

Registrations of motorcycles and mopeds in key European markets during the first quarter of 2026

New motorcycle registrations in five of the largest European markets (i.e. France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK) reached 250.762 units during the three first months of 2026. This represents an increase of approximately 21,1% compared to 2025 (207.126 units).

Motorcycle registration volumes increase in the countries monitored by ACEM with Germany (45.549 units, +44,5% year-on-year), Spain (58.027 units, +26,8%), UK (23.079 units, +16,1%), in Italy (82.049 units, +14,3%) and France (42.058 units, +10,2%).

Moped registrations reached a total volume of 30.107 units in the six European moped markets monitored by ACEM (i.e. Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). This registration volume represents an increase of +2,2% in comparison to last year at the same period (29.469 units).

Although all countries recorded significant growth in March, it is clear that the markets have recovered from the turbulence caused by the transition from Euro 5 to Euro 5+ at their own pace, resulting in the following figures for the quarter: Italy (2.915 units, +32,1%), Germany (3.470 units, +9,3%), Spain (2.716, +8,9%), Belgium (6.694 units, +8,7%), France (9.035 units -1,3%), and Netherlands (5.277 units, -16%).

Quote

Commenting on the current situation of the sector, Antonio Perlot, ACEM Secretary General, said:

“The first quarter of 2026 confirms the outlook we shared at the end of last year. With the Euro 5+ transition behind us, the European motorcycle market is regaining momentum. Registrations in the five largest markets rose by 21.1%, with all monitored countries reporting growth. This indicates that demand remains solid and that last year's correction was mainly technical in nature. The moped segment also saw a modest increase of 2.2%, marking the first time in three years that the category is reporting growth during this period of the year

This strong growth is particularly encouraging in a broader macroeconomic context that remains uncertain. Against this backdrop, the resilience of the motorcycle segment highlights the continued importance of powered two-wheelers for European citizens, both for everyday mobility, small logistics and leisure. With the new riding season around the corner, the sector enters this key period with an encouraging start to the year behind it.”

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Note for editors

As of 2020, ACEM statistical releases cover the following:

- For the motorcycle segment: Italy, France, Germany, Spain and UK. These countries account for about 80% of motorcycle registrations in the EU + UK block.
- For the moped segment: France, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Spain. These countries account for about 80% of moped registrations in the EU + UK block.
- Moped figures include L1eB vehicles (two-wheel mopeds) and L2e vehicles (three-wheel mopeds). Some countries may also include L1e-A vehicles (powered cycles), depending on their administrative practices.

About ACEM

- The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) represents manufacturers of mopeds, motorcycles, three-wheelers and quadricycles (L-category vehicles) in Europe.
- ACEM members include 16 manufacturing companies: BMW Motorrad, Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP), Ducati Motor holding, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, KYMCO, Peugeot Motorcycles, Piaggio, Polaris Industries, Royal Enfield, Suzuki, Triumph Motorcycles, Yamaha and Zero Motorcycles.
- ACEM also represents 17 motorcycle industry associations in 16 different European countries. About 300,000 jobs depend on the L-category industry in Europe. There are more than 39 million motorcycles and scooters on Europe's roads (2019 estimate).