

Shell partners with lonity taking another step towards electric vehicles

Shell has signed an agreement with high-powered charging network operator lonity to offer charge points across ten European countries starting with 80 of its biggest highway stations.

The high-powered chargers will take five to eight minutes on average to charge next generation electric vehicles, making them up to three times faster than any other charger currently available to drivers.

Ionity is a joint venture between BMW Group, Daimler AG, Ford Motor Company and the Volkswagen Group with Audi and Porsche, which was formed to create a network of 350-kilowatt chargers next to major highways in Europe.

"Customers want to go on long journeys in their electric vehicles and feel confident that there are reliable, comfortable and convenient places to charge them quickly," said István Kapitány, Shell's Global Executive Vice President of Retail.

Following their recent agreement to buy NewMotion, one of Europe's largest charging providers, and the launch of Shell Recharge fast chargers at selected Shell forecourts in the UK, the oil company continues to invest in EV solutions.

Shell is partnering with Ionity in 10 countries including Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the UK.

On average six lonity-Shell co-branded charge posts will be available at each Shell Station, around 500 in total.

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