

The new driving licence: Age, validity period, training, exchange of licences -An overview of Member States*-

* not including Bulgaria

Driving licence committee
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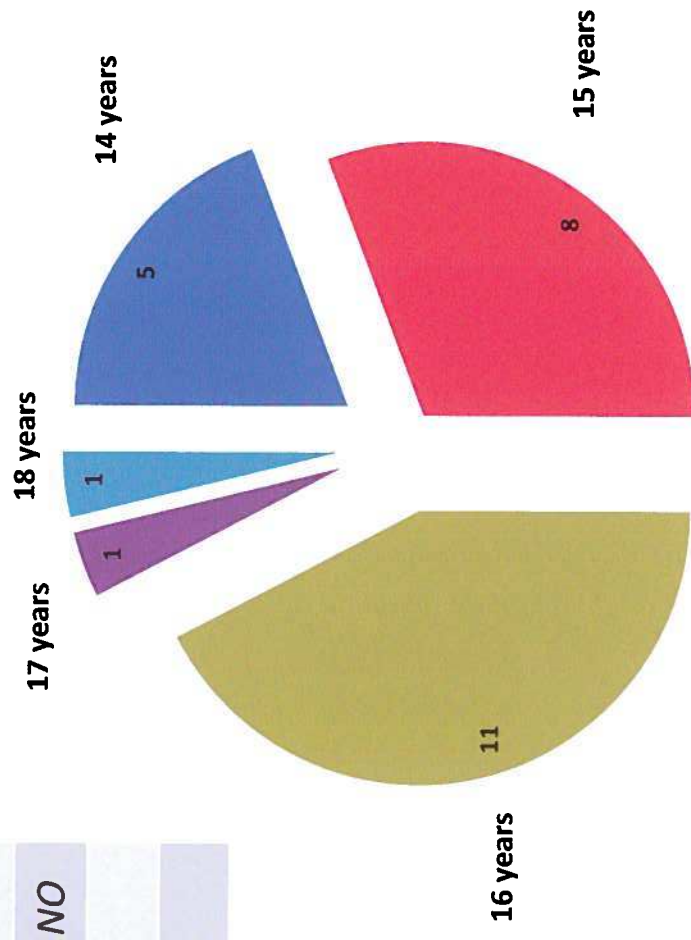
I. Minimum age requirements as set by Directive 2006/126/EC*

*** without prejudice to the provisions for the driving of such vehicles in Directive 2003/59/EC**

Category AM

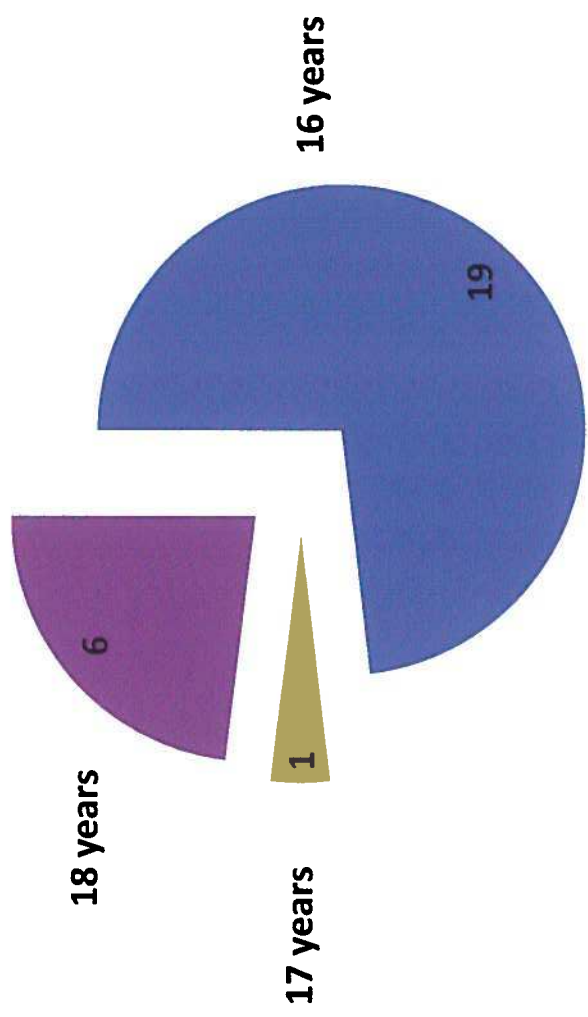
Age	Member States
14	EE,FR**, IT, LV,PL
15	AT, CZ,ES,FI,LT,SK,SL,SE
16	BE, DE, DK,EL, HU,IE,LU,NL,PT,RO,UK, HR,NO
17	CY
18	MT

