

## **Competition launched to develop solutions for tampering prevention on L-category vehicles**

Dear all,

Please be informed that contractor TRL is organising a competition for the EC regarding tampering prevention of powertrain and noise abatement systems of L-category vehicles, please refer to the attached flyer and to <http://vehicle-tamper.e-rm.org/index.php/tampering-competition/>.

### Summary:

#### Competition launched to develop solutions for tampering prevention on L-category vehicles

The European Commission assisted by TRL, is holding a competition for students and technically-minded members of the public to propose innovative ideas to reduce or prevent the tampering of L-category vehicles. The “L” stands for “Light” vehicles and includes: Powered cycles, Mopeds, Scooters, Motorcycles, Tricycles, Quads and Mini-cars.

The competition is open to members of the public, schools, colleges, universities and riders associations across Europe.

It is important that when people modify their vehicles, either for customisation or repair, that they do not expose themselves or other road users to increased safety risks or allow the vehicle to emit excess pollution or noise. The aim of the competition is to identify effective solutions to these tampering events to protect the environment and the safety of road users, including the riders and passengers of the vehicle.

**So called ‘harmless’ modifications that have no adverse effects on safety or the environment will not fall under the scope of possible anti-tampering measures. This will ensure that customizing L-category vehicles will also be possible and legal in the future. Again, only measures against “harmful tampering” will be taken on L-category vehicles – tampering which has detrimental effects on safety and/or the environment"**

The flyers are also available on the webpage in FR, IT, ES and DE. The competition makes part of the stakeholder consultation in a study on this topic in order to develop appropriate and proportionate anti-tampering measures, to be included in a delegated act on vehicle construction. I would like to notify you of the existence of this competition and would also like to take the opportunity to ask you for your help disseminating this information to other stakeholders, especially to universities, technical schools and rider organisations, but also to NGOs and others.

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