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The Results of the FIVA **Economic and Cultural Research Project** were presented to Politicians and the Press on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at the Hotel de Ville in Brussels.

The research, which commenced in June 2005, involved eleven countries: Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The aim of the project was to obtain factual data to promote the historic vehicle movement and to assist in discussions with politicians and legislators in the protection of our moving heritage.

Data, received from questionnaires completed by clubs, individual club members and by the trade, has been analysed and extrapolated to incorporate the 23 FIVA member countries, in producing a pan-European report.

The FIVA President, Michel de Thomasson, stated that this has been the most significant and important exercise ever undertaken by the Federation.

**The results show that the historic vehicle movement is worth in excess of €16 billion annually to the EU Economy with exports over €3 billion.**

Over **55,000 people**, mostly full time, are employed by the businesses serving the movement. These employees are working in stable businesses that in most cases have been established for over 10 years.

The myth that historic vehicles are a rich person's pastime is shown to be incorrect. The results indicate that nearly a third of owners have a household income of **less than €30,000** and their vehicles are worth **less than €15,000** in the majority of cases.

Concerns for the environment are questioned by the research findings. Historic vehicles represent **less than 1%** of the total vehicles. The majority travel **less than 1500km** per year and compared with their modern counterparts, travel **less than 0.1%** of total kilometres for all vehicles.

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