



*The objective is to make it easier for electric vehicle customers to travel long distances in Spain and Portugal, as well as connect with the rest of the European continent*

## **Cepsa and IONITY unveil their first high-power charging points in Portugal and make progress in the structuring of the Iberian Peninsula**

- **After launching the first high-power charging corridor in the Iberian Peninsula, linking Madrid and Barcelona, both companies inaugurate four new electric chargers on the highway connecting Lisbon and southern Portugal**
- **This inauguration marks the launch of the *Via Verde Eletric*, a Brisa project in which Cepsa and IONITY have ownership, to create the largest long-distance electric charging network in Portugal**
- **Currently, there are 30 IONITY high-power chargers installed at 11 Cepsa's Service Stations on the Peninsula. Both companies' objective is to install these chargers at 35 stations located along the main corridors**
- **IONITY's high-power charging stations use 100% renewable energy supplied by Cepsa, have an output of 350 kW, and use the European charging standard Combined Charging System (CCS)**

Cepsa in partnership with IONITY, the leading pan-European high-power charging network comprising the BMW Group, Mercedes Benz AG, Ford Motor Company, Hyundai Motor Group, and Volkswagen Group—including Audi and Porsche—continues to advance in developing the most extensive public intercity electric mobility network on the Iberian Peninsula with the inauguration of the first two service stations with high power charging points in Portugal. This is a new milestone in the partnership between the two companies, after launching the first high-power charging corridor on the Iberian Peninsula linking the cities of Madrid and Barcelona at the end of 2020.

The facilities are located at two Cepsa's Service Stations in the Portuguese town of Almodôvar (in the Beja district), on both sides of the A-2 highway, which connects Lisbon with southern Portugal. These state-of-the-art facilities are equipped with two recharging points each and are prepared for four additional high-power chargers to be installed depending on demand.

The IONITY chargers, which use 100% renewable energy supplied by Cepsa, use the Combined Charging System (CCS) - the most widespread European charging standard



for current and future generations of electric vehicles. With a capability to charge at powers up to 350 kW, they are among the most powerful on the market, allowing drivers of electric vehicles to travel long distances without adding extra charging time to their trip.

The inauguration of these facilities also marks the launch of the Via Verde Eletric, a project of Brisa (the main private operator of Portuguese highways), in which Cepsa and IONITY have ownership, to create the largest long-distance electric charging network in Portugal with the installation of reliable high-power electric chargers at the main service areas on Portuguese highways.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Portuguese Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Jorge Delgado, the chairman of the executive committee of La Nación, António Pires de Lima, the chairman of the executive committee of BCR, Manuel Melo Ramos, the head of international development in Cepsa's commercial area, José Aramburu, and IONITY's country manager for Spain and Portugal, Allard Sellmeijer.

José Aramburu highlighted: "The energy transition represents one of the most significant challenges of our time, and, at Cepsa, we are fully committed to it. To this end, we are adapting our energy solutions to the needs of our customers, developing new ways of using and distributing energy to serve people, businesses, and society in general."

Allard Sellmeijer noted that "As a result of our partnership with Brisa and Cepsa, IONITY now has high-power charging stations in Portugal, enabling long-distance electric vehicle travel with the guarantee of a reliable high-power charging network with state-of-the-art technology along the way. These facilities are located at strategic locations, providing connections with our Spanish infrastructure and in the rest of Europe."

Portugal will have IONITY chargers at 10 Cepsa's Service Stations this year. These stations are strategically located on the country's main corridors and roads connecting to Spain: the A-2 mentioned above, the A-1, which connects Lisbon with Porto, the A-3, which connects Porto with Galicia, and the A-6, the route that connects Lisbon with Badajoz.

With the inauguration of these two new installations, there are now 30 IONITY chargers installed at 11 Cepsa's Service Stations on the Iberian Peninsula, located in Madrid, Zaragoza (Ariza), Lérida (Vilasana), Barcelona (Pallejà), Murcia (Puerto Lumbreras), Asturias (Pola de Lena), Navarre (Imarcoáin), Ciudad Real (Valdepeñas), and Almodovar in Portugal.

Throughout 2021, 35 Cepsa's Service Stations located in the main peninsular corridors will have these chargers. Both companies' objective is to cover the main intercity roads in Spain and Portugal and the connection routes with the rest of the European continent by installing high-power charging points at strategic locations.

Cepsa and IONITY reached a collaboration agreement in 2018 for the installation of electric charging stations on a preferential basis in the energy company's Service Stations in Spain and Portugal. The extension of Cepsa's network, with more than 1800 Service Stations in Spain and Portugal which offer a comfortable place to stop and take a break



or have a snack, is a fundamental part of the project since it allows chargers to be installed at strategic locations along the main intercity roads of the Iberian Peninsula.

**Cepsa** is a global energy and chemical company operating end-to-end at every stage of the oil and gas value chain. Cepsa also manufactures products from plant-based raw materials and operates in the renewable energy sector. Cepsa has 90 years of experience and a team of over 10,000 employees, who combine technical excellence with adaptability. Cepsa operates on five continents.

**IONITY** makes long distance travel with electric vehicles the new normal.

The company builds and operates a high-power charging (HPC) network along Europe's highways, using state-of-the-art technology with a charging capacity of up to 350 kW. By doing so drivers of current and future generations of electric vehicles - using the leading European charging standard CCS (Combined Charging System) - benefit from maximum charging speeds while taking a break on their journey. Every IONITY charging station consists of an average of four charging points. As a commitment to sustainability, all IONITY chargers deliver 100% renewable energy for both emission-free and carbon neutral driving.

IONITY was founded in 2017 and is a joint venture by BMW Group, Mercedes Benz AG, Ford Motor Company, Hyundai Motor Group 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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