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ACEM statistical release

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

New motorcycle registrations in five of the largest European markets (i.e. France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK) reached 944.129 units during the first nine months of 2026. This represents a increase of approximately +14,6% compared to the same period in 2025 (823.653 units). Motorcycle registration volumes increase in all the countries monitored by ACEM: Germany (173.947 units, +24.1%), Spain (221.236 units, +20,9% year-on-year), UK (84.114 units, +14,6%), Italy (313.095 units, +10,9%), and for France (151.737 units, +4,8%).

Moped registrations reached a total volume of 118.544 units in the six European moped markets monitored by ACEM (i.e. Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). This registration volume represents a confirmed increase of +7% in comparison to last year at the same period (110.811 units). This progression is visible in all countries monitored by ACEM: Germany (14.881 units, +16,2%), Italy (12.613units, +14,8%), Belgium (22.521 units, +11,9%), Spain (10.315 units, +8,6%), Netherlands (20.084 units, +3,6%) and France (38.130 units +0,3%).

Quote

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

"The steady growth we have seen throughout the riding season shows the strong appeal of powered two-wheelers. At this point last year, the market appeared to be stabilising while now, looking at the long-term trend, motorcycle registrations, both conventional and electric, are well above the levels recorded for the same period since 2019. This is significant because it reflects a lasting interest from European consumers, who increasingly see motorcycles and mopeds as an answer to growing economic pressures and congestion in our cities, for daily mobility as much as for leisure.

To make the most of this potential, the sector needs policies that recognise the role of L-category vehicles in Europe's mobility and support the innovation that drives it.

As EICMA opens its doors in Milan next week, the industry will show once again its capacity to innovate and offer solutions for every type of rider."

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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 Scooters, Piaggio, Polaris Industries, Royal Enfield, Suzuki, Triumph Motorcycles, Yamaha and Zero Motorcycles.
- ACEM also represents 17 motorcycle industry associations in 15 different European countries. About 481,600 jobs depend on the L-category industry in Europe. There are more than 42 million motorcycles and scooters on Europe's roads (2024 estimate).

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