

OMV Petrom, Eldrive to install EV stations in Romania and Bulgaria

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OMV Petrom, the largest energy company in South-Eastern Europe, and Eldrive, the leading charging points operator in the region, will install 30 fast-charging stations for electric vehicles in OMV branded filling stations in Romania and Bulgaria. The implementation of the project will last approximately two years.

As a result of this initiative, Romania and Bulgaria will be connected through an infrastructure of 50kW fast-charging points located in the OMV branded filling stations. Eldrive will be the installer and operator of the charging points. The first two stations of this project were already been installed in Bulgaria, in Daskalovo (Struma Highway) and Golyamokonarsko road (near Plovdiv).

The new charging stations network will allow drivers to charge up to 80% of the electric vehicles battery in approximately 40 minutes, for a charging cycle.

Three years ago, OMV Petrom was the first energy company in Romania to install, as part of a pilot project, a fast-charging point for electric vehicles at an OMV branded filling station.

“We believe that the future of mobility will entail a mix of fuels, conventional and alternative, that are both environmentally and economically sustainable. Regarding alternative solutions, for passenger cars and light-duty vehicles, on short distance transport, electric cars can be a choice. For heavy-duty applications and long distance transport, we consider as potential solutions CNG and LNG, due to a higher energy efficiency and lower emissions,” said Radu Căprău, member of OMV Petrom Executive Board responsible for Downstream Oil.

“This partnership is a crucial step for the development of our charging network, as well as for the electric mobility in the region. The new charging stations will allow the owners of electric vehicles to travel without worries in Bulgaria, Romania and between the two countries. We are very proud that Eldrive is not only the largest EV charging network in the region, but one of the largest networks in SEE as well,” said Stefan Spassov, CEO of Eldrive.

At the end of last year, in Romania, there were approximately 400 charging stations for electric cars, while the number of new registered electric and hybrid vehicles in the first four months of 2020 represented 2.75% of the total new registered vehicles.

The Eldrive charging network has more than 210 charging points in Bulgaria and Romania.