

Fastned introduces card-free charging

With Autocharge, charging sessions are started directly after plugging in an EV

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Today, Fastned started the roll out of Autocharge. With Autocharge, charging starts directly after the user has plugged in the vehicle at a Fastned station. There's no more need for an app or a charge card. The charging station recognises the car, which makes charging faster, easier and safer. Today the roll out started with a small group of users. Within a few weeks, Fastned expect Autocharge to be available for all Fastned customers on all Fastned stations.

Autocharge works with a unique car identifier which is transmitted to the fast charger. After a one time registration, Fastned can recognise the vehicle. A charging session can thus be automatically credited. All EVs with a CCS fast charging port can use Autocharge.

“Charging an EV should be both simpler and faster. This includes automatically starting charging sessions and billing them. Especially for car sharing projects, Autocharge offers a great solution. Just plug in the car and it works.”

— Michiel Langezaal, CEO Fastned

Open standards

The Autocharge function was developed in the wider community of charging companies, in response to questions by users to simplify the authorisation and payment method. Autocharge is part of the CCS fast charging protocol, and is an open standard which can be used by all operators of fast charging stations. Fastned is committed to open standards and is already using with OCPP and OCPI standards for charging transactions.



Note for the editor (not for publication):

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ABOUT FASTNED

Fastned is building a European network of fast-charging stations where all electric cars can charge. The stations are located at high traffic locations along the highway and in cities, where electric cars can charge in 20 minutes. This will provide freedom for electric cars to drive across Europe. As of today, Fastned has 63 stations operational in The Netherlands and is working on expanding its fast charging network to the rest of Europe. Fastned is preparing the construction of fast charging stations in Germany, The United Kingdom and Belgium. Fastned is listed on the Nxchange stock exchange.

Fastned is rolling out it's network of fast charging stations in response to the rapidly increasing numbers of EV's in Europe. Car manufacturers such as [Tesla](#), [Audi](#), [Volvo](#), [Aston Martin](#), [BMW](#), [Nissan](#), [Mitsubishi](#), [Porsche](#), [Volkswagen](#), [Mercedes](#), [Ford](#), [General Motors](#) en [Renault](#) and [other car manufacturers](#) are investing billions of Euro's in the development of, and production capacity for EV's. More and more EV's are hitting our roads which drives the need for charging infrastructure. Fastned is responding to this development by building the service stations of the future. Co-founder and CEO Michiel Langezaal: "We are the Shell of the future, only our energy comes from the sun and the wind."

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