



**Hugo Roebroek** has been attracted by motorcycling for many years. He first passed his light motorcycle licence at age 17, and upgraded it to a full licence last year.

Hugo was born in 1981 in northeastern France, and studied at the Institute of Political Science of Strasbourg, where he obtained a degree with a speciality in International Relations. He then studied for a Master's degree in economic expertise and international project management at the University of Paris XII. During his education, he had the opportunity to spend a year at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada, where he studied international relations and taught French as a foreign language. A native french speaker, he is fluent in English, and has a good knowledge of Spanish as well as basics in German.

Before joining the Secretariat of FEMA, Hugo had been working for two years at the Embassy of France in Saint Lucia, in the Eastern Caribbean. As a project manager in the Department of Co-operation and Culture he gained valuable experience in the fields of management, fundraising, event coordination, communication and press relations; as well as strong negotiation skills. Working in relation with various partners such as governments, international organisations, businesses, universities and associations allowed him to develop his interpersonal skills in a variety of environments.

He describes himself as a diplomatic, adaptive and curious individual. Always interested in representing and protecting the interests of the public, he is enthusiastic about working for the defense of the rights of motorcyclists. He worked in South Africa before he moved to the Caribbean, and thinks of himself as a cosmopolitan and a european at heart.

Having moved in Brussels at the beginning of January, Hugo is looking forward to join his fellow motorcyclists and ride the Buell Ulysses XB12 of the Secretariat.

Hugo Roebroek is replacing Virginie Peters who has worked for FEMA since 2007.