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European Union – latest developments

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Periodical technical inspections

- - Already exist many years in some countries for PTWs. – e.g. Italy, UK.
- - Very controversial issue in others – e.g. France, The Netherlands.
- - EU must agree, Commission, Parliament, EU Council.
- - Current proposal:
- - No EU technical inspection for PTWs.
- - BUT – review in three years time!



Vote – Tuesday 2nd July 2013

- Members of Parliament normally vote according to their political “group.” - EPP, ALDE, Greens, Socialists etc...
- This time Members of Parliament are very divided according to their nationality.
- Vote is therefore going to be very “close.”



My view?

- Parliament is divided so position is not strong
- Council of Ministers most likely to accept plan to put this off for another 3 years



Electric mobility



EU Research

- Total value for research in this area (all modes) + Euro 80 million
- Opportunity to use motorcycles and scooters in “demonstration project.”
- Likely partners:
- FIM/FIM Europe, motorcycle industry, city authorities, university, energy company, battery manufacturer..... - plus of course European Union!



Moto Tourism



Research paper

- Commissioned by FIM Europe (with support from FIM)
- Researcher - Loryn King
- Supervisor – Patrice van Assendelft KNMV
- University - NHTV University of Applied Sciences, Breda, NL



Touring

- Riding without barriers
- A research into the values of the FIM
- & Its road riding community
- - Makes a set of “internal” and “external” recommendations



Next step

- Next FIM Dinner debate
- 3rd in series
- 2013 edition on motorcycle tourism
- To be held where?
- In EU Parliament – where we came in today....



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