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## **First MEGA-E high power charging network site opened in Europe**

**EINDHOVEN – The first Benelux liquid cooled High Power Chargers (350 kW) – part of the European MEGA-E (Metropolitan Greater Areas Electrified) Project – are officially ready for use as of today. The chargers, which enable the new generation of electric cars to drive one hundred kilometres with a five-minute charge, have been installed at the Van der Valk Hotel in Eindhoven (Netherlands). The European MEGA-E high power charging network is an Allego initiative and involves the installation of 322 ultra-fast chargers and 39 multi-modal charging hubs in at least ten European metropolitan areas. The High Power Chargers in Eindhoven are installed on the most modern charging location in the Benelux, which Allego and Van der Valk will open today, located directly adjacent to the A2 and A67 motorways. The charging location will have fifty charging stations and will offer a unique combination of smart, regular, fast and ultra-fast charging.**

The charging location will appropriately be named 'Green Zone' and has 24 superchargers specifically designed for Tesla vehicles. It also includes the Allego Charging Plaza, which will have sixteen charging stations (each 22 kW), where smart software distributes the available power over the connected cars. In addition, e-drivers at four charging stations can make use of High Power Charging (up to 350 kW) and another two parking places are equipped with the Allego Triple Fast Charger (50 kW). Aside from this, another four regular charging stations (11 kW) are available. This configuration makes it possible to charge any e-car. In combination with the many services offered by the hotel, that makes this the ideal spot for e-drivers for an extended or short stay.

### **High Power Charging**

'We are proud of being able to offer the most modern generation of charging solutions at this prime location and that Eindhoven is the first location of the MEGA-E High Power Charging Network we are implementing in Europe. The High Power Chargers are a first in the Benelux. The new generation of electric cars can charge a range of one hundred kilometres in five minutes. Together with Van der Valk Eindhoven, we are showing that electric driving is becoming increasingly more comfortable and that through effective collaboration we are making clean mobility possible. As such, it is a perfect example for owners of other sites,' says Anja van Niersen, CEO of Allego.

### **Mobility Hub**

In recent years, Van der Valk Hotel Eindhoven has evolved into an important site for encounters and meetings, for example thanks to the conference centre completed in 2012. Last year, the hotel opened the successful flexible meeting concept Seats and Offices with the associated mini-market Moes de Pom. The current expansion of the charging facilities

has made it an ideal location and offers the hotel maximum flexibility for today's 'mobile' entrepreneur. 'Coming from the A2 motorway, you can quickly charge your car here, enjoy a fresh espresso, catch up on your e-mail and continue driving,' says Hotel Director Rick Polman.

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### **About Allego**

Allego is a leading provider of charging solutions which has significant expertise in e-mobility, including the creation of a network of multi standard fast chargers throughout The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom and Luxembourg. Allego deploys more than 8,600 charging sockets in urban areas and along major transportation routes. The company supports companies and EV drivers via an EV Cloud based service platform. This platform contains a full portfolio of practical services, like billing, active monitoring, mobile apps, website portals, analytic tools and computing power. Companies can provide charging facilities to their customers, employees and visitors, in their own brand on a global scale. [www.allego.eu](http://www.allego.eu)

### **About Van der Valk Hotel Eindhoven**

Hotel Eindhoven devotes a great deal of attention to sustainable enterprise and for years has been the proud owner of the Golden Green Key, the international quality mark for sustainable companies in the recreation and leisure sector. Recently, over 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> in solar panels were installed on the roof.

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