

## Motorcycle registrations in the EU up by 8.2% during the first nine months of 2018

Registrations of motorcycles in the EU reached 830,694 units during the first 9 months of 2018, according to the latest estimation of the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM). This represents an increase of 8.2% compared to the same period of 2017.

With 186,487 units (a 5.1% increase on a year-on-year basis) Italy remains the largest European motorcycle market, followed by France (146,276 motorcycles, +10%), Germany (140,628 motorcycles, +11.1%), Spain (113,650 motorcycles, +8.0%) and the UK (83,155 motorcycles, +3.7%).

Motorcycle registrations increased in all EU countries, with the exception of Poland, where they went down by 2.3%.

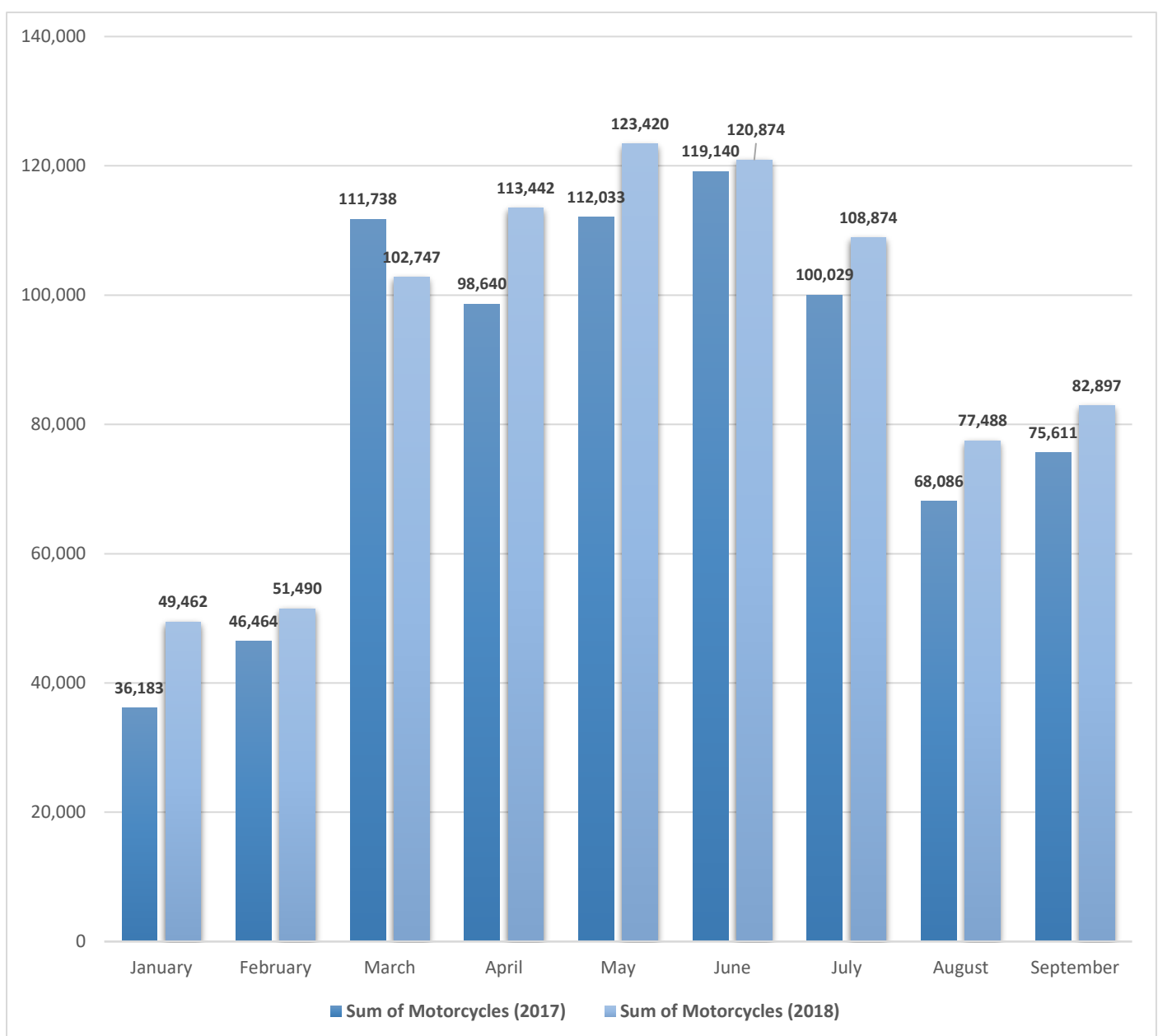


Figure 1. Monthly motorcycle registrations in the EU

### Moped registrations in the EU continue decreasing

The European moped market reached 209,562 units during the first 9 months of 2018. This represents a decrease of about 26.1% compared to the registration levels of the first nine months of 2017 (283,399 units). The largest markets for mopeds in Europe were: France (51,498 units), Netherlands (47,260 units), Germany (20,133 units), Italy (16,118 units) and Belgium (15,992 units).

