

## Press Release

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### Ultra-Fast-Charging for electric vehicles starting in Europe

The European industries have the chance to strengthen their technology leadership with a new generation of Ultra-Fast-Charging for electric vehicles:

- **Ultra-Fast-Charging along TEN-T core network corridors connecting the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Austria**
- **Charging time for 300 km reduced from 1.5 hours to 20 minutes**
- **Total investment volume of around 13 million Euro**
- **Co-financing of 6.5 million by the “Connecting Europe Facility” of the European Union**

Munich, October 18, 2016. Another important milestone is set for e-mobility and for an ecological future of transportation: Today marks the official launch of the Ultra-E project, co-financed by the “Connecting Europe Facility” of the European Union. This project will deploy, for the first time in Europe, a network of 25 Ultra-Fast-Chargers using also the CCS-connector with a charging power of up to 350 kW on TEN-T core network corridors. This network will connect the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Austria. The Ultra-Fast-Charging technology will be assessed for charging passenger vehicles, buses, and trucks (intermodal services).

This Ultra-Fast-Charging network will be fully interoperable and complementary to the already deployed 50 kW fast chargers thereby extending the availability of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles today and in the future. The Ultra-E project will enable open access and marketplace for innovative services and will facilitate long distance and cross border driving. It will prepare for the full pan-European-network deployment of Ultra-Fast-Chargers towards the arrival of long distance electric vehicles from 2018 onwards.

“We are very happy to start the Ultra-E project with a strong partner consortium now and thereby build an important first cornerstone for the European Ultra-Fast-Charging infrastructure of the future,” stated Dr. Marcus Groll, Director High Power Charging at Allego GmbH.

“We are proud to once again be partner in a highly innovative e-mobility project on European level. Together with our subsidiary SMATRICS we will establish ultra-modern charging infrastructure in Austria,” says Wolfgang Anzengruber, Chairman of the Board of VERBUND, Austria's leading utility. “Four Ultra-Fast-Charging stations for next generation electric vehicles will complement SMATRICS’ Austrian-wide fast charging network thus speeding up the decarbonisation of the traffic sector with

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electricity from renewable energy sources."

"The addition of ultra-charging capabilities is a pre-requisite for the successful roll-out for the new generation of BEVs with larger batteries, as announced by many European OEMs. We fully support this strategic move of our most innovative companies in order not only to achieve sustainable transport and fight climate-change, but also to be able to face the competition from other regions in the world to keep production in Europe. Finally, let me congratulate the Ultra-E consortium for their bold move and courage despite the risk. Our citizens, the EC, Europe, need people like you!" stated by Helmut Morsi, European Commission Adviser DG-Move, Coordinator for Innovation & New Technologies.

### **About Ultra-E**

This project is driven by a broad alliance of utilities, carmakers, automotive suppliers, a roaming platform, and public bodies. The following partners join forces to implement the project by end of 2018: Allego BV (coordinator), Allego BVBA, Allego GmbH, VERBUND AG / SMATRICES, Bayern Innovativ GmbH, Audi AG, BMW AG, Magna, Renault S.A, and Hsubject GmbH.

The Ultra-Fast-Charging sites will be deployed at an average distance of 120-150 km, along TEN-T core network corridors from Amsterdam and Brussels via Munich to Vienna and Graz. The total length of the corridors will be more than 1,100 km. This will enable for the first time 100% electric long distance driving in Europe on an open access and interoperable network (via Plug&Charge and based on ISO 15118 communication protocol), which was so far only possible using fossil fuels or proprietary networks.

### **About Allego**

Allego is a subsidiary of the biggest Dutch energy infrastructure company, Alliander N.V., and a leading CPO (Charge Point Operator) which has significant expertise in e-mobility, including the creation of a network of multi standard fast chargers throughout The Netherlands (CIR with role split of CPO and MSPs), Belgium and Germany (400 DC fast chargers deployment in urban areas and along major transportation routes. Allego was also awarded by several municipalities in the Netherlands and Germany, such as the Federal State of Berlin to deploy EV charging outlets (mainly AC chargers) for urban transportation. The main focus of the company is the operation of a reliable network of both AC- and DC charging equipment for Electric Vehicles and to allow EV charging to any driver of an electric vehicle by entering into contracts with all Mobility Service Providers in Europe.

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