14 railway stations.
- For a journey that is friendlier, more economical and more ecological, consider **car-pooling** or a **car club!** There are several mechanisms for this, such as Citiz or Yea!. You can also make use of the **vehicle hire** offer.
- If you intend to replace your vehicle in favour of a **<<cleaner>> vehicle**, and you are tax-domiciled in France, the French State may provide financial support. Consult the ministry website: www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr



AND VEHICLES WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE

10 frequent service buses

For more information:

Call: **0800 97 00 33** (Freefone No. from France)

Go to: **www.strasbourg.eu**

and download the **StrasMap** application



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