

## THE PILOT ENVIRONMENTAL ZONE IN MARIBOR



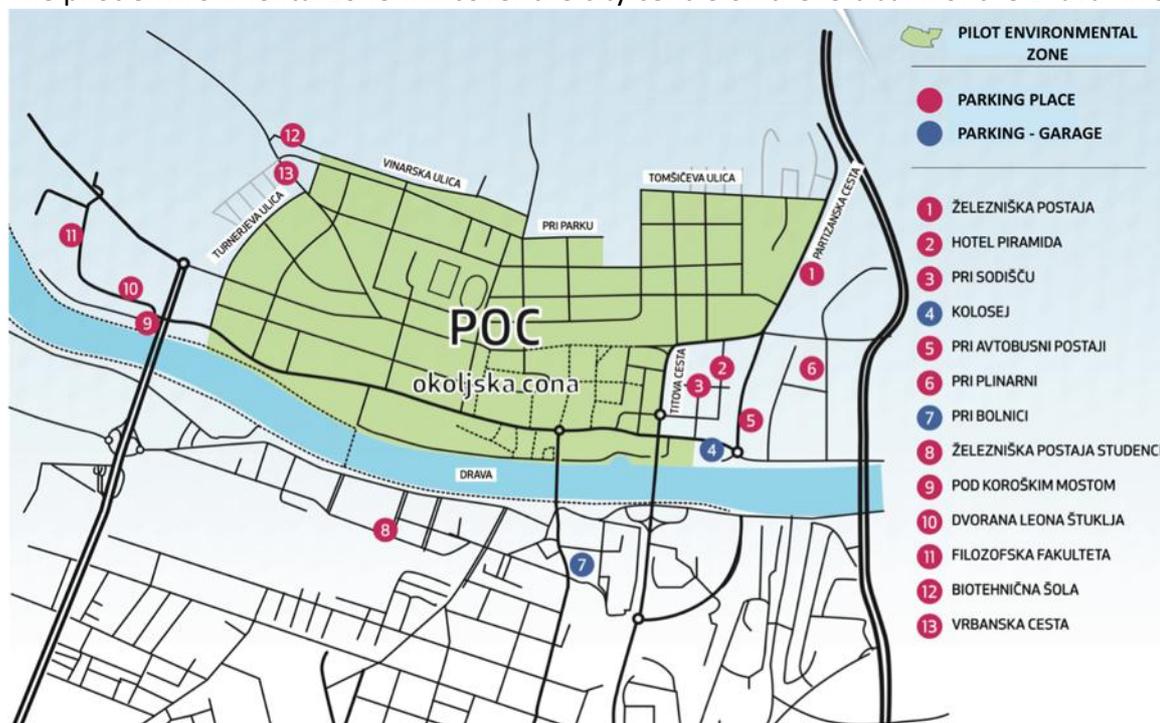
The Municipality of Maribor will introduce the Pilot Environmental Zone with the intention to reduce the air pollution with  $PM_{10}$ ,  $NO_x$  and  $O_3$  resulting from the road traffic and to change the old habits of people who still prefer to come to the city centre by car.

### What is the Pilot Environmental Zone (POC)?

The negative impacts of road traffic on air quality will be regulated in the pilot environmental zone, particularly on  $PM_{10}$ ,  $NO_x$  and  $O_3$  concentrations, which currently presents the biggest risk for citizens' health. Hence, the traffic regime will be changed in the pilot environmental zone and entry for vehicles, which are not classified in the appropriate pollutant class (Euro standard) will be limited.

### Where will be the pilot environmental zone (POC) located in Maribor?

The pilot environmental zone will cover the city centre on the left bank of the Drava River.



### **When will be the Pilot Environmental Zone (POC) implemented?**

The pilot environmental zone will be implemented on **1<sup>st</sup> of October 2012** and will operate on working days (from Monday to Friday) during the heating season, when the air quality is the worst, until **30<sup>th</sup> of April 2013**.

### **Which traffic restrictions will be applied in the Pilot Environmental Zone (POC)?**

Personal vehicles with Euro 0 and Euro 1 standards, light duty vehicles (up to 3,5 t) with Euro 0 and Euro 1 standards and heavy duty vehicles with Euro 0 and Euro I standards will not be allowed to enter the pilot environmental zone on working days. However, there will be some exceptions.

### **What about the delivery of goods in the Pilot Environmental Zone (POC)?**

Regardless the Euro standards, entry of all utility and light duty vehicles will not be limited between 5.00 and 7.00 o'clock and between 20.00 and 22.00 o'clock, because the test phase should not compromise the overall accessibility and economic activity of the city.

### **What are the exceptions?**

Residents of the pilot environmental zone with a permission, buses, vehicles for transport of disabled persons, emergency vehicles (ambulances, police, fire engines,...), old-timers, public service vehicles (for waste, repairing, recording...), vehicles for special services (transport of the elderly, catering for children and infirm persons, funerals, ...).

### **Where can I get additional information?**

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