

PRESS RELEASE

1,694 Be Charge charging points installed and operational in the first half of 2021

Milan, July 28, 2021 - As part of the electrification project undertaken by Be Charge, the expansion of the network of charging stations for electric vehicles continues, which will increase from over 5,000 currently installed charging points (3,633 already in operation) to over 30,000 by 2025. In the first half of 2021, almost 1,700 charging points were activated. Emilia Romagna was the region most affected by the activations during the first part of this year with 352 operational charging points, followed by Lombardy (264), Veneto (242) and Piedmont (174). The provinces most affected by recent activations are Rimini with 111 recharging points in operation, Aosta (88), Turin (80), Rovigo (78), and Milan (70).

*«Our ambitious development plan - commented **Paolo Martini**, CEO of Be Charge - continues unabated across the entire Italian peninsula. We are aiming for 30,000 recharging points installed within the next 3-5 years in Italy, and we will invest over 150 million euros. The widespread diffusion of a recharging network for electric vehicles with energy produced 100% from renewable sources is fundamental for facilitating the epoch-making shift towards zero-emission propulsion that mobility has undertaken in this very period. We estimate that by 2030 there will be between 5 and 8 million electric vehicles in Italy. No fewer than 45,000 recharging stations will be needed to serve these customers, and we are working hard to be one of the key players in this electric revolution».*

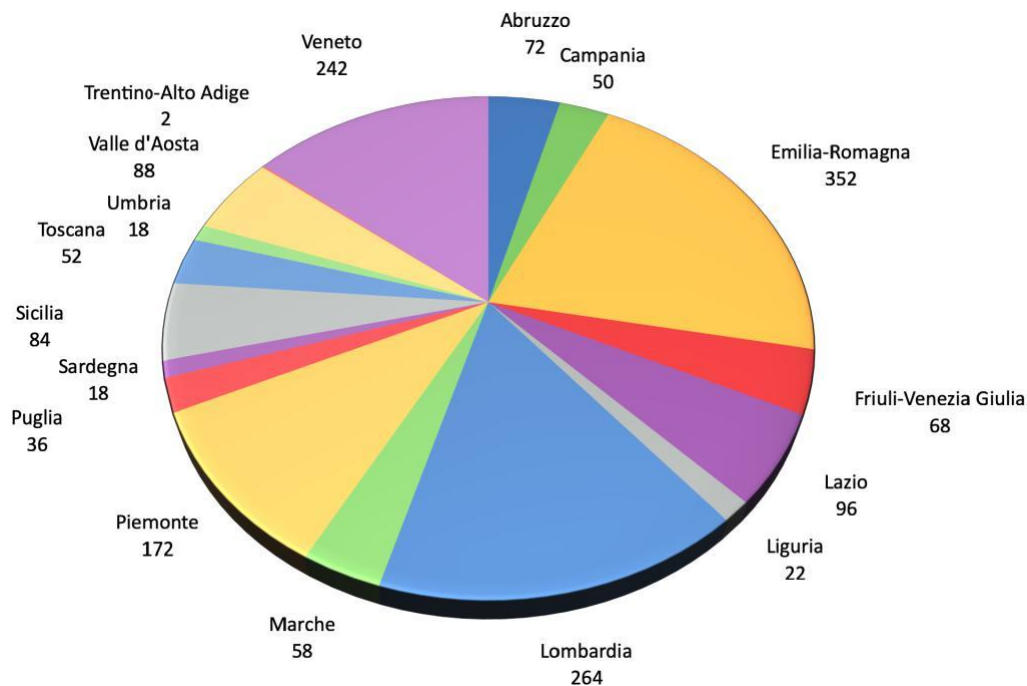
In this first part of the year Be Charge also closed important agreements with strategic partners to support its expansion plan. From the agreement with Eni Gas e Luce for the installation of co-branded inlets, to the agreement with Telepass, Duferco, Digital Charging Solutions, Charge4Europe, EVWay, Iren-Go and NEXTCHARGE by GoElectricStations for interoperability through their respective Apps. BeCharge inlets are visible and usable also through the Apps of these operators, in addition to the proprietary one "BeCharge", further strengthening its leadership position in the growth of the Italian charging network and of increasingly innovative charging services.