** 16 years for quadricycles



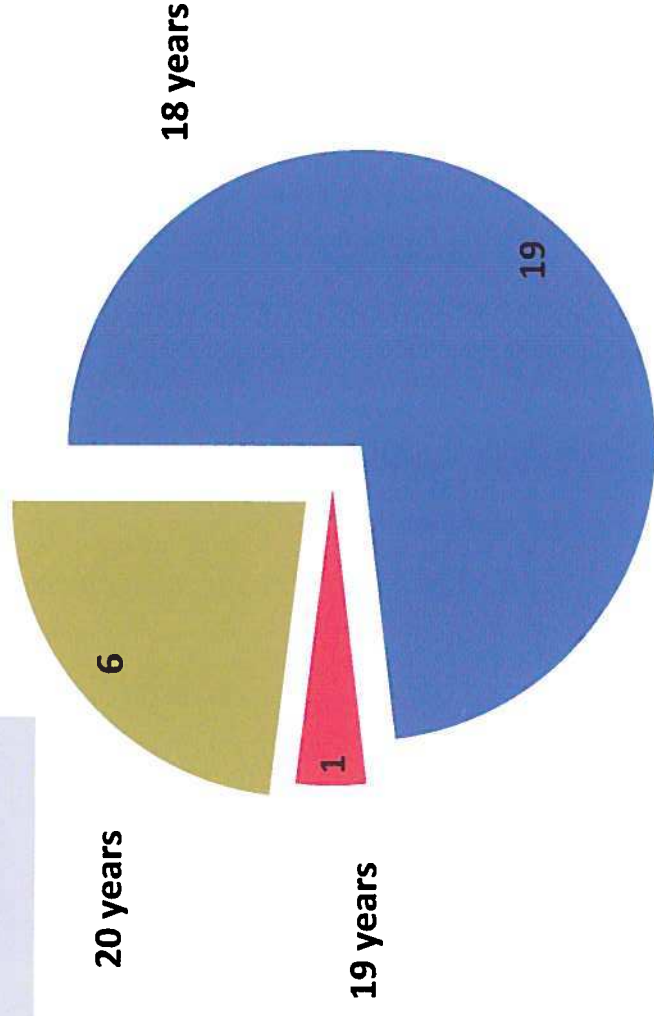
Category A1

category	Age	Member States
A1	16	AT, CZ, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SE, HR, NO
	17	UK
	18	BE, CY, DK, EL, MT, NL



