

Milan Area C — A €5 Congestion Charge Since 2012, With Peer-Reviewed Evidence of a PM10 Drop but No Clear NOx Effect

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Milan's Area C charges €5 a day to enter its historic core on weekdays. City figures report 49% fewer polluting vehicles and PM10 down 18%; a 2026 counterfactual study confirms a significant PM10 fall but finds no consistent NOx effect.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

[Comune di Milano \(AMAT\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

[C40 case study: Milan's Area C](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

[Environmetrics: counterfactual evaluation using matrix completion](#) — accessed 2026-10-22

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