Fact Sheet E-Scooters

Traffic rules for Italy

Age

- From 14 years

Cycling infrastructure

- Scooters can travel: on urban roads, but only on roads with a speed limit of 50 km/h, in pedestrian areas, on pedestrian and cycle paths, on lanes and on cycle paths and wherever the bicycle traffic is allowed
- at night, from half an hour after sunset and throughout the length of darkness and during the day when there is poor visibility, they can only circulate if they are equipped with a fixed front white or yellow light and a fixed red-light rear, both on and functioning
- Scooters may not travel on extra-urban roads and on urban roads with a speed limit exceeding 50 km/h, on platforms where only hand-guided driving is permitted, the wrong way, except in the two-way cycle roads.

Speed limit

- 20 km/h and 6 km/h in the pedestrian areas

Equipment

- Electric engine of a rated continuous power not exceeding 0,50 kW
- turning lights and brake on both wheels (lights and stop)
- no seats
- acoustic signal
- speed controller
- The 'CE' marking

Parking rules

- parking is allowed in the stalls reserved for bicycles, mopeds, and motor vehicles
- it is prohibited to park on the sidewalk, except in areas identified by municipalities with special signs or GPS coordinates. Those locations are listed the municipalities' websites

Helmet

- mandatory between the ages of 14 and 18 years

Alcohol and drugs

- a blood alcohol level of 0.5g/l, which is the maximum level allowed by the Road Code for driving in general.

Miscellaneous

- one rider only
- no driving license required

On March 27th, 2024, the House approved a bill with various amendments to the Road Code. Now the text is being reviewed by the Senate. The new rules will imply a mandatory MTPL insurance, the use of the helmet, an identification plate, no circulation outside the urban areas and use of the scooter only on urban roads with a speed limit of 50 km. Sharing companies will have to equip e-scooters with devices that prevent their movement in areas where their circulation is forbidden