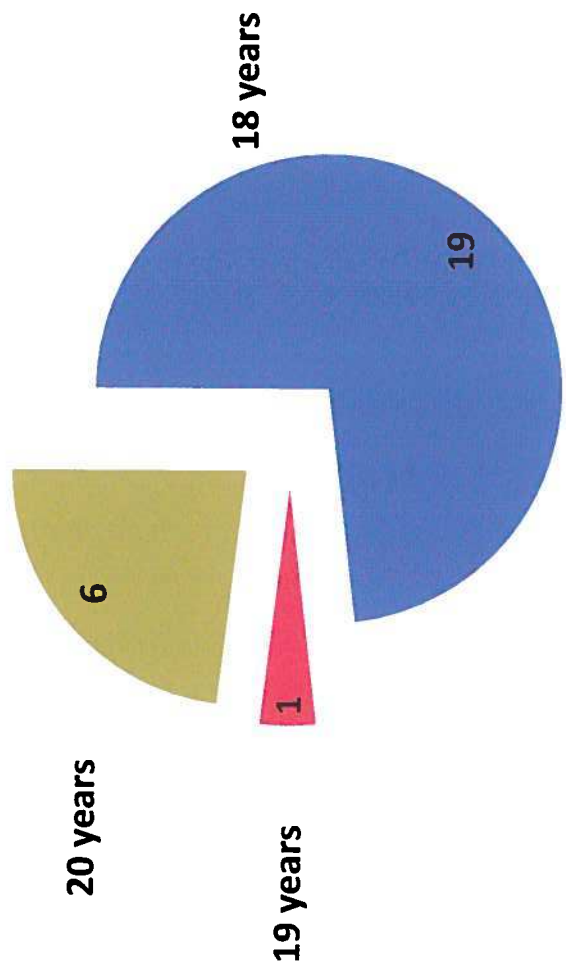
Category A2 - progressive access

category	Age	Member States
A2 progressive	18	AT, CZ, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SE, HR, NO
	19	UK
	20	BE, CY, DK, EL, MT, NL



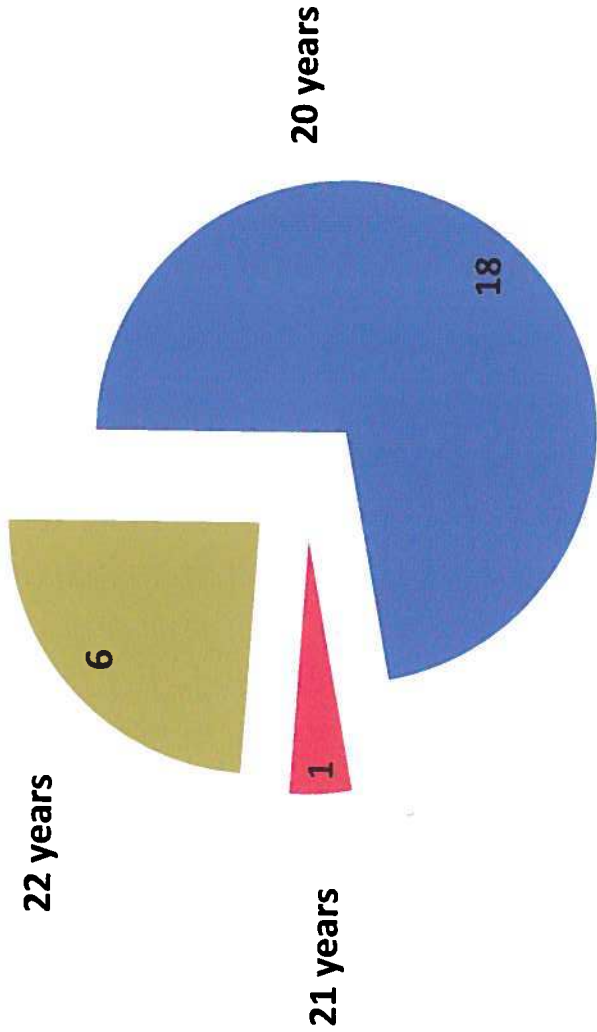
Category A2 - direct access

Category	Age	Member States
A2 direct	18	AT, CZ, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SE, HR, NO
	19	UK
	20	BE, CY, DK, EL, MT, NL



Category A – progressive access

Category	Age	Member States
A progressive	20	AT, CZ, DE, FI, EE, ES, FR, HU, IE, LT, LU, LV, PL, PT, RO, SL, SE, SK HR, NO
	21	UK
	22	BE, CY, DK, EL, MT, NL

