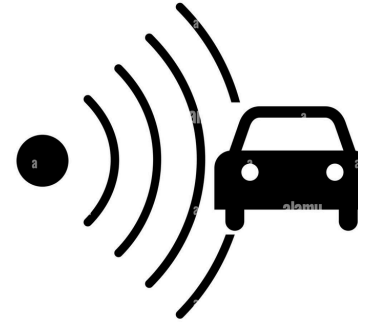


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I got a fine while I was on holiday in Italy, but the letter is in Dutch/French. Is there a chance it's a scam?



A while ago, I travelled to Italy by car. Today I found a traffic fine in my mailbox claiming I committed an offence there. What I find odd is that the entire document is in Dutch/French rather than Italian.

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Fraud can never be completely ruled out, of course. That's why you should first check whether the information on the fine—such as the vehicle details—matches your own car, and whether you were actually at the location mentioned at the date and time stated. If both are correct, then in most cases it is likely to be a genuine fine.

EU member states exchange information related to road safety, so it is normal for a fine to arrive in your own language. In fact, a letter about a traffic fine must be sent in the language of your vehicle registration document or in one of the official languages of the country where you live.

If you received the letter in another language, you have the right to request a translation from the authority that issued the fine.

Stick to the traffic rules. At the moment, the competent authorities in EU member states can send you a fine for seven types of offences: speeding, not wearing a seat belt, failing to stop at a red light, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, using a prohibited lane, and using a mobile phone while driving.

It's useful to know that **European cooperation** in this area will be expanded in the coming years. From 2027 onward, you will receive fines abroad for even more offences, including failing to keep a safe distance, making a dangerous overtaking manoeuvre, or driving against the direction of traffic.

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About Me: I enjoy helping others by explaining important information in a simple and accessible way. Because many new drivers are unaware of the documents they need or the risks of missing paperwork, I created this guide to raise awareness and make things easier for everyone.

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