The interoperability agreements in place and those being defined, especially at European level, make it possible to pursue objectives common to all stakeholders, i.e. to improve environmental sustainability and further contribute to the development of electric mobility by making it increasingly easy to access BeCharge's charging infrastructure, which is spread throughout the country and continues to grow. Be Charge is continuing its commitment to increase sustainable mobility and expects to further expand its network in the months and years to come to complete the development plan it began in 2020.

Be Charge Stations/Points activated from 1 January to 30 June 2021

Region	Charging stations	Charging points
Abruzzo	36	72
Chieti	30	60
L'Aquila	4	8
Teramo	2	4
Campania	25	50
Avellino	6	12
Caserta	2	4
Napoli	13	26
Salerno	4	8
Emilia-Romagna	175	352
Bologna	20	40
Ferrara	2	4
Forlì-Cesena	9	18
Modena	22	44
Parma	33	66
Piacenza	23	47
Ravenna	7	14
Reggio nell'Emilia	4	8
Rimini	55	111
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	34	68
Pordenone	32	64
Udine	2	4
Lazio	48	96
Frosinone	4	8
Latina	28	56
Rieti	5	10
Roma	6	12
Viterbo	5	10
Liguria	11	22
Genova	4	8
Imperia	2	4
La Spezia	3	6
Savona	2	4
Lombardia	132	264
Bergamo	19	38
Brescia	17	34
Como	14	28
Lecco	4	8
Lodi	1	2
Mantova	9	18
Milano	35	70
Monza e della Brianza	6	12
Pavia	19	38
Sondrio	2	4
Varese	6	12
Marche	29	58
Fermo	5	10

Region	Charging stations	Charging points
Macerata	3	6
Pesaro e Urbino	21	42
Piemonte	86	172
Alessandria	22	44
Asti	2	4
Biella	11	22
Cuneo	2	4
Novara	4	8
Torino	40	80
Verbano-Cusio-Ossola	2	4
Vercelli	3	6
Puglia	18	36
Brindisi	1	2
Lecce	17	34
Sardegna	9	18
Nuoro	1	2
Sud Sardegna	8	16
Sicilia	42	84
Agrigento	10	20
Caltanissetta	5	10
Messina	21	42
Palermo	4	8
Trapani	2	4
Toscana	26	52
Firenze	2	4
Grosseto	6	12
Lucca	4	8
Massa-Carrara	5	10
Pisa	4	8
Pistoia	1	2
Siena	4	8
Trentino-Alto Adige	1	2
Trento	1	2
Umbria	9	18
Perugia	4	8
Terni	5	10
Valle d'Aosta	44	88
Aosta	44	88
Veneto	121	242
Padova	16	32
Rovigo	39	78
Treviso	30	60
Venezia	12	24
Verona	11	22
Vicenza	13	26
Totale complessivo	846	1.694



How to set up a public charging network - Benefits for municipalities and citizens

Equipping the municipality with a charging network for electric vehicles is an ideal way for the municipality to become a pole of attraction for the growing "electric community" in our country. The implementation of an extensive charging network does not require any public funding as the investments are made by the private operator partner of the municipality, as well as the operating costs.

The charging network becomes a "hub" around which new traditional and/or innovative economic activities can be developed (e.g. car sharing services, sustainable tourism, commercial activities). The municipality will also be able to monitor the use and status of the recharging stations and use the (anonymous) recharging data to get a better insight into its traffic flows, thus improving the "environmental sustainability report card" on its territory and improving air quality.

For citizens, a widespread recharging network is a strong incentive to buy an electric vehicle, which they can recharge - without the anxiety of autonomy - quickly and easily thanks to the highly digitalized service, integrated with navigation services. Citizens will be able to move around the country more easily using a recharging network that is compatible with that of their municipality of residence, and will also benefit from the discounts/promotions that businesses in the vicinity of the recharging stations will offer in the form of digital coupons to be used during the recharging time.

Be Charge has a widespread presence throughout Italy

Be Charge works throughout the country with both public administrations and private entities (large and small) with public access car parks such as large-scale retailers, restaurant chains, hotels, sports centres, etc. Following the principles of reliability, interoperability, capillarity and resilience, Be Charge aims to install the right post in the right place: Quick Charge from 22 kW in urban or parking areas and Hyper Charge up to 300 kW DC in urban or suburban areas.