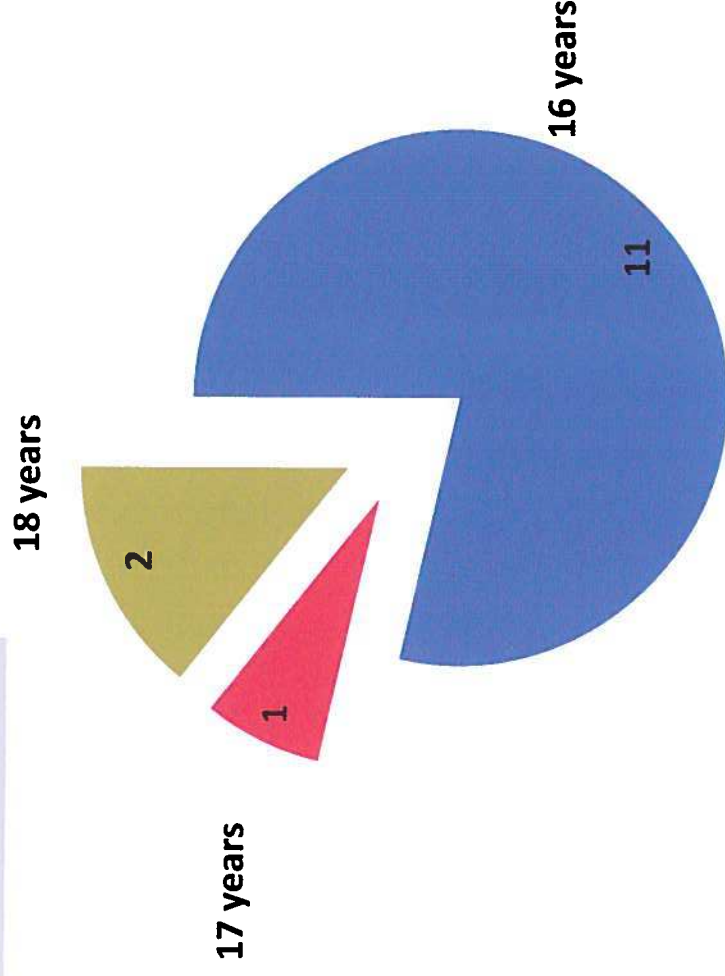


Category A – direct access

Category	Age	Member States
A direct	24	ALL MS, except LU (incl. HR, NO)

Category B1

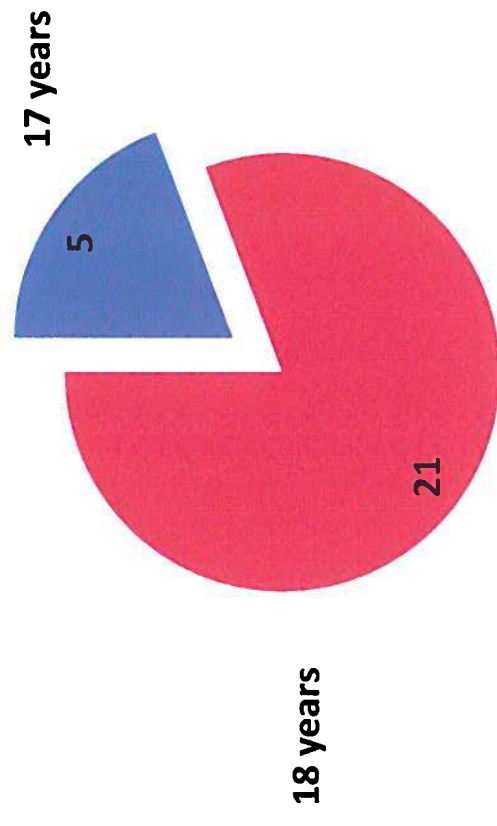
Category	Age	Member States
B1	16	EE, FR, HU, IT, LT, LV, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL
	17	CZ
	18	CY, MT



