

PRESS RELEASE

World EV Day 2020: Governments need to get their act together on charging infrastructure

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 8 September 2020 – LeasePlan today calls on governments around the world to get their act together and deliver on public demand for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

This call to action comes ahead of [World EV Day](#), a worldwide campaign aimed at accelerating the transition to zero emission electric vehicles around the world.

Tex Gunning, CEO of LeasePlan, said:

“LeasePlan and our customers want to move faster towards EVs, but the lack of sufficient charging infrastructure globally is a major road block. Governments around the world must step up now and deliver on demand for zero-emission mobility by investing in a comprehensive public charging infrastructure, and incentivizing private charging stations in homes and offices. This is no time to sugar-coat it: this lack of action is holding us back. Only if governments get their act together on charging infrastructure will we be able to meet our climate commitments, clean up our dirty air and build back better. We all need to speak up so now that the new normal can be a green normal.”

Sustainability focus

LeasePlan has committed itself to achieving net zero emissions from its total fleet by 2030. LeasePlan is also a founding partner of The Climate Group’s EV100 initiative, launched around the UN General Assembly in September 2017 to promote EV uptake among the world’s largest companies. Key highlights of LeasePlan’s sustainability strategy include:

- **Pan-European rollout of our ‘full package’ EV solution.** Launched at UN COP23 in 2017 and now available in 12 countries, LeasePlan’s all-in-one EV offering provides everything needed to start electric, including access to personal charging points at home and at work. New orders for electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids increased to 13.8% in Q2 2020
- **Launch of LeasePlan Energy, a smart charging solution for EVs.** LeasePlan has entered the energy market with the launch of a smart charging solution, which enables customers to save money and reduce their use of gray energy
- **Launch of Green Bond Framework.** LeasePlan’s two Green Bonds are being used to help finance and refinance our growing portfolio of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV)
- **Continued transition of our employee fleet to Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs).** LeasePlan has the ambition to transition our employee vehicles to BEVs by 2021 (or as soon as local conditions allow). In 2019, the Netherlands became the first LeasePlan country to fully transition to 100% zero emission

- **Enhanced sustainability disclosure.** Our LeasePlan 2019 Annual Report included comprehensive sustainability disclosure, with audited KPIs and targets, and our first-ever Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) impact statement

Notes to editors

- To spread awareness around World EV Day, LeasePlan earlier last week launched its #beliEvers social media campaign on TikTok and Instagram, encouraging users to create their own 'electric car dance' videos
- The dance tutorial video is available to view [here](#), and TikTok users can join-in by making their own #beliEver video [here](#)

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About LeasePlan

LeasePlan is a leader in two large and growing markets: Car-as-a-Service for new cars, through its LeasePlan business, and the high-quality three-to-four-year-old used car market, through its CarNext.com business. LeasePlan's Car-as-a-Service business purchases, funds and manages new vehicles for its customers, providing a complete end-to-end service for a typical contract duration of three to four years. CarNext.com is a pan-European digital marketplace for high-quality used cars seamlessly delivering any car, anytime, anywhere and is supplied with vehicles from LeasePlan's own fleet as well as third-party partners. LeasePlan has more than 1.9 million vehicles under management in over 30 countries. With over 50 years' experience, LeasePlan's mission is to provide what's next in sustainable mobility so our customers can focus on what's next for them. Find out more at www.leaseplan.com/corporate.