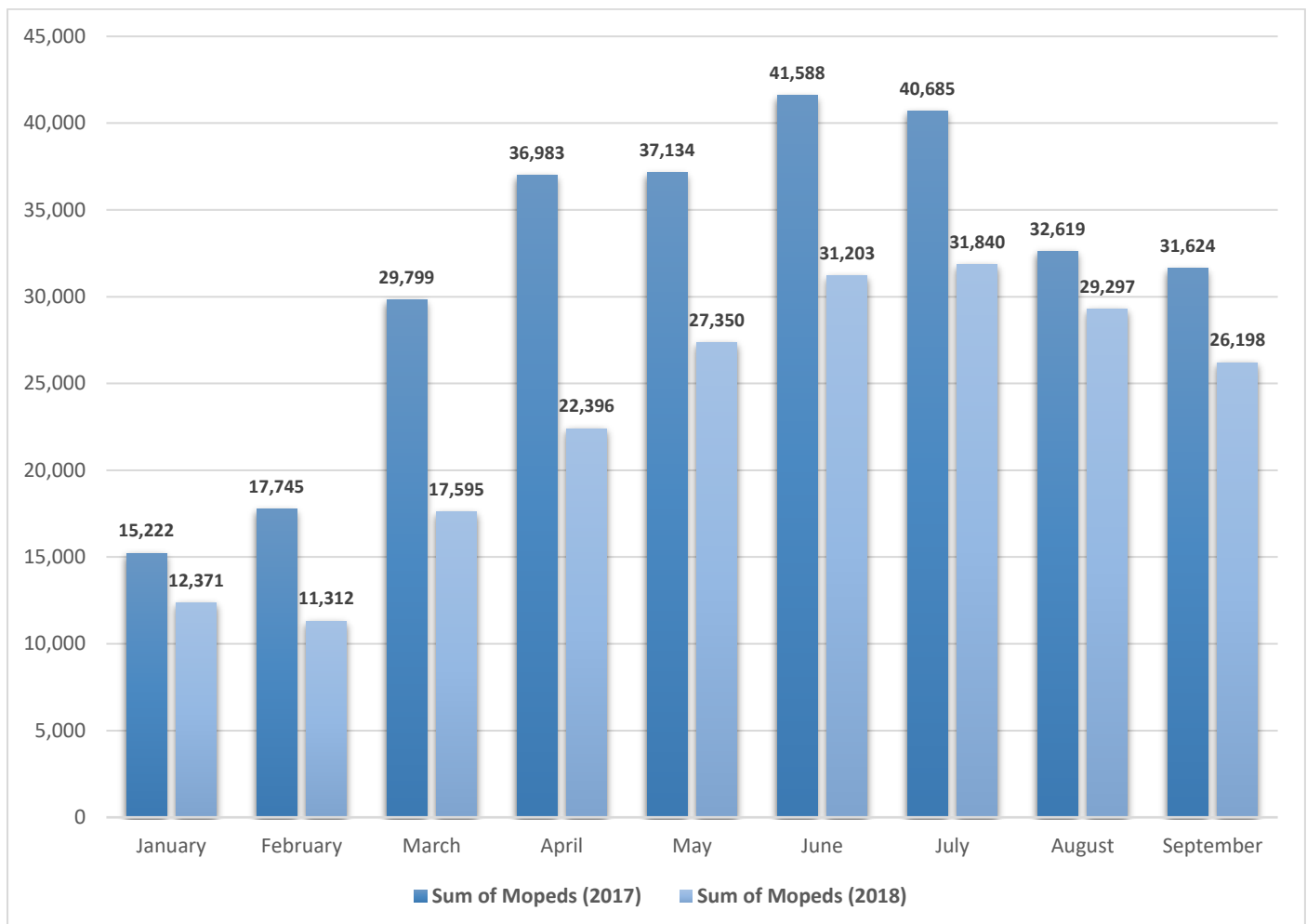


Figure 2. Monthly moped registrations in the EU

### Registrations of electric vehicles in the EU up by 49%

Combined registrations of electric mopeds, motorcycles and quadricycles reached 36,270 units during the first nine months of 2018. This represents a substantial increase of 52.8% compared to the registration levels of the same period of 2017 (23,722 units).

Most of the electric L-category vehicles registered in 2018 are mopeds (26,210 units), followed by motorcycles (7,652 units) and a much smaller number of quadricycles (about 2,408 units).