Category B

Category	Age	Member States
B	17	AT*, DE*, HU, IE*, UK
	18	BE, CZ, CY, DK, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SE, <i>HR, NO</i>

*special training required



Category BE

Category	Age	Member States
BE	17	DE*, IE, UK
	18	AT, BE, CY, CZ, DK, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SE, NO
	19	HR

*special training required

Category C1 and C

Category	Age	Member States
C1	18	All MS (incl. <i>HR, NO</i>)
C1E	18	All MS, except MT (incl. <i>NO</i>)
	19	MT, <i>HR</i>
C	21	All MS (incl. <i>HR, NO</i>)
CE	21	All MS (incl. <i>HR, NO</i>)

Category D1 and D

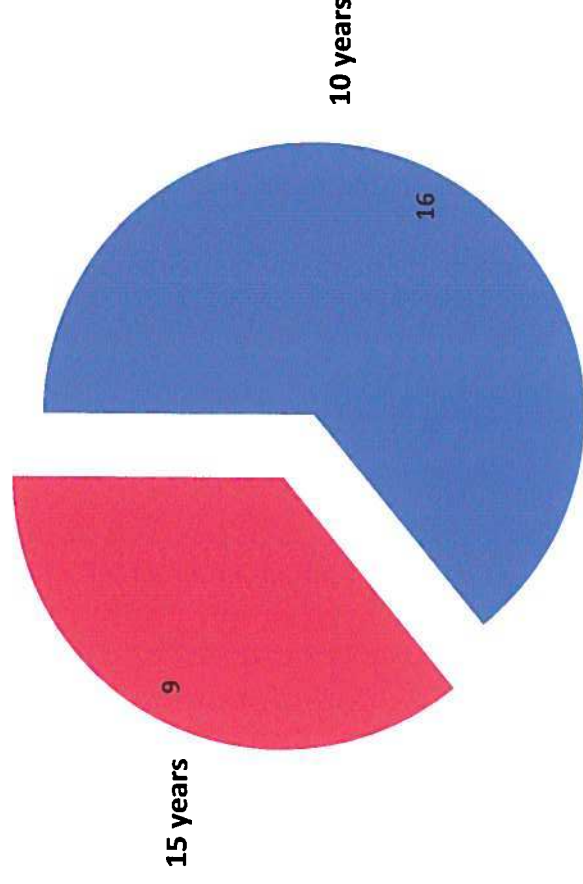
Category	Age	Member States
D1	21	All MS (incl. <i>HR</i> , <i>NO</i>)
D1E	21	All MS (incl. <i>HR</i> , <i>NO</i>)
D	21	<i>HR</i>
	24	All MS (incl. <i>NO</i>)
DE	21	<i>HR</i>
	24	All MS (incl. <i>NO</i>)

II. Period of validity

Period of validity for mopeds, powered two wheelers and passenger cars

Member States	
10 years	BE, CZ, EE, ES, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, RO, SL, SE, UK, HR
15 years	AT, CY, DE, DK, EL, FI, FR*, PL, SK, NO

