



## ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN ITALY: CASTELLABATE AND ENEL X JOIN FORCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

*Mayor of Castellabate, Costabile Spinelli and Enel Group CEO, Francesco Starace, inaugurated three charging stations installed in this town in the Cilento area of Campania, Italy.*

**Castellabate, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – The Italian municipality of Castellabate and Enel X are leading the charge in the development of sustainable mobility and the creation of zero-emission tourist routes in the Campania region. This morning saw the inauguration of three electric vehicle charging stations installed in this town in the Cilento area of Campania by Enel X, the Enel Group unit dedicated to the development of innovative products and digital solutions.

The mayor of Castellabate, Costabile Spinelli, and Enel Group CEO, Francesco Starace, attended the ribbon cutting event for the station located in Piazza Lucia. The initiative is the result of a fruitful collaborative effort between Enel and the municipality, which led to the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the installation of three new charging stations at strategic points around the town, equipped with special stalls for cars and motorcycles to park and recharge.

The other two stations are located in the bus terminal at Borgo Castellabate and in Piazza Punta dell'Inferno.

*“We would like to extend our gratitude to Enel, Italy’s largest power company, for its sensitivity to renewable energy issues”, said the mayor of Castellabate, **Costabile Spinelli**, “and for its decision to involve in this ambitious project not only large cities, but also smaller towns with close ties to tourism such as Castellabate, which, partly through these initiatives, is expanding the services offered to citizens and tourists. With the installation of these charging stations for electric cars in various parts of our town we have taken up the new challenge of sustainable mobility, betting on technological development and anticipating the needs of the community. We are preparing to take another big leap into the future with a fast fibre optic connection to the Internet and with the gas distribution network, now under construction.”*

*“Electric mobility is a winning strategy not just in large urban areas but it is also becoming an important tool for attracting and welcoming tourists, enhancing the beauty of our country”, said Enel CEO **Francesco Starace**. “We are gladly making our contribution with three innovative charging stations in Castellabate, in the heart of the Cilento National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Zero-emission vehicles are the ideal way to discover the most beautiful Italian villages: a charging network covering the main cultural centres and tourist sites is a decisive factor in the development of e-mobility, improving the quality of services offered with a significant reduction in noise and air pollution, and strengthening the competitiveness of our country”.*



Castellabate is one of the 21 municipalities in Campania that have already signed a memorandum of understanding with Enel X for the installation of over 140 charging stations. Agreements with other municipalities in the region are also being negotiated, with the aim of installing over 300 charging stations by the end of 2018. Six stations have already been installed in the province of Salerno and are open to customers.

Enel X has announced a **national plan** for the construction of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, which will involve the installation of some **7 thousand stations by 2020, reaching 14 thousand by 2022**. This programme provides for comprehensive coverage in all Italian regions and will contribute to the growth in the number of electric and hybrid vehicles on the road.

To implement its national plan, Enel X is forging agreements with municipalities, regions, institutions and businesses for the installation of charging stations in public or private areas accessible to the public.

As of today, over 350 municipalities have signed a memorandum of understanding with Enel X for the installation of charging infrastructure.

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