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# IONITY AND ITALIAN CITY OF AFFI ENABLE SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IN LAKE GARDA REGION

- > IONITY inaugurates its largest charging station so far in Affi, lake Garda, with 18 High-Power chargers (HPC) powered by 100% renewable energy
- > Located at strategic crossroads at A22/E45 motorway that is important for both tourist and commercial traffic flows
- > IONITY now operates 28 active stations and 172 high-power charging points in Italy - nine additional locations are under construction

Munich, Germany and Affi, Italy, 11 May 2023 – IONITY officially inaugurated its currently largest charging station in Affi at lake Garda in the presence of the Vice President of the Veneto Region, the President of the Province of Verona and the Mayor of Affi. With a total of 28 charging stations spread across Italy, IONITY now also operates one of the largest High-power charging networks open to electric vehicles of brands in the country.

The new IONITY station is located right off the A22/E45 motorway exit “Lago di Garda Sud” and hence at a strategic crossroads between continental Europe, the lakes of Northern Italy and the South of Italy. Its 18 High-Power chargers with their iconic design offer up to 350 kW charging capacity and are covered with a photovoltaic roof. The solar energy generated with it can be used for charging or fed into the local power grid as needed. While charging, customers can benefit from the numerous services and amenities of the nearby shopping center.

“Affi represents the heart of carbon-neutral electric travel in Northern Italy and beyond,” said Elena Airoidi, Country Manager Italy of IONITY. “The location makes a perfect entry to the Lake Garda region and at the same time represents an ideal stop-over for long distance electric travel going north or south.”

The municipality of Affi is not only a special travel destination. It has also successfully demonstrated how municipal investments in renewable energies and electric mobility can

reduce CO2 emissions while promoting economic growth. Thus, Affi can already cover its energy needs almost entirely by itself.

“This new IONITY station in our community is a key element of sustainable mobility and will benefit both consumers and regional businesses alike,” explains the mayor of Affi, Marco Giacomo Segà. “Thanks to the foresight of the administration that decided early to invest in renewable energies and the services connected to it, we have brought hundreds of new businesses including commerce, industry and services to the municipal area over the past years.”

#### **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 Global Renewable Power 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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