

## PRESS RELEASE

## 24 new Be Charge charging points for electric vehicles activated in Abruzzo in May

The 12 charging stations installed in the provinces of Chieti and l'Aquila join the more than 3,500 charging points already operating throughout Italy. After lockdown, Be Charge's electrification programme for the peninsula is fully back on track.

Milan, 12th June 2020 – During May 2020, Be Charge activated 12 new charging stations (24 x 22 kW charging points) in Abruzzo, in the provinces of L'Aquila (2 charging points) and Chieti (26). Despite the healthcare restrictions, and in full compliance with COVID legislation, the expansion plan for the charging network for electric vehicles has continued unabated. The plan forms part of Be Charge S.p.A. Group's development programme to roll out its electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Italy.

With €150 million of investment forecasted for the next 3-5 years, Be Charge is the only integrated operator for electric mobility that has obtained financing totalling €25 million over 10 years from the European Investment Bank (EIB) thanks to an agreement signed last December, supported by the European Commission via its "Connecting Europe Facility" (CEF).



| Province | Locality | Address | Charging<br>Stations | Charging Points |  |
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| Chieti   | Canosa Sannita | Strada Provinciale per Crecchio | 1 | 2 |
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| Chieti   | Chieti         | Via Domenico Spezioli           | 2 | 4 |
| Chieti   | Chieti         | Via Pescara                     | 2 | 4 |
| Chieti   | Chieti         | Via Silvio Italico              | 2 | 4 |
| Chieti   | Chieti         | Via Michele de Pasqua           | 2 | 4 |
| Chieti   | Chieti         | Via Saline, 21                  | 2 | 4 |
| L'Aquila | Massa d'Albe   | Via Roma                        | 1 | 2 |

## How to charge your vehicle

To charge your vehicle at Be Charge's charging stations, just install the "Be Charge" app for free from the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store and register to use it. You can also use the app to view a map of all Be Charge charging stations throughout Italy, check availability in real time and see what types of socket each charging point has, as well as the price in €/kWh supplied. Charging costs will be directly debited to the payment card associated with the user's account. If your device has GPS (Google Maps or Apple Maps), you can also get directions to individual charging stations. Once charging has begun, you can monitor progress directly via the app. A 24/7 telephone assistance service is available on 02-87119401.

To protect its customers, Be Charge recommends that all guidelines and instructions set out by the Italian National Institute of Health (ISS) for similar activities are followed, both before and after charging, for example, using single-use gloves.

## Be Charge has recovered quickly after lockdown

Be Charge is an integrated operator for electric mobility which allows owners of electric vehicles to recharge them all over Italy through its public charging infrastructure. Be Charge's business plan is to invest a total of over €150 million and install around 30,000 charging points throughout Italy in the next 3-5 years, which will provide 100% green energy from renewable sources. Its service is completely digital, in terms of process and interface, thanks to a dedicated smartphone app. The Be Charge app covers the entire national network; it's easy to use; it allows you to smart charge your vehicle and pay electronically; it shows in real time which charging points are available and saves your charging and payment history. All charging stations are also monitored 24 hours a day by a dedicated help desk.

Be Charge has widespread coverage throughout Italy.

Be Charge is negotiating with public administration bodies and with large and small private entities throughout Italy that have public car parks, like large-scale retail outlets, catering chains, hotels, sports centres, etc.. It applies its principles of reliability, interoperability, widespread coverage and resilience to install the right charging point in the right place: 22 kW Quick Charge points in urban areas and Hyper Charge points that charge at up to 300 kW DC at stations on the major road network.

Be Charge has installed – and is continuing to install – charging stations (including fast charge stations) in some of Italy's largest municipalities like Turin (more than 300 charging points), Milan (309), Rome (320) and Rimini (100). It is about to install 120 charging stations (240 charging points) in the car parks at Naples' ANM public transport interchanges, after being awarded a contract under a public-private partnership. It has also installed Bologna's first 30 charging points and other projects have been approved or are undergoing approval to install more charging points. 94 charging points have been

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installed and are operational in Treviso.

As proof of the extent of Be Charge network, charging points have been installed in urban and rural municipalities up and down the country, from Northern and Central areas (Tortona, Pesaro, Chieti, Pescara, Sassuolo) to the South of the country (Termini Imerese, Marsala, Monopoli, Cerignola), as well as municipal consortia like CONSVIPO – the Consortium for the Development of Polesine, Sicily's beautiful villages, and the municipalities of the Valle d'Aosta.

As part of its development plan, Be Charge has found support from a number of area utility suppliers such as Ascotrade (Veneto) and CVA (Valle d'Aosta), with which it has formed strong coverage partnerships in their territories to develop the network, and with managers of electric fleets such as E-Vai in Lombardy, and other national partners (e.g. Sicily by Car). It is continuing to develop its network with the aim of covering the entire country. It has already reached agreements to supply electric vehicle charging infrastructure with the municipalities of Parma (50 charging points), Biella and province (106), Cesenatico (20) and Piacenza.

Be Charge is a member of the Be Power S.p.A. Group, dedicated to rolling out electric vehicle charging networks. It is developing one of Italy's biggest and most extensive networks of public charging infrastructure for electric vehicles in order to play a decisive role in developing a sustainable mobility system.

Thanks to the technologically advanced platform it developed, Be Charge is able to offer efficient charging services to all owners of electric vehicles, and to enable them to recharge throughout Italy.

As part of the sector supply chain, Be Charge plays a dual role as Charge Point Operator (CPO) and Electric Mobility Service Provider (EMSP)

All charging stations are smart and user friendly, monitored 24 hours a day by a help desk and can be accessed via the BeCharge mobile app.

Be Charge's charging stations are Quick (up to  $22~\mathrm{kW}$ ) via alternating current, Fast (up to  $150~\mathrm{kW}$ ) or HyperCharge (greater than  $150~\mathrm{kW}$ ) via direct current

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