

PRESS RELEASE

Latest findings from LeasePlan's 2021 EV Readiness Index: Europe more ready than ever for EV revolution, despite lagging charging infrastructure

Amsterdam, March 1 2021 – The Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom continue to be the best prepared countries in Europe for the electric vehicle revolution, and overall Europe is more ready than ever for the EV revolution. Charging infrastructure, however, continues to be a major roadblock preventing EV adoption across the continent, with the rate of charging pole installation actually falling in 2020.

These are the conclusions of LeasePlan's 2021 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.

Key findings for 2020 include:

- **Almost all countries show an improved score compared to last year, signalling increased EV readiness across the continent.** The rate of improvement, however, varies significantly across Europe, with Romania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic having both the lowest scores and the slowest improvement rate, underlining the continued disparity between Western and Eastern Europe in terms of EV readiness
- **EVs have never been more affordable.** In 11 countries, EVs are already cheaper than their ICE counterparts on a TCO basis. In addition, EV drivers pay on average only 63% of the tax that ICE drivers pay. Austria, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Poland and the UK are leading the charge: in these countries, EV drivers pay no driver tax at all
- **Charging infrastructure is still lagging and will be key to improving EV readiness going forward.** Although some progress was made in 2020 on charging infrastructure, the rate of improvement actually dropped compared to last year (43% increase rate in 2020 compared to 73% increase in 2019). Even in top-ranked countries, charging infrastructure remains far from adequate

Tex Gunning, CEO of LeasePlan, said:

“Our EV Readiness Index shows that while electric driving is more affordable than ever across Europe, public charging infrastructure is still woefully lacking. In opinion polling done earlier this year, we already saw that lack of charging infrastructure was [a major roadblock stopping drivers from going electric](#) – and the analysis in our EV Readiness Index proves these fears are well founded. To put it bluntly: the pace of improvement just isn't fast enough, and Europe is failing to deliver the infrastructure required for the clean mobility revolution. Leaders and policymakers in every single one of the 22 countries in this Index need to step up and invest in a universal, affordable and sustainable charging infrastructure before it's too late – the climate emergency can't wait.”

What's Next in EVs – Report and Webinar

The EV Readiness Index 2021 is published as part of LeasePlan's new ['What's next in EVs' report](#). The report provides detailed insights into the latest trends, models and technology that will shape the EV industry in 2021, as well as in-depth analysis on the EV readiness of each country.

On Friday, March 5, LeasePlan will host a *'What's next in EVs'* webinar. 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. You can register [on our website](#) for the webinar.

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Notes to Editors

- The EV Readiness Index 2021 is:

#	Country	Score	2020
1	Norway	42	1 Netherlands
2	Netherlands	38	2 Norway
3	United Kingdom	33	3 United Kingdom
4	Luxembourg	31	4 Ireland
5	Sweden	29	5 Sweden
5	Austria	29	5 Austria
7	Germany	28	7 Luxembourg
8	Belgium	27	8 Finland
8	Finland	27	8 Germany
10	France	26	10 Belgium
10	Ireland	26	10 Portugal
10	Portugal	26	10 Denmark
13	Denmark	23	13 France
13	Switzerland	23	13 Hungary
15	Italy	21	15 Switzerland
16	Hungary	20	16 Spain
17	Greece	16	17 Italy
18	Spain	15	18 Czech Republic
18	Poland	15	18 Greece
20	Romania	13	20 Romania
20	Slovakia	13	20 Poland
21	Czech Republic	12	21 Slovakia

- LeasePlan is at the forefront of the clean mobility revolution: in 2020, the company saw its EV registrations double. Last year, EVs made up 15.9% of LeasePlan's newly ordered lease vehicles (which far outpaces the market in every Index country)
- 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, a global business initiative designed to fast-track the uptake of EVs and infrastructure among the world's leading corporations

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