



Press Release

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ChargeUp Europe welcomes the official publication of AFIR

The Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) sets the framework for public EV charging for the coming years.

BRUSSELS – ChargeUp Europe, the voice of the EV charging industry, celebrates today's publication of the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) in the Official Journal of the European Union, marking the end of journey that started 2 years ago. It is now for each EU Member State to swiftly and precisely implement AFIR, a crucial factor for the decarbonization of road transport.

Europe's [#EVcharging](#) networks have emerged and developed from the local level, with different characteristics in different EU countries. In AFIR, the EU now has a piece of legislation setting the overarching governance framework to unite these networks together into a harmonized, pan-European [#EV](#) charging system – a true accomplishment on the 30th Anniversary of the internal market.

With over 5.5 million [#electricvehicles](#) and over 500,000 public [#charging](#) stations in Europe today (not to mention the many more non-public charging stations), [#eMobility](#) is well on its way to becoming mainstream. This is necessary to meet our climate and air quality objectives and end our dependence on imported oil.

AFIR helps by creating common rules and expectations across the EU. It will ensure that EV drivers have a more consistent and reliable experience, and that they receive vital details including how and where charger status and pricing information are displayed, and much more.

ChargeUp Europe Secretary General Lucie Mattera stated, "The development of AFIR has been a real journey. The EV charging sector is pleased to now have a common baseline to work from, as it was much needed to develop a harmonized experience for EV drivers across the EU. Now that AFIR is officially EU law, the real work begins and ChargeUp Europe is looking forward to working with all stakeholders to support the rapid uptake of e-mobility as it enters the mainstream."

AFIR shall be applicable from 13 April 2024.

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About ChargeUp Europe

ChargeUp Europe is the industry association for the electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure sector. Our association works to accelerate the switch to zero emission mobility and ensure that EV drivers can enjoy a seamless charging experience with access to high quality, readily available charging infrastructure across Europe. As of today, our member companies are active in all 27 EU Member States, the UK and EFTA, with more than 500,000 charging points in the EU.