

Press release

DCS launches largest EV charging roaming service in the UK with seamless access to more than 15 local charge point operators

Berlin, January 24, 2020 – Digital Charging Solutions GmbH (DCS) is the first provider to combine a large number of different charge point operators in one network in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, now also offering drivers of electric cars in the UK a standardized and comprehensive charging solution as well as a simple charging experience.

So far, drivers of electric vehicles in the UK have had to rely on a large number of individual contracts with different charge point operators (CPOs) – up to now there hasn't been a comprehensive option on the UK market. Thanks to the unified solution from Digital Charging Solutions, customers of DCS or a partner automotive manufacturer (OEM) in Great Britain and Northern Ireland now have the option of accessing charging stations from more than 15 domestic CPOs using just one contract and charging card. What's more, this will give them international access to more than 140,000 charging points in another 29 countries. Currently, customers of the Audi e-tron Charging Service benefit from this offering in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Since 2017, Digital Charging Solutions GmbH has developed and operated innovative and digital charging solutions for OEMs and fleet operators, making the charging of electric vehicles at public charging points easy and convenient. The company has made it its mission to actively drive the transition to customer-oriented and comprehensive e-mobility.

“We want to establish e-mobility as the primary mobility option in the world for our customers, reduce complexity and bring together individual providers of charge points in one service. The launch of our comprehensive charging solution in Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a further important step in this direction. Our goal is to expand our network in the UK together with other partners as soon as possible”, says Markus Bartenschlager, Managing Director of Digital Charging Solutions GmbH.

“If we are to expect mass uptake of electric vehicles then charging needs to be straightforward and seamless. There's a role for Government in encouraging this but the private sector has a key role to play. DCS's achievement in signing up a range of UK charge point operators is a milestone, and we hope to see greater collaboration between public charging networks in the future”, adds Daniel Brown, EV lead at the Renewable Energy Association (REA).

Members of the new comprehensive charging solution of DCS in Great Britain and Northern Ireland currently include Podpoint, Source London, IONITY, ESB EV Solutions, Instavolt, LastMileSolutions, E-Flux, Char.gy, FRANKLIN EV LIMITED, Fastned, EV-Box, EV Driver, Engenie, Alfa Power, Hubsta and Geniepoint. DCS is already in discussions with further potential

partners in order to expand their network continuously. Currently, DCS provides access to more than 7.400 charging points in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and currently offers the fastest growing public charging network in Europe.

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About Digital Charging Solutions GmbH

Digital Charging Solutions GmbH (DCS) develops charging solutions for automobile manufacturers and fleet operators, making it one of the world's most important drivers of the transition to electromobility. The full-service white label solutions of DCS allow OEMs and fleet operators to realize their electromobility strategies, because with integrated digital solutions, the company makes charging at charging stations easy, safe and comfortable. In the process, with over 140,000 charging points in 30 integrated markets, as well as transnational charging, Digital Charging Solutions boasts the fastest-growing charging network. Since the beginning of 2019, Digital Charging Solutions GmbH has been part of the mobility joint venture between the BMW Group and Daimler AG. CHARGE NOW is a service from DCS and part of this joint venture, which aims to strengthen sustainable mobility worldwide together with the other verticals REACH NOW, FREE NOW, PARK NOW and SHARE NOW.