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## **New Bosch technology could prevent nearly one-third of all motorcycle accidents**

- Riders are 18 times more at risk of being killed in an accident than drivers
- Bosch creates communication between vehicles and motorcycles
- Connecting bikes and cars ensures motorcycles' digital visibility

Budapest - The first warm days of the year mark the start of motorcycle season - and, unfortunately, a rise in the number of road accidents. Motorcyclists are among the most at-risk road users: 18 times more at risk of being killed in an accident than drivers. Last year, there were approximately 1,316 motorcycle accidents in Hungary alone, 50 of which were fatal. Moreover, in an accident involving more than one vehicle (eg. a car and a motorcycle) 70-75% of the riders are blameless.

One of the main reasons is that riders of two-wheelers are often overlooked in road traffic, both at intersections and during passing. Bosch wants to change that. With its partners, it has developed a prototype smart solution that lets motorcycles and cars talk to each other, creating a digital protection shield for riders. The goal is to prevent dangerous situations from occurring in the first place.

Bosch's new solution enables the communication between vehicles and motorcycles, creating a „digital defensive shield“ for the riders. With connected innovations designed specifically for riders, Bosch's laying down the foundations of a safer and more comfortable future for riders, and all traffic participants, all over the world.

### **Bosch supports safe and connected riding**

Through safety systems such as ABS and motorcycle stability control, Bosch has

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already made riding a two-wheeler significantly safer. By connecting motorcycles, the company is taking safety to the next level. According to estimates by Bosch accident research, motorcycle-to-car-communication could prevent nearly one-third of motorcycle accidents.

Thanks to Bosch's connected innovations, up to ten times a second, vehicles within a radius of several hundred meters exchange information about vehicle types, speed, position, and direction of travel. Long before drivers or their vehicles' sensors catch sight of a motorcycle, this technology informs them that a motorcycle is approaching, allowing them to adopt a more defensive driving strategy.

For example, typical dangerous situations arise when a motorcycle approaches a car from behind on a multi-lane road, ends up in a car's blind spot, or changes lanes to pass. If the system identifies a potentially dangerous situation, it can warn the rider or driver by sounding an alarm and flashing a warning notice on the dashboard. In this way, all road users receive essential information that actively helps avoid accidents.

The public WLAN standard (ITS G5) is used as the basis for the exchange of data between motorcycles and cars. To allow riders and drivers who are farther away to reliably receive the necessary information, the technology makes use of multi-hopping, which forwards the information automatically from vehicle to vehicle.

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## **Basic information:**

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