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# Study on Urban Access Restrictions



## Recommendations to the EU

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### Summary of recommendations to the EU

1. To develop a **harmonizing guidance** to assist cities in their decision making process concerning the possible adoption of ARS (which criteria to consider, which impacts to assess, etc.).
2. To actively promote – notably in the framework of the UN-ECE-led enforcement process of the Vienna convention of 1968 - a **standardized nomenclature** for signals, symbols, and in general concepts and instruments associated to urban access restriction schemes.
3. To require Member States to explicitly include all legal provisions behind access restriction measures in the **national Road Codes**.
4. To require from Member States that the **EURO class is explicitly mentioned** in the vehicle papers.
5. To establish standardized rules for the **verification and certification** of vehicle performances, notably in the context of retrofits.
6. To issue guidance on recommended **best practice for the assessment** of ARS, including on issues like evaluation frameworks, key indicators, monetary valuation parameters, minimum data requirements, and methodological guidance in general on e.g. how to conduct surveys and consultation exercises.
7. To establish a **comprehensive information resource**, publicly available, providing updated information on ARS, in the form of a single window also allowing for interactive vehicle registration and the payment of access charges.
8. To establish a **permanent advisory group** to regularly review ARS developments and accordingly recommend actions to enhance best practice exchange.
9. Fund the development of **large scale ARS demonstrators**, with explicit emphasis on the generation of high quality impact data.
10. Consider the **gradual introduction of stricter EURO standards** for vehicles in operation as an alternative to access restriction for older vehicles.