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## PAN-EUROPEAN EV INFRASTRUCTURE TAKES SHAPE AFTER IONITY LAUNCHES ITS 150<sup>TH</sup> EUROP-E FUNDED CHARGING STATION

- All 150 charging stations form part of the largest ever EU co-funded vehicle charging infrastructure project
- The EUROP-E project aims to establish 340 high power chargers, across 13 EU Member States, each providing up to 350 kilowatts
- This project has a total investment of €195.5M including €39.1M EU co-funding

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**IONITY, a joint venture between the BMW Group, Mercedes Benz AG, Ford Motor Company, and the Volkswagen Group with Porsche AG, today announces that the 150<sup>th</sup> EUROP-E funded charging station has been opened in Labenne, France.**

IONITY has this week, launched its 150<sup>th</sup> EUROP-E funded charging station. Built at Labenne- East in France - the site will be able to provide users with up to six 350 kilowatt (kW) chargers, with four currently installed, enabling hassle-free long distance EV travel and providing a useful destination charging site in this popular tourism region.

Helping to facilitate the rollout of IONITY's pan-European network, the EUROP-E project aims to install 340 high power chargers (HPCs), each providing up to 350 kW. This project focuses on providing full pan-European coverage along all 9 TEN-T Core Network Corridors and the Core Network and will deploy stations also in remote locations or regions where EV adoption is still low, creating a non-discriminatory and interoperable network. Some of the 13 EU Member States receiving chargers include Germany, Portugal, Spain and Italy.

The EUROP-E network was developed to coincide with the introduction of new Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) by Europe's leading vehicle manufacturers, capable of covering distances of up to 400km on a single charge. The EUROP-E project also incorporates the network into the satellite navigation systems of these new BEVs, as well as enabling convenient access to the chargers. Developments in BEV design and performance, together with new charging infrastructure and convenient access, will significantly increase consumer confidence in e-mobility and accelerate mass market adoption.



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With a total of 400 stations offering ultra-fast charging times at convenient motorway locations, IONITY's network will make long distance journeys far more viable than much slower 50kW alternatives. The 350kW pan-European charging network is future-proofed, delivering infrastructure capable of charging times as low as 8 minutes depending on the charging capacity of the vehicle, making e-mobility a convenient, reliable and everyday experience.

For all of its European stations, IONITY's High-Power Chargers will provide every charge point with 100% renewable energy, greatly reducing the environmental impact of a journey and providing peace of mind for environmentally conscious drivers.

Michael Hajesch, CEO of IONITY, said: "This is a further example of the commitment that IONITY has made to a significant part of the European Green Deal: namely accelerating the shift to sustainable and smart mobility. IONITY's High Power Charging network is already making hassle-free, seamless and most importantly carbon-neutral EV travel across Europe the new normal."



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### About EUROP-E

European Ultra-Charge Roll Out Project – Electric project (EUROP-E) is the largest EU co-funded EV charging infrastructure project to-date. The EUROP-E network will cover main routes across 13 EU countries and aims to establish 340 high power chargers (HPCs). The EUROP-E project is co-financed by the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union. The European Commission selected this project via the blending call which combines different financial instruments. This project has a total investment of €195.5M including €39.1M EU co-funding.

<https://europ-e.eu/>

### About IONITY

IONITY is based in Munich and was founded in 2017; it is a joint venture of the BMW Group, Mercedes Benz AG, Ford Motor Company, and the Volkswagen Group with Porsche AG. The goal of the joint venture is to build an extensive and reliable 350 kW High-Power-Charging network (HPC) for electric vehicles in Europe to make comfortable long- distance EV travel a reality. IONITY has attractive national and international locations through its strong partners. IONITY is an internationally registered trademark.

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### About IONITY's High-Power Charging network

IONITY's charging technology is able to directly convert AC power to DC via industrially robust electronics before transmitting it straight into a vehicle's battery at full velocity. Each charge point offers the potential of up to 350 kW. Smart logic inside the charger means all EVs equipped with CCS will automatically charge at the fastest rate their batteries can safely handle. A vehicle capable of the full 350 kW charging power can be charged in approx. 10-15 minutes, significantly faster than it takes at more common 50 kW charging stations as of today – and three times quicker than current fast chargers. All vehicles using the Combined Charging System (CCS), the most widely adopted EV charging standard in Europe, are compatible with the network.

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