

PRESS RELEASE

## Surge in EV uptake fuelling European charging shortage

*Latest findings from LeasePlan's 2022 EV Readiness Index*

**Amsterdam, April 12 2022** – Lack of available charging infrastructure continues to be a major roadblock preventing EV adoption across the continent, despite increased interest from European drivers in going EV.

**This is the main conclusion of LeasePlan's 2022 EV Readiness Index – a comprehensive analysis of the preparedness of 22 European countries for the electric vehicle revolution.**

**The Index is based on three factors: EV registrations, the maturity of EV infrastructure, and government incentives in each country.**

**Tex Gunning, CEO of LeasePlan, said:**

“The total lack of government action on EV infrastructure is creating a European charging shortage. As EV prices come down and more drivers go electric, finding an available charging station is increasingly a nightmare. This report must be a wake-up call for policymakers across Europe: urgent investment is needed now in a comprehensive European charging infrastructure. Driving electric is one of the most effective ways we can all fight climate change, and governments need to make it easier, not harder, for everyone to make the switch.”

**Key findings from the 2022 Index are:**

- **EV uptake increased significantly in almost all markets.** This reflects the increasing popularity of EVs across European countries as more models become available in every segment
- **Charging infrastructure is still lagging, creating a charging shortage as EV registrations rapidly increase.** This highlights the urgent need for governments to invest in a robust and reliable public charging infrastructure across Europe
- **EVs are more affordable than ever.** Cost competitiveness is mostly driven by comparatively lower energy prices for EVs (especially when compared to increased diesel and petrol fuel prices) and more beneficial taxation arrangements for EV drivers
- **Norway ranked highest in terms of EV readiness, Czech Republic and Poland ranked lowest, and Greece had the most improved score compared to 2021**

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## Notes to Editors

- The 2022 EV Readiness Index is:

Total score		1. EV maturity	2. Charging maturity	3. Total cost of ownership	Position in 2021	Points in 2021	
#	Country						
1	 Norway	42	18	8	16	1	→ 42
2	 Netherlands	37	15	10	12	2	↓ 38
3	 United Kingdom	35	13	6	16	3	↑ 33
3	 Austria	35	13	8	14	5	↑ 29
5	 Sweden	34	15	7	12	6	↑ 29
6	 Belgium	31	12	6	13	8	↑ 27
7	 Finland	30	12	6	12	9	↑ 27
8	 Germany	29	13	3	13	7	↑ 28
8	 Luxembourg	29	13	5	11	4	↓ 31
10	 Ireland	28	13	2	13	10	↑ 26
11	 Denmark	27	12	5	10	13	↑ 23
11	 France	27	10	4	13	11	↑ 26
11	 Portugal	27	10	2	15	12	↑ 26
13	 Switzerland	25	10	7	8	14	↑ 23
14	 Greece	23	7	1	15	17	↑ 16
14	 Italy	23	9	3	11	15	↑ 21
16	 Hungary	20	5	4	11	16	→ 20
17	 Spain	19	7	3	9	18	↑ 15
18	 Romania	18	4	3	11	20	↑ 13
19	 Slovakia	14	4	4	6	21	↑ 13
20	 Czech Republic	13	4	5	4	22	↑ 12
20	 Poland	13	3	3	7	19	↓ 15

- On May 27, LeasePlan will host a *'What's next in EVs'* event. The event is free to attend and will feature an industry update by Robert Llewellyn of Fully Charged, the world's no. 1 clean energy and EV show, as well as LeasePlan's Chief Commercial Officer, Berno Kleinherenbrink. The event will be live streamed on [our website](#)
- LeasePlan is at the forefront of the clean mobility revolution: deliveries of electric cars and plug-in hybrids reached a record 31.8% of all new activations in Q4 2021<sup>1</sup>
- LeasePlan has committed itself to achieving net zero tailpipe emissions from its funded fleet by 2030. LeasePlan is also a founding partner of The Climate Group's EV100 initiative, a global business initiative designed to fast-track the uptake of EVs and infrastructure among the world's leading corporations

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### **About LeasePlan**

LeasePlan is a global leader in Car-as-a-Service, with approximately 1.8 million vehicles under management in 29 countries. LeasePlan 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. LeasePlan is committed to taking a leadership role in the transition to zero-emission mobility and has set itself the ambitious goal of achieving net zero emissions from its funded fleet by 2030. 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](http://www.leaseplan.com/corporate)

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<sup>1</sup> Definition aligned to industry practices from vehicle orders to deliveries, specifically: operational lease deliveries (activations) of Battery Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (passenger vehicles in EU22 countries, excluding LCVs, scooters and trucks).