Among other installations, Be Charge has set up - and is in the process of setting up - numerous quick and fast charge points in major Italian municipalities such as Turin (more than 300 charging points), Milan (309), Rome (320), Bologna (216), Parma (100), Piacenza (110) Reggio Emilia (116), Rimini (100), Treviso (94), Grosseto (60), In the ANM interchange car parks in Naples Be Charge will install 100 charging stations (200 charging points) and in the city of Palermo 80 charging points will be installed. .

As evidence of the capillary nature of the Be Charge network, the municipalities involved in the installation of recharging points are of all sizes and distributed throughout the national territory, including the islands, from the Centre-North (including Tortona, Pesaro, Chieti, Pescara, Sassuolo, Massa, Piombino) to the South (including Agrigento, Catanzaro, Termini Imerese, Marsala, Monopoli, Cerignola), as well as consortia of municipalities such as the project with Ener-bit for the province of Biella (over 100 charging points), the one with the Consortium for the development of Polesine, I borghi più belli della Sicilia, the municipalities of the Alto Sebino-Valle Camonica basin in the province of Brescia as part of the "Move in Green" project and the municipalities of Valle d'Aosta. To date, all regions have more than 1300 municipalities that host or will host a Be Charge charging point.

In its development plan, Be Charge has found the support of various territorial utilities such as, for example, CVA (Valle d'Aosta), with whom strong partnerships have been formed for the coverage of the areas of reference with the active development of the network, as well as with managers of large electric fleets such as, for example, E-Vai in Lombardy, and other partners throughout the country (i.e. Sicily by Car). Network development activities are continuing with the aim of covering the entire territory.

Also important are the major agreements with private entities that have public access car parks with which to implement co-marketing projects and improve the user experience of electric drivers. Among the many, we can mention the main ones with Carrefour as part of the Shop&Charge project in collaboration with Stellantis (over 250 recharging points), Bennet, Bricoman and Grandi Stazioni Italiane.

30,000 Be Charge charging points in the next 3-5 years

Be Charge is an integrated operator for electric mobility that will enable owners of electric vehicles to recharge their batteries nationwide through its public charging infrastructure. The industrial plan of Be Charge foresees the installation of about 30,000 charging points throughout the country in the next 3-5 years, which will supply 100% energy from renewable sources, for a total investment of more than 150 million euros. Customer service is completely digitalised in both the processes and the interface thanks to a dedicated App. The "BeCharge" App covers the entire national network, is easy to use, allows smart charging and electronic payment, showing the availability of recharging points in real time and storing the history of recharges and related payments made. All charging stations are also monitored 24/7 by a dedicated help desk.

How to recharge

To recharge at BeCharge recharging stations, simply install and register with the "BeCharge" App, which can be downloaded free of charge from the Google Play and Apple App Stores. Through the App, it is also possible to view a map of all the BeCharge charging stations in the area, check availability in real time and the type of socket of the various charging points, as well as the price in €/kWh delivered. The cost of the recharge will be charged directly to the credit card associated with the user's account. If the device is equipped with a navigation system (Google Maps or Apple Maps), it is also possible to obtain driving instructions for reaching the individual charging stations. Once the charging process has been activated, the progress of the charging process can be monitored directly from the app. The call center is always available 24/7 on 02-87119401. In order to protect its customers, Be Charge recommends following all the indications and prescriptions provided by ISS in similar activities, both before starting a charging session and when refuelling, such as the use of disposable gloves.

Be Charge is a company of the Be Power S.p.A. Group dedicated to the deployment of charging infrastructures for electric mobility. Be Charge is developing one of the largest and most capillary networks of public charging infrastructures for electric vehicles in Italy to make a decisive contribution to the development of a sustainable mobility system. Thanks to an internally developed and technologically advanced platform, Be Charge is able to offer an efficient charging service to all owners of electric vehicles, and to recharge throughout the country. Within the industry chain, Be Charge plays both the role of manager-owner of the charging infrastructure network (CPO - Charge Point Operator) and that of charging and electric mobility service provider interfacing with electric vehicle users (EMSP - Electric Mobility Service Provider). Be Charge's charging stations are AC 22 kW, and DC up to 300 kW. Be Charge's business plan envisages the installation of around 30,000 charging points over the next few years, which will supply 100% green energy from renewable sources.

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