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VIASAT SURVEY 2022: THEFT OF MOTORCYCLES, SCOOTERS AND CYCLES IN ITALY MORE THAN 26,000 (74 A DAY) ARE STOLEN EVERY YEAR AND ONLY 36% ARE RECOVERED

HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF? WITH SATELLITE TELEMATICS

VIASAT SURVEY - The Viasat Group Guida alla Sicurezza 2022, soon to be published, reports that **26,707 motorbikes, scooters and mopeds were stolen in Italy during 2021 (6% more than the previous year)**, according to the latest non-consolidated State Police statistics. Practically more than 2,000 per month, 74 per day, 3 every hour. This figure shows that theft in this sector is still a growing phenomenon in Italy.

Campania is by far the most risk region in Italy, with 6,713 thousand thefts per year. It is followed by Lazio (4,868) and Sicily (3,833). Just below the 'podium' is Lombardy with 3,355 vehicles stolen from their owners.

As regards recoveries, the news is not good. Only almost 10,000 were recovered, 36% of those stolen. In this classification, the only regions that exceed 50% of recoveries are: Liguria (the most virtuous with 68%), Trentino-Alto Adige (just under 67%) and Emilia Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Tuscany, Veneto and Umbria.

Thieves, sometimes well-organised gangs," comments **Valerio Gridelli, Chief BU Smart Connect of the Viasat Group**, "see motorbikes, scooters and mopeds as targets that can often be easily stolen in a few seconds. The reason is that they are generally not adequately protected: forcing the steering lock, cutting the chain, removing the disc lock are the most common methods used. So how can you defend yourself? Park them in a highly visible area, use a warning siren and, above all, use high-tech devices that are readily available on the market.

Today, satellite telematics is a fundamental tool for fighting crime. **In this sense SlimBox Moto by Viasat, equipped with GPS and GSM / GPRS technology, works as a satellite locator and, in case of theft, through the Operations Centre H24 allows a rapid recovery of the vehicle with a considerably higher percentage (almost 80%) compared to national numbers.** As well as being an effective anti-theft device," continues Valerio Gridelli, "it is also a powerful security tool that guarantees motorcyclists a 24-hour assistance and protection service. In the event of a crashed motorbike, the system sends an automatic and geolocalised alarm to the Viasat Operations Centre, which is then activated to provide assistance, as it already has the rider's data and position available, factors that guarantee more timely rescue operations." Last but not least, by installing a satellite device on your motorbike you save on the cost of insurance, as you do for cars.

THE MOST STOLEN MOTORCYCLES - Honda SH is the most stolen motorbike on the list, with 5,196 thefts (20% of the total). This was followed by the Piaggio Liberty (1,393 thefts), the Aprilia Scarabeo (1,236) and Piaggio's Vespa (1,067) and Beverly (989). This is followed by the Tmax (Yamaha), the Agility and the People by Kimko.

Who is Viasat. Viasat is a European excellence in satellite security systems that integrate the most modern telematics and IoT technologies to guarantee complete security for the vehicle and its occupants in the market of Satellite Anti-theft Systems, Insurance Telematics, Fleet Management and Big Data. The company is part of the Group with the same name which, since 2002, has grown to become one of the most solid economic players in Italy, boasting a presence, either direct or through local distributors, in around 60 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, with over 800 employees.

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