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# TOP 10 – The most unusual environmental zones in Europe – Local disputes lead to a complex patchwork of rules

**Berlin, 25.09.2019** The Green-Zones portal has determined which European environmental zones have the most unusual shapes and outlines. They either could remind you of other shapes or are the product of the fantasy from a fairy tale.

The environmental zones of the German city of Siegen, whose outlines remind us of a dinosaur looking for food on primeval leafy trees, and the French city of Lille, whose shape forms an almost perfect triangle, are ranked **9<sup>th</sup>** and **10<sup>th</sup>** among the most unusual environmental zones in Europe. Despite the beautiful shapes, a German and French environmental badge is required to enter the zones, otherwise fines of 80 or 68 euros are due.

The environmental zones of the German city of Bonn and the English city of Norwich are ranked **in the middle**, whose shapes remind us of a ham and a boomerang. The common element to both environmental zones in these countries is that they are always valid, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Such a rule is not always common in Europe, as more and more European zones are only valid on certain days and hours, or are only activated when the air quality is bad and are therefore very unpredictable, which inevitably leads to fines.

The newly created Paris ZFE zone, which resembles a mosaic with different pieces, ranks **1<sup>st</sup>** among the most unusual environmental zones in Europe, because only 47 of the 79 French mayors of the Paris region were able to agree on common rules for a new zone on 01.07.2019. It is a classical patchwork zone with now different rules, which also has a huge hole in the middle. This area in the middle (Paris ZCR) with even more different rules is already generating uncertainty among the drivers.

Find below a table with the TOP-10 zones. All details for each environmental zone in Europe can be viewed by clicking on the links in the table.

The TOP rankings of Europe's environmental zones will continue in the summer months – followed by evaluations of the “largest”, “smallest”, “most polluted”, “oldest”, “newest”, “most beautiful”, “most dangerous” and “most unusual” environmental zones in Europe.

The Berlin-based company Green-Zones provides information about permanent and weather-dependent (temporary) environmental zones in Europe and in the respective European countries through its portals [green-zones.eu](http://green-zones.eu), [umweltplakette.de](http://umweltplakette.de), [crit-air.fr](http://crit-air.fr) and [blaue-plakette.de](http://blaue-plakette.de), among others. Thanks to the free Green-Zones app and the professional app (Fleet-App), tourists and especially commercial users (e.g. bus and transport companies) can obtain reliable information in real time about the current environmental zones. The required [badges and registrations](#) are also available from Green-Zones.