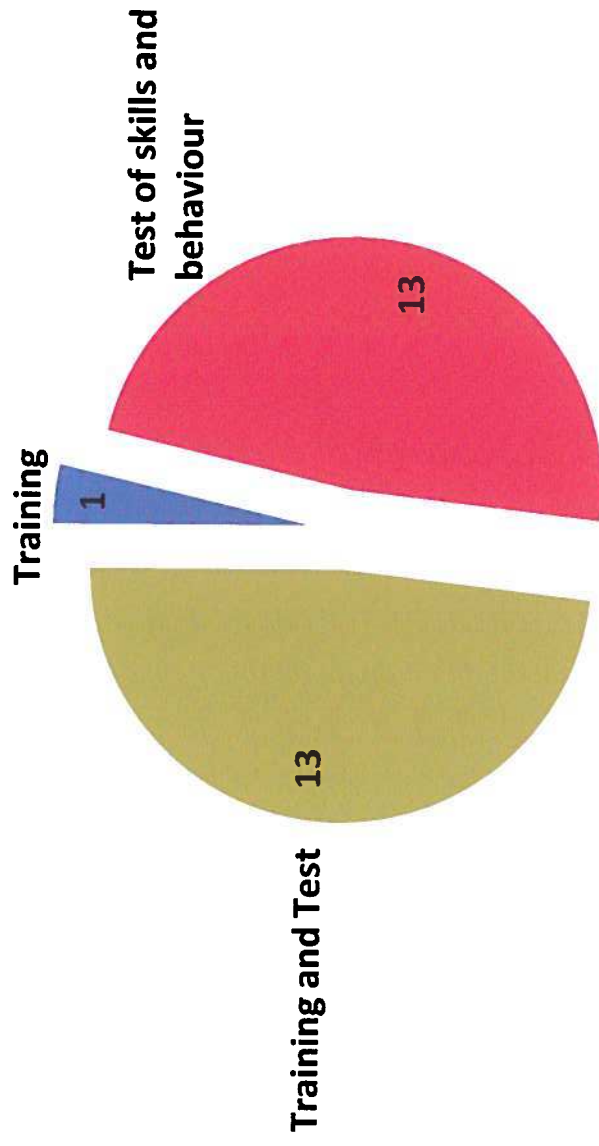
*except for BE which is valid for 5 years



III. Training requirements

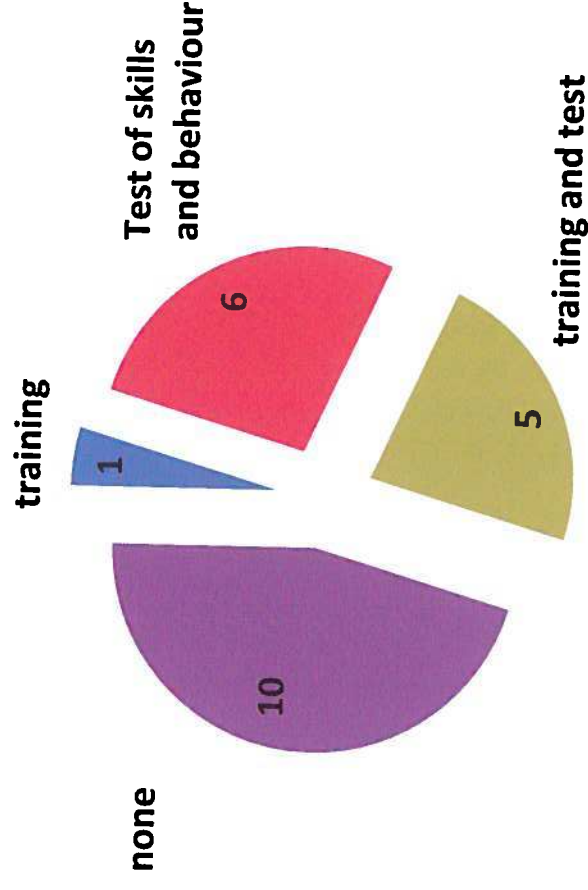
Category AM

	Training	Test of skills & behaviour (incl. theory test only)	Training and Test	None
AM	FR	AT, BE, CY, DE, ES, IE, IT, LU, LT, LV, MT, NL, UK	CZ, DE, DK, EE, EL, FI, HU, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, SE, HR	NO