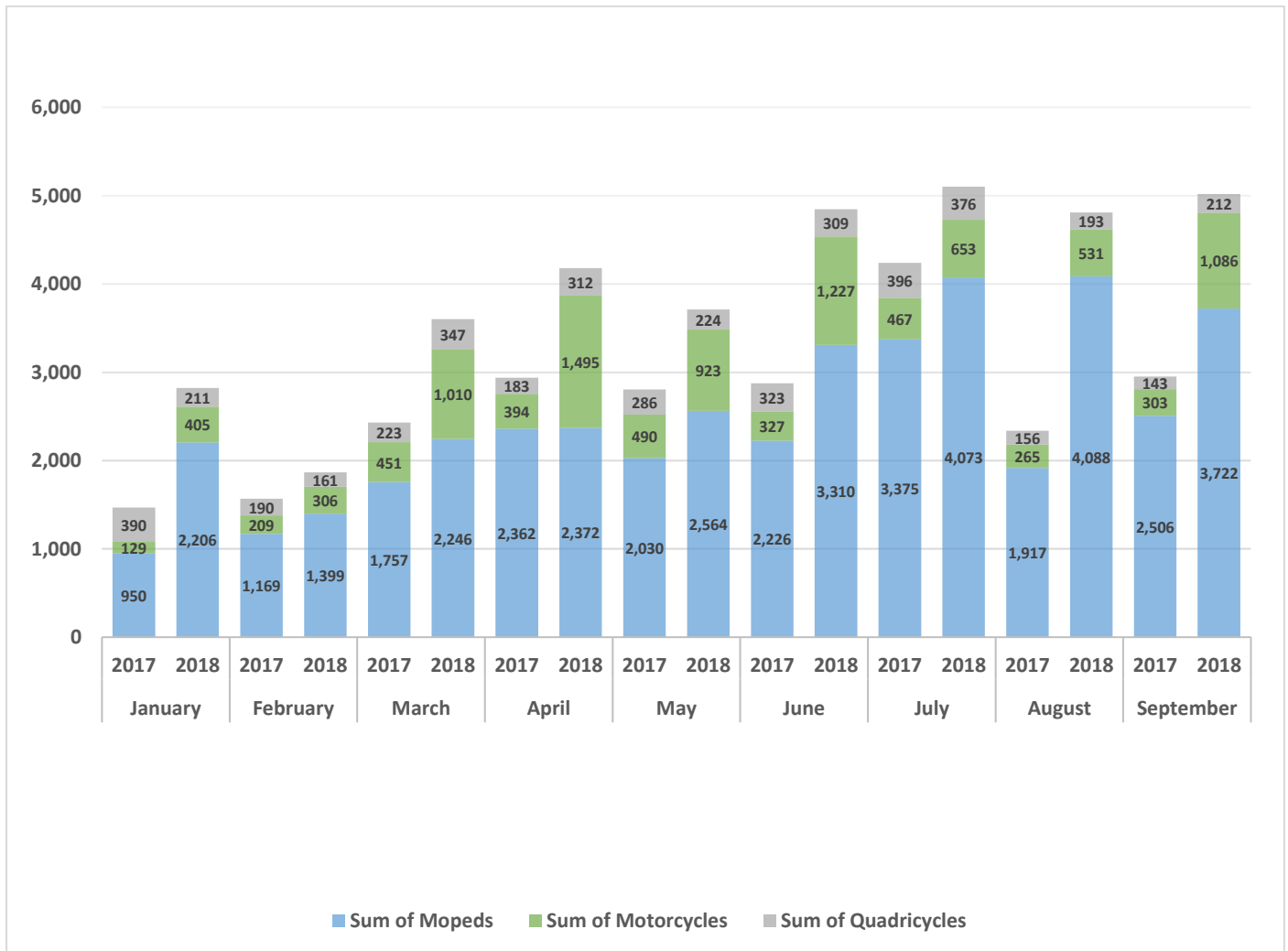


Figure 3. Registrations of electric vehicles in the EU

**Quote**

Commenting on the latest figures, Antonio Perlot, Secretary General of ACEM, said: “During the first nine months of 2018, motorcycle registrations increased in 27 out of the 28 EU Member States, with double digit growth figures for the three largest European markets: Italy, France and Germany”.

“Although current sales volumes in Europe are still below 2007 levels (when 1.5. million units were sold), the motorcycle sector has accumulated four consecutive years of growth since 2013. If current trends persist, the sector may achieve its fifth one in 2018”.

## **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 18 manufacturing companies: BMW Motorrad, Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP), Ducati Motor holding, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, KYMCO, MV Agusta, Peugeot Scooters, Piaggio, Polaris Industries, Renault, Royal Enfield, Suzuki, Triumph Motorcycles and Yamaha.
- ACEM also represents 17 motorcycle industry associations in 14 different European countries.

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