

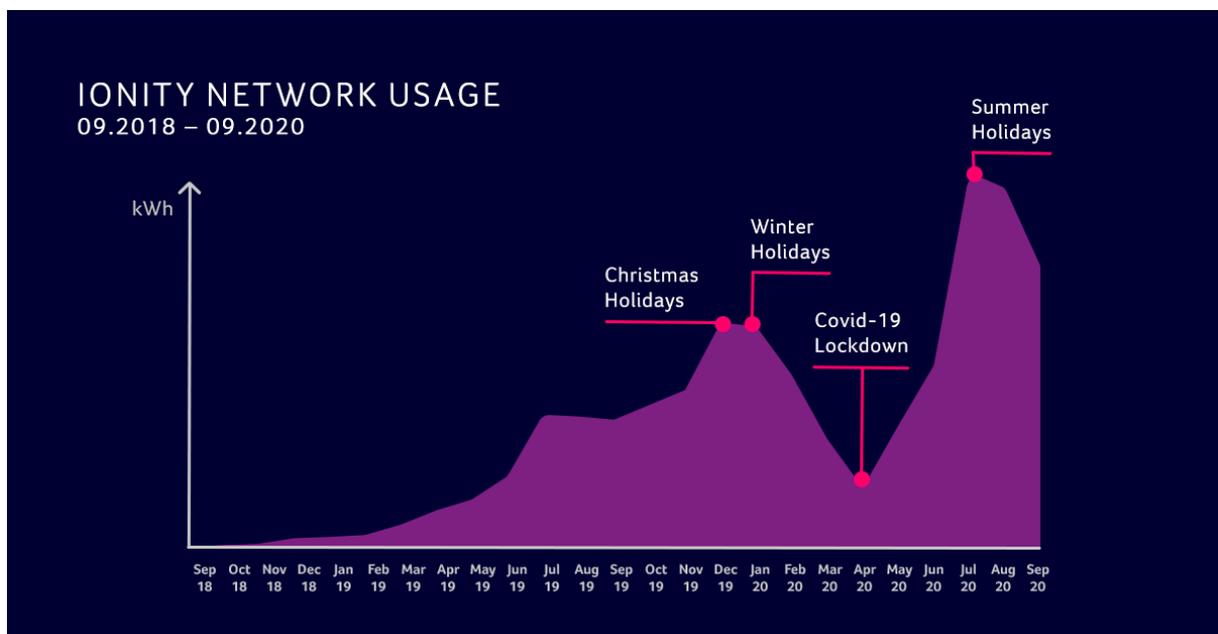
EV-Driving On The Rise

IONITY registers increase in the use of its European high-power charging network after the first COVID-19 lockdown phase

Munich, 27 October 2020 - IONITY, the leading high-power charging network for electric vehicles registered an increase in the use of its charging stations over the last few months, especially after the COVID-19 lockdown period that started in April 2020. The ongoing corona pandemic has led to a change in mobility behaviour in Europe and helped the e-mobility sector to further gain traction. Whether this is because:

- people who already own EVs (electric vehicles) seem to increase their usage.
- there is a high demand for sustainable mobility in order to travel emission-free and in a carbon-neutral way.
- public transports such as trains, planes and busses seem to no longer be the safe way of travelling during the pandemic.
- more countries are encouraging the purchase of electric vehicles by providing incentives.

Although these trends may vary by region, the volume of kWh charged at IONITY charging stations across Europe support these observations.



The chart shows the charging behaviour of IONITY customers from September 2018 to September 2020.

The registration numbers of BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) and PHEVs (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles) increased across the continent already before COVID-19. The effect of the lockdown however is conspicuous.

“Apparently, the pandemic has made people reflect on the way we all travel short and long distance”, says Dr Michael Hajesch, CEO at IONITY, adding: “Not only from a consumer point of view. For example, in several European countries the government just recently launched a series of

measures to tackle the negative economic consequences of the pandemic, including a temporary increase in subsidies for electric and hybrid vehicles.”

IONITY, Europe’s leading high-power charging network wants to make long distance travel with electric vehicles the new normal. Its goal is to make charging an electric vehicle available for everyone everywhere and a particularly fast and hassle-free experience. By using 100% renewable energy, the company enables not only emission-free, but truly carbon-neutral driving. With this IONITY provides a positive contribution to the overall goal of decarbonising mobility in general.

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About IONITY

IONITY makes long distance travel with electric vehicles the new normal. The company builds and operates a High-Power Charging network (HPC) for electric vehicles along Europe's highways.

Through innovative technology as well as credible energy suppliers, IONITY enables emission-free driving with 100% renewable energy. The company’s 350 kW Fast-chargers are set up in an average of four charging points every 120 kilometres. The award-winning chargers offer multi-brand compatibility with current and future generations of electric vehicles through the leading European charging standard Combined Charging System (CCS.)

IONITY was founded in 2017 and is a joint venture founded by BMW Group, Mercedes Benz AG, Ford Motor Company and the Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche.

More than 75 employees are shaping the future of e-Mobility at IONITY. The company is headquartered in Munich with an additional office in Oslo, Norway. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark.

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