

PRESS RELEASE

## TRAVELLING BY ELECTRIC CAR NOW MORE CONVENIENT THAN EVER

- > The number of IONITY charging parks along European motorways has increased fivefold since 2018
- > Twelve and more charge points per site on major routes and Plug & Charge as standard
- > Travel planning and charging etiquette particularly important during peak travel season

Munich, Germany, June 21, 2023 – Summer is just around the corner and many holiday-makers are travelling by car. Almost 70 percent of more than 14,000 respondents from seven European countries would rather drive an electric car than a combustion engine car if access to the charging infrastructure were easy according to a study by [elementenergy](#). With around 500 charging parks and 2,400 charging points in 24 European countries, IONITY currently offers one of the largest and most efficient high-power charging (HPC) networks in Europe. And the fast charging network is constantly being expanded: new locations, additional charging points, solar roofs and services such as shopping facilities and gastronomy optimise the charging experience. Additionally, innovations such as Plug & Charge make long-distance journeys with electric vehicles easier than ever.

### **Popular holiday countries very well covered**

IONITY's pan-European charging network open to all brands already covers popular holiday destinations such as France, Italy or Germany very well. With a total of currently 128 charging parks and 672 charge points, France is at the forefront in terms of fast charging infrastructure. IONITY already operates numerous charging parks with up to 18 charging along the "Sunshine Highway" from north to south or the popular Mediterranean coast from Nice to Marseille, many of them with solar roofs.

In Germany, IONITY extended sites with new charging points at heavily frequented locations. The site in Linthe on the A9 between Berlin and Leipzig, for example, has been extended from six to twelve charge points; on the A7 at Kirchheimer Dreieck, IONITY added

a second charging park with twelve charge points to better meet the growing charging demand.

In addition, thanks to new IONITY stations such as in Affi at lake Garda or near Rome, it is now possible for the first time to reach Naples in Southern Italy and even drive to Sicily by electric car.

### **Planning and preparation is particularly important during the peak travel season**

Like in previous years, charging processes per day are expected to be higher in the summer months of July and August than in the other months of the year. That is why careful route planning and comprehensive preparation are important now. On weekdays and at off-peak times in the early morning or late evening, it tends to be quieter at the charging parks. For fast and easy payment, IONITY offers as one of the first charging network operators the Plug & Charge technology at all its sites. With Plug & Charge the car automatically authenticates itself to the charging station and carries out the charging and payment process.

Further tips for holiday or business trips are compiled in the [IONITY Summer Travel Guide](#). For all those travelers who plan to charge more than twice at IONITY, the new subscription tariff IONITY PASSPORT could be worthwhile. It can be easily booked on the IONITY smartphone app. Charging prices are displayed transparently on the IONITY [website](#) and app.

### **About IONITY**

IONITY is building and operating the largest open brand high-power charging (HPC) network along European highways. The HPC charging capacity of up to 350 kW allows maximum charging speeds. As a commitment to sustainability, IONITY sources renewable energy only for both emission-free and carbon neutral driving. At the end of 2022, the IONITY HPC network counted more than 450 charging stations and more than 2.000 charging points in 24 European countries.

Founded in 2017, IONITY is a joint venture of the car manufacturers BMW Group, Ford Motor Company, Hyundai Motor Group, Mercedes Benz AG and Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche, along with BlackRock's Climate Infrastructure Platform as financial investor. The company is headquartered in Munich, Germany, with additional offices in

Dortmund and outside Norway's capital Oslo. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark.

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