

## **Press Release**

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## ChargeUp Europe elects Allego CEO Mathieu Bonnet as its President for 2022

ChargeUp Europe, the industry body representing the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure sector has elected Mathieu Bonnet, CEO of Allego as its President in 2022.

Mr. Bonnet's appointment comes at an important time for the sector, with discussions picking up speed on several key EU legislative initiatives to accelerate the deployment of EV charging infrastructure in public and private settings and facilitate the transition to EV driving for European citizens.

Among the priority issues ChargeUp Europe will be engaged on in 2022 include ambitious targets and forward-looking provisions for publicly accessible charging under a new EU Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation, higher ambition the deployment of smart EV infrastructure under revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and efforts to boost private charging under the Renewable Energy Directive.

"Europe is leading the way for EV. We need to go on. Policy decisions taken in 2022 will lay the ground for the mobility over the next ten years and beyond and must buttress our mobility revolution. It is crucial we get this right and put in place rules that not only boost the uptake of e-mobility in the short term, but also stand the test of time. This includes setting smart targets for infrastructure deployment, with legislation providing an initial push and allowing the market to take over when EV fleet capacity reaches certain levels. It also means avoiding locking in technical specifications in areas like payments which risk becoming out outdated, leading to stranded investments, and ultimately resulting in higher costs, lower coverage and less choice for drivers," said Mr. Bonnet.

Mathieu Bonnet takes over as President of ChargeUp Europe from Christopher Burghardt, Managing Director Europe, ChargePoint. He will hold the role for one year as part of three-year rotating Presidency among the founding members of ChargeUp Europe — Allego, ChargePoint and EvBox. ChargeUp Europe was launched as an association at the start of 2021 to provide a voice to the EV charging infrastructure sector at European level. It now counts 20 full industry members and 8 knowledge and eco-system partners as part of its growing membership.

"It is an honour to take on this important role and represent the growing and diversified membership of ChargeUp Europe. I look forward to working with members, policy makers and other stakeholders to ensure Europe continues to lead the charge the in the transition to electro-mobility" added Bonnet.