

Practical activity #2

Chapter 1

Student EQF level: 4, 5-6

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Sources for the practical exercise

- 1.2.3 Public authorities
- 1.3.6 Construction and road services
- 1.4.1 A specific ecosystem to deal with
- 1.4.5 Environmental goals and targets
- 1.4.6 Environmental regulations in urban areas

Instructions

This activity might be done during the lesson as a pair work or teamwork or assigned as homework or even a project. As this activity has different outcomes in different places and regions as well as in different time frames, it is not possible to present any universal answers. The extend and professionalism of elaboration and contemplation on some questions depends on the students' level and teacher's guidance. It is therefore recommended, the teacher provides the students with some clues and if applicable, with local and up-to-date sources and links.

Exercise 1:

This exercise should make students familiar with possible restriction they might face in different cities. It is possible to use this activity as a warm-up for higher levels.

To complete these exercises, you might use the link below, the only complete and reliable source for all European cities:

<https://urbanaccessregulations.eu/>

Exercise 1a:

When driving in European cities, make sure there are always some restrictions. To avoid unexpected situations or even traffic fines, look for useful information in your capital or any other city. Find about

- low emission zones
- congestion charging
- urban traffic restrictions
- urban road tolls



Exercise 1b:

Choose two European cities and compare them according to the aspects in the above exercise. What do you think are the reasons and effects of these measures?

Exercise 1c:

Answer the following questions:

How is your city aiming towards climate neutrality? What measures have been implemented so far? Are there any controversial ideas being discussed?

Exercise 2:

When working in the competitive LMD environment, before you plan your trips, you want to make sure things go smoothly. As a road user, you should be aware of some facts and be ready. Use the internet or any other source to look for the following information:

- **What long-term traffic restrictions are there currently in your city/ region?** (Take into consideration the passability of different streets, passability in different directions) Are they the same for cars as well as for trucks? **When should these restrictions end? What benefit will this new construction bring? What impact do these restrictions have in terms of logistics, environment, social well-being?**
- **Are there any long-term traffic restrictions in your city/ region on a specific route?** (Some points A, B can be assigned). What new route do the drivers have to take?
- **What short-term traffic restrictions are there currently in your city/ region** (take into consideration the passability of different streets, passability in different directions)? **When should these restrictions end?** What new route do the drivers have to take?
- **What road construction works are planned to take place in your city/region in the coming months?** (Think about traffic restrictions, detours)

Possible websites where to look for this information in different countries:

ITALY

Information about building works within the Emilia Romagna region

<https://build.clust-er.it/>

FRANCE

Update on road construction works in France, piloted by the Ministry of Ecology and Territory Cohesion (It can also be an interesting source for indication in terms of environment externalities):

https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/grands-projets-routiers#scroll-nav_3

SPAIN

For Spain, there are two entities to be included:

General Direction of Traffic (Dirección General de Tráfico – DGT) at state level



General link: <https://www.dgt.es/>

Road construction works:

<https://www.dgt.es/conoce-el-estado-del-trafico/informacion-e-incidencias-de-trafico/>

Two regions (Basque Country and Catalonia) have their own Traffic Direction

General link: <https://www.trafikoa.euskadi.eus/>

Road construction works:

https://www.trafikoa.euskadi.eus/wps/portal/trafico!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8ziXTycTl2CzdwsLU2cvVwNXEzcjQwgQD8crMDTzdgiNMzNwMDf3M3QwNE00NXc1dTM2MDfSD-KGP0mTI5GoaG-YS6OJiamIYY-gZ4GMAVE6TfAARyJ1I9HQR-44NTS4FmRIGV4QsFsAJ83iRkUUFuaGhoRIVnpqOilgB358aC/dz/d5/L0IHskovd0RNQUprQUVnQSEhLzROVkuVZXMI/

CZECH REPUBLIC

The general link to the main organisation that takes care of all roads and highways

<https://www.rsd.cz/>

you can find a map of all works in progress, pending repairs and construction works here.

Road/highway construction works:

[https://www.rsd.cz/mapova-aplikace#/stavby?filters\[\]=StavbyRealizace](https://www.rsd.cz/mapova-aplikace#/stavby?filters[]=StavbyRealizace)

Road/highway construction repair works:

[https://www.rsd.cz/mapa-oprav#/opravy?filters\[\]=Realizace](https://www.rsd.cz/mapa-oprav#/opravy?filters[]=Realizace)

