

PRESS RELEASE

## IONITY AND VINCI AUTOUROUTES: TWO STRONG PARTNERS FOR ELECTRIC MOBILITY IN FRANCE

- > Partnership advances electric mobility in France: 60 charging stations and more than 400 high-power charging (HPC) points on motorways by the end of July 2023
- > IONITY to open one of the largest HPC charging parks in Europe within the Vinci Autoroutes network in Rousset, near Marseille and Aix-en-Provence
- > Expansion of charging network simplifies electric travel in the south of France

Munich, Germany, and Paris, France , 12 July 2023 - IONITY and VINCI Autoroutes, today, inaugurated one of the largest high-power charging (HPC) stations in Europe, located in Rousset, near Marseille and Aix-en-Provence at the A8. The site is the 55th of a total of 60 IONITY charging stations that will be opened at VINCI Autoroutes service areas by the end of July 2023. VINCI Autoroutes is one of the largest motorway concessionaires in France, managing 4,443 kilometres. The Rousset site offers 16 high-power charging (HPC) points in order to meet the growing demand for charging facilities in the popular travel region of southern France, another eight HPC charging points could be added.

Thanks to the cooperation between IONITY and VINCI, French drivers and tourists can easily travel the whole of France with an electric vehicle. The partners are also making a decisive contribution to increasing the acceptance of electric mobility in France and achieving the French government's expansion targets in terms of charging infrastructure. The government wants to realise a total of 400,000 publicly accessible charging points by 2030.

"We are very pleased about the opening of the IONITY high-power charging park at the Rousset service area. This is an important location for long-distance journeys in the south of France," says Olivier Granier, head of commercial facilities at VINCI Autoroutes. "As the number of electric vehicles increases, service stations are also evolving. We are expanding

our range of services for improving travelers' stops. All 181 service stations will be equipped with charging parks, offering 1,800 charging points, 90 percent of them being fast-charging points."

### **Strong expansion in France**

France is home to most of IONITY's charging stations and charging points. Just one year after the opening of the 100th station in France, the pan-European HPC network has already increased the number of charging points by half. Currently, IONITY operates more than 130 charging parks in France with more than 700 ultra-fast 350 kW charging points. They are mainly located along the motorways and allow cars of all brands and vehicle generations to be charged within a few minutes. Newly built IONITY charging parks in France have an average of more than 12 charging points compared to previously six on average.

"We are very proud of our strong position in the French market. Working with French municipalities, partners such as VINCI Autoroutes and our dedicated employees, we have made a great contribution to the development of the French charging infrastructure," says Briec de Tonquédec, country manager for IONITY in France. "We have a dense fast-charging network in France and will now focus on further extending the existing charging parks. The IONITY station in Rousset illustrates how we support the exponentially increasing penetration of electric vehicles: more charging points, more services and a better customer experience through."

### **Electric travel in France**

According to a recent study commissioned by VINCI Autoroutes, six out of ten French people consider an electric vehicle suitable for their journeys. More than half of those asked can imagine driving an electric vehicle in the next five years. In this sense, the motorway represents a major axis for the development of electric mobility in France.

France is also one of the most popular travel destinations in Europe. The comprehensive IONITY fast-charging network makes climate-neutral travel with your own car possible. In addition to the charging park in Rousset, IONITY has expanded the offer along the legendary "Autoroute du Soleil" motorway and near the Pyrenees in recent months. The fast-charging network now provides access to the Côte d'Azur and Provence and simplifies

the journey to Spain, one of the 24 countries in which IONITY is active. The new subscription model, IONITY PASSPORT offers a flexible tariff, which is particularly attractive for holiday travelers and can be easily booked via the IONITY 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. In July 2023, the IONITY HPC network counted more than 500 charging stations and more than 2.500 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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