

## Political Briefing - PRESS

### Update on FEMA political issues (background information):

#### **Green Paper on Urban Transport**

We have been trying to include motorcyclists into the Green Paper on Urban Transport, with little success so far. We believe that it is important to consider motorcycling as a solution for mobility challenges and not, as it is the case most of the time, as a problem (most often regarding safety). See our answer to the EC consultation: [http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/FEMA\\_consultation\\_urbantransport.pdf](http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/FEMA_consultation_urbantransport.pdf)

#### **3rd Driving Licence Directive implementation**

We are also very concerned by the way the 3DLD will be implemented at national level and we would like national authorities to take the Initial Rider Training programme as a reference for the content of the training/testing scheme between the various licence categories.

#### **Initial Rider Training project:** <http://www.initialridertraining.eu/>

- Press Release for the Initial Rider Training conference on 28/05/2008 - <http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/PR-20080528-IRTCConference.pdf>

As highlighted in the conclusions of the OECD workshop, which took place in Lillehammer last week, it is important for road authorities to take motorcyclists' needs into account when defining transport policies or legislation. Integrated approach is the only sustainable way forward and motorcycling integrated strategies are solutions which have been tested and proved working in the United Kingdom, for instance.

#### **OECD workshop on motorcycle safety**

- Programme of the workshop: <http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/jtrc/safety/Lillehammer2008/lillehammer08.html>
- *Opening Speech of Norwegian Minister Navarsete:* [http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/sd/Whats-new/taler\\_og\\_artikler/ministeren/2008/oecd-workshop-on-motorcycling-safety---l.html?id=516395](http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/sd/Whats-new/taler_og_artikler/ministeren/2008/oecd-workshop-on-motorcycling-safety---l.html?id=516395)
- *Press release from Norwegian Authorities (hosting country) :* [http://www.vegvesen.no/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldf&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobheaderna me1=Content-Disposition%3A&blobheadervalue1=attachment%3Bfilename%3Dpdf\\_Statens\\_vegvesen.pdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=SVVvedlegg&blobwhere=1213698981295&ssbinary=true](http://www.vegvesen.no/cs/Satellite?blobcol=urldf&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobheaderna me1=Content-Disposition%3A&blobheadervalue1=attachment%3Bfilename%3Dpdf_Statens_vegvesen.pdf&blobkey=id&blobtable=SVVvedlegg&blobwhere=1213698981295&ssbinary=true)
- *FEMA Press release* [http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/PR-20080616-OECDWorkshop\\_final.pdf](http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/PR-20080616-OECDWorkshop_final.pdf)

#### **Motorcyclists Protective Guardrails**

Finally, standardizing protective guardrails to avoid motorcyclists to be killed on the posts (see picture), has been a fight of over 20 years. CEN's vote last Friday is the best birthday present FEMA could ever have received. FEMA has been dedicating hours of work and thousands of Euros to make people aware of the problem. Now that it is the case, we have to ensure that commercial interests within CEN do not take advantage of CEN procedures for slowing the work in order to avoid the new testing procedures to be harmonized. The second challenge is to convince national road authorities to use the coming standard on black spots, using ideally the same way as Portugal, meaning voting a law requiring the use of such protective devices on certain types of roads.



#### **CEN vote on motorcyclists protective guardrails –**

- 20080618 - <http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/PR-20070618-CENresolution.pdf>
- 20080616 - <http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/PR-20080616-CENTC226vote.pdf>
- 20070125 - <http://www.fema.ridersrights.org/docs/NEWS-20070124-CEN.pdf>