Tricycles & quadricycles

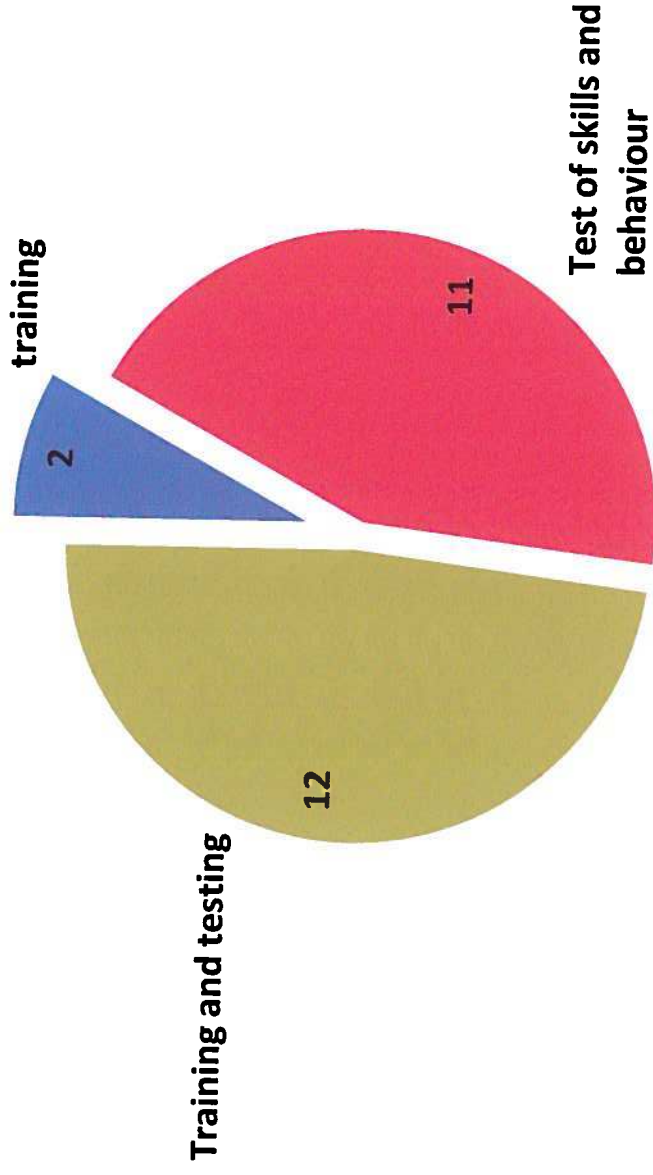
	Training	Test of skills & behaviour (incl. theory test only)	Training and Test	None
Tricycles & quadricycles	FR	ES, IE, IT, LV, MT, UK	EL, FI, PT, RO, SE	BE, CZ, DK, EE, LT, LU, NL, PL, SK, SL, HR, NO



Progressive access to A2

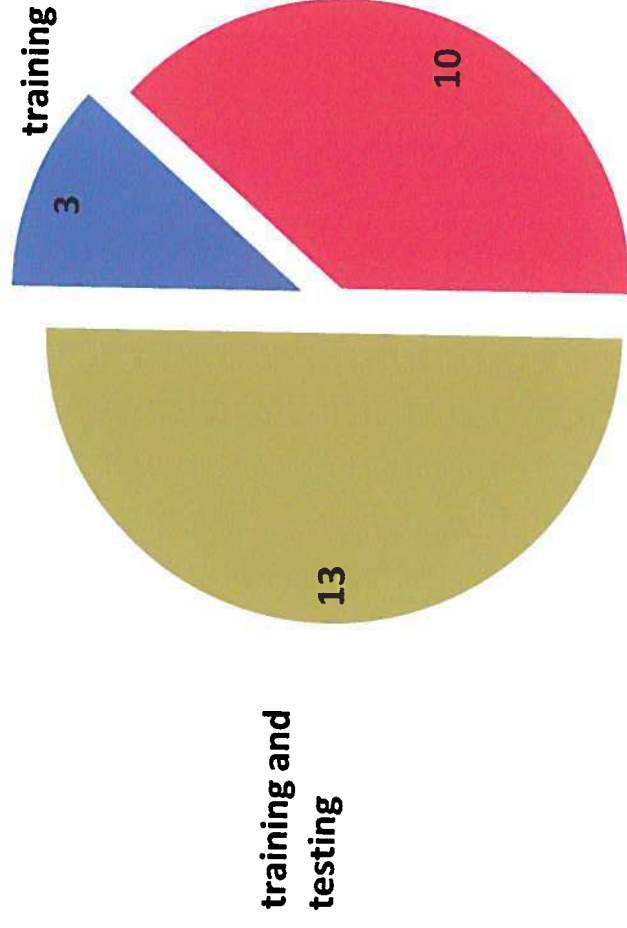
	Training	Test of skills & behaviour (incl. theory test only)	Training and Test
Progressive access to A2	FI, LU, NO	CZ, CY, DE, DK, EE, ES, IT, MT, NL, SE, UK	AT, BE, EL, FR, HU, IE, LT, LV, PL, PT, SK, SL, HR

