

PRESS RELEASE

IONITY CONNECTS NORTH AND SOUTH OF EUROPE WITH STRATEGICALLY LOCATED HPC STATIONS IN FRANCE & ITALY

- > Transforming long-distance travel by car into climate-friendly journeying – with high power (HPC) charging along highways and at hotel premises
- > Largest and most powerful twin charging stations on France’s sunshine highway with new architecture elements
- > First high-power charging station in Rome North on hotel premises - creating new hospitality opportunities for travellers and hotels

Munich, 23 February 2023 –Electric mobility is a key pillar of eco-friendly individual mobility - especially with regard to long-distance travel journeys in Europe. With the number of fully battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) continuously rising, availability and access to charging infrastructure along highways and main routes becomes even more relevant. IONITY, Europe’s leading open-brand high-power charging (HPC) network for electric vehicles (EV), has now opened two unique sites on preferred travel routes connecting the north with the south of Europe to further support this network.

Mornas: Outstanding in size and strategically located on France's "Sunshine Highway"

The new twin charging stations in Mornas, near Avignon and Orange, are strategically positioned on France’s busy “Sunshine Highway” connecting Lyon with Marseille and Nice on the Mediterranean coast. This is the company's largest and most powerful charging station in Europe so far, providing high-power charging with up to 350 kW: Mornas Village and Mornas les Adrets located on both sides of the highway can accommodate each up to sixteen electric vehicles simultaneously. Here, IONITY also introduces features such as weather protection shades and solar panels on the stations' roofs.

“Driving electric protects the climate without compromising on individual mobility”, says Marcus Groll, COO of IONITY. “The IONITY high-power charging network along Europe’s highways has been a key enabler of sustainable mobility. Our new station in France sets new benchmarks with regard to size and adjacent services hence increasing electric travellers’ convenience.”

In France, IONITY already has the biggest share of all European chargers with 120 active charging stations currently and 576 charging points with further long-term investments in the planning. As such, range anxiety becomes irrelevant when travelling with IONITY. Already today, the number of IONITY high-power charging stations in France is comparable to the number of petrol stations of the leading oil company's service stations along the French highways.

Rome: high-power charging on hotel premises creates new hospitality opportunities

In Italy, one of Europe's preferred travel destinations, IONITY has inaugurated a high-power charging station located directly at the Hampton by Hilton hotel in Fiano Romano. Close to the city of Rome, six new chargers close a huge gap: with putting it into operation, IONITY connects central Europe with the Southern part of Italy. Another plus: offering a charging capacity of up to 350 kW, IONITY makes it possible to top up the car's battery to 80 % capacity in less than half an hour. Consequently, electric travellers can benefit from the hotels' restaurant or other service amenities while charging their car even during a short stopover.

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.

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