



Pan-European EV infrastructure charges ahead after IONITY secures EUROP-E funding

- *Largest ever EU co-funded vehicle charging infrastructure project to launch 340 Ultra Charging stations across 13 EU Member States*
- *As part of EUROP-E, Q8 and Ionity launch first High Power Charging Stations on the Belgian motorway in Thieu and on EU Core Network*
- *With total investment of €195.5M including €39.1M EU co-funding, and after recent financial closing secured, the EUROP-E can pave the way to rapid Pan-European network*

Brussels, 25 April, 2019. Today, as part of the launch of first High Power Charging Stations in Belgium, EUROP-E project is announcing its financial closing as the largest EU co-funded EV charging infrastructure project to-date. The EUROP-E network will cover main routes across 13 EU countries, enabling electric vehicles to navigate the vast distances from Poland to Portugal and from Sweden to Italy. The EUROP-E project will be implemented by IONITY, a joint venture between BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company, and Volkswagen group with Audi and Porsche.

The EUROP-E project aims to establish 340 high power chargers (HPCs), each with up to 350 kilowatt (kW), enabling 300 km travel after charging for just 15-20 minutes. This project will focus on providing full pan-European coverage along all 9 TEN-T Core Network Corridors and the Core Network and will deploy stations also in remote locations or regions where EV adoption is still low, creating a non-discriminatory and interoperable network.

The EUROP-E network is planned to coincide with the launch of new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) by Europe's leading vehicle manufacturers which aims to cover distances of up to 400km with a single charge. The project also aims to integrate the network in the navigation systems of these new BEVs as well as enabling convenient access to the chargers. Improvements in BEV design and performance, combined with new charging infrastructure and convenient access will significantly increase consumer confidence in e-mobility, and accelerate mass market adoption.

By focusing on highway locations, the network will greatly improve the utility of BEVs, bringing them in line with internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs). It will be complemented by existing charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and broadly supported by site partners, ministries and other industrial players. Currently, 38 EUROP-E HPC stations are already established and operational with additional 32 stations that are already in advanced construction stage and will become operational over the next few months.

The EUROP-E project is co-financed by the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union. The European Commission selected this project via the blending call which combines different financial instruments. This project has a total investment of €195.5M including €39.1M EU co-funding. With the recent signing of the loan agreement, the financial backing for the project has been completed and the rapid expansion of the network can begin.

“We are delighted EUROP-E was selected by the EU to deliver a high-power charging network throughout Europe. IONITY is a European joint venture with a clear mission to make EV travel simple and convenient. The co-funding via the Connecting Europe Facility is a major step towards achieving that goal,” said Michael Hajesch, CEO IONITY.

“Congratulations to the EUROP-E project for opening the first Ultra-Fast Charger for electric vehicles in Belgium, bringing zero-emission electric road mobility throughout the EU ever closer. The EUROP-E project, which is supported with EUR39.1 million from the Connecting Europe Facility for Transport EU programme (CEF-T), has managed to successfully mobilise private sector support, thus demonstrating a high leverage effect. The deployment of the project’s charging infrastructure in 13 EU Member states will contribute to the adoption of electric vehicles in Europe and support to the transition to sustainable transport across the EU” declared Andreas Boschen, Head of Connecting Europe Facility, Innovation and Networks Executive Agency - INEA, European Commission.

IONITY is building 400 charging stations on Europe’s major highways, to make transcontinental EV travel an everyday reality. Working with its strategic partners, IONITY’s network of chargers will make the long-distance journey in an EV as easy and convenient as it is today in cars equipped with the internal combustion engine.



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About IONITY

IONITY is based in Munich and was founded in 2017; it is a joint venture of the BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company and the Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche. Its goal is to build an extensive and reliable 350 kW High-Power-Charging network (HPC) for electric vehicles in Europe to make comfortable long-distance travel an everyday reality. IONITY has attractive national and international locations through its strong partners. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark.



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