No information from Romania



Progressive access to A

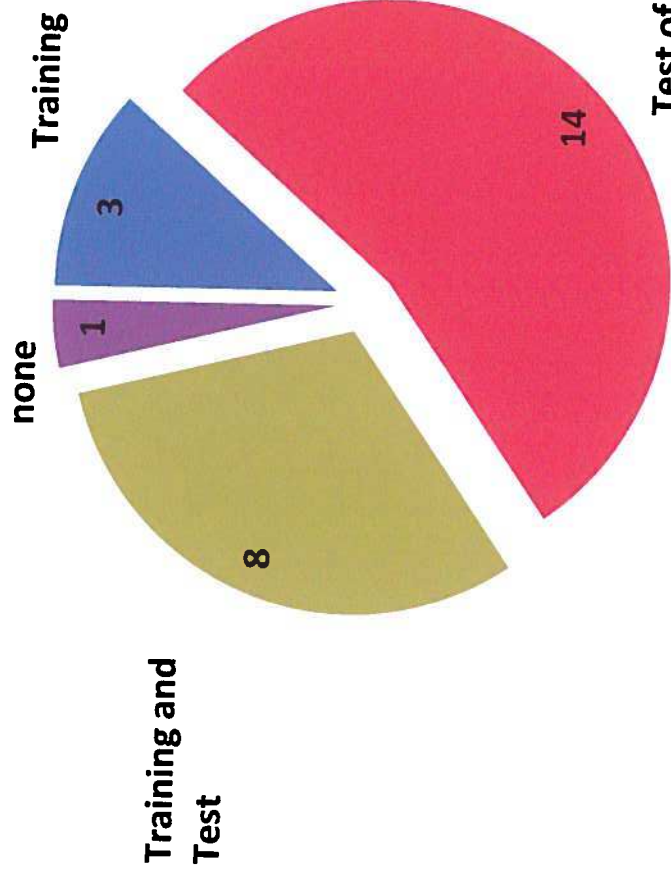
	Training	Test of skills & behaviour (incl. theory test only)	Training and Test
Progressive access to A	ES, FI, LU, NO	CZ, DE, DK, EE, IT, LV, MT, NL, SE, UK	AT, BE, CY, EL, FR, HU, IE, LT, PL, PT, RO, SK, SL, HR



Test of skills & behaviour

B "heavy trailer"

	Training	Test of skills & behaviour (incl. theory test only)	Training and Test	None
B "heavy trailer"	AT, DE, LU, NO	EE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, MT, NL, PL, SE, UK	BE, CY, CZ, DK, EL, RO, SK, SL	PT, HR



III.Timelines - exchange of driving licences in circulation

Timeline	Member States	Number of MS
By 13 July 2019	SL	1 MS
By latest 19 January 2023	CZ, EE, ES, IT, MT, NL, RO, SE	8 MS
By 2027	FR	1 MS
By latest 19 January 2033	AT, DE, DK, FI, IE, LU, PL, PT, SK, UK, NO	10 MS
No information provided	EL, LV, BE, BG, CY, LT, HU, HR	7 MS