



PRESS RELEASE

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INAUGURATION OF THE CNR CHARGING STATION FOR ELECTRIC CARS AT BELLEGARDE-SUR-VALSERINE

Today, Laurent Tonini, CNR Regional Director and Régis Petit, Mayor of Bellegarde sur Valserine, inaugurated the fast charging station for electric vehicles which continues the electric corridor deployed by CNR from Lake Geneva to the Mediterranean.

A new station for CNR's electric corridor

The municipality of Bellegarde sur Valserine now has a charging station at Place Victor Bérard. It is part of the electric corridor deployed by CNR in the Rhone Valley, which now has ten stations out of the 27 projected from now to the end of 2016. **Equipped with 2 fast charging points with 3-point connectors, electric cars can be charged in less than 30 minutes for a flat rate of €5.** The cost is debited from a prepaid card or via an interactive vocal server (operated by Orange).

CNR uses equipment and technology developed by French companies to deploy this electric corridor in close collaboration with local authorities.

The electricity supplied is **100% renewable, produced on the Rhone by CNR's hydropower plants.** This new infrastructure therefore participates in a new facet of sustainable electric mobility, as it uses neither nuclear nor fossil fuels. The average distance between the stations is about 30 km so they knit a close network along the valley and **ensure continuous service from the Swiss border to the Mediterranean.**

A project recognized nationally

Amounting to €3 million, this electric corridor project is led by CNR in the framework of its 2014-2018 Plan of Missions in the General Interest. **It participates in reaching national targets in the combat against climatic warming and favours the development of electric cars by creating a network of public infrastructures.** What is more, it has been recognised as having national importance by the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy and the Ministry of the Economy, Industry and Digital Technology.

In addition to this electric corridor, CNR is involved with local authorities in developing their electric mobility projects via feasibility studies and financial support.

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The electric corridor in practice

- 27 fast charging stations mostly equipped with 2 points, operational during 2016.
- Stations already in service: Seyssel, Porcieu-Amblagnieu, Plaine de l'Ain, Port de Lyon, Saint-Romain en Gal, Laveyron, Le Pouzin, Tournon, Bourg-lès-Valence, Givors and Bellegarde. 6 others will be commissioned from now to the end of 2015: Soyons, Arles, Montélimar, Port-Saint-Louisdu-Rhône, Villeneuve-lès-Avignon and Ecully (Greater Lyon).
- 80% charging in less than 30 minutes.
- Points supplied by MAEC (CAHORS Group),
- customer itinerary to the points provided in French, English, German and Italian;
- flat charging rate: €5;
- Means of payment: pre-paid rechargeable debit card (KiWhi Pass) and debit card via an interactive vocal server operated by Orange.

Part of a long-term commitment by the local authority to sustainable development and the combat against climate change.

The town of Bellegarde encourages and supports all the projects driven by its partners in favour of developing renewable energies, in particular construction projects that incorporate environmental approaches and spur environmentally friendly behaviour. Thus the local authority manages a very efficient public transport network that facilitates trips between districts and to a multimodal hub.

Recently, the company EFFIA, which operates SNCF's car-parks, installed directional panels powered by dedicated solar and wind energy installations. The town of Bellegarde is happy to welcome this initiative in its territory and hopes that more will follow.

In the framework of its own competences, the municipality pursues a voluntarist and carefully thought out environmental policy. Thus it has been involved for several years in the progressive renovation of its public buildings, to make them more accessible and increase their energy performances.

The sports facilities and multipurpose rooms and halls are always generously sized and great attention is paid to their insulation, lighting, heating, the optimisation of space, etc.

The installation by CNR of a charging station for electric vehicles in Place Victor Bérard fully matches Bellegarde's ambition to increase the number of innovative initiatives favouring energy savings. This station is an example of a useful service provided to electric vehicle users without impact on the environment. The charging station is also being used to change the image of this square which will undergo full embellishment in 2016, as it improves the aesthetic dimension of one of the main entries into the town.

This installation is yet another example of the perfect cooperation between CNR and Bellegarde in carrying out ambitious, innovative and responsible projects decidedly oriented towards the future.

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CNR in brief

CNR is France's leading producer of 100% renewable electricity (water, wind and sun) and the operator of the multipurpose concession of the River Rhone from the Swiss border to the Mediterranean: hydroelectricity production, the deployment of navigation and port sites, and providing water for irrigation and other agricultural uses. A fully integrated company at the forefront of energy trades in which it pursues constant and active innovation, CNR offers its services to manage and sell intermittent energies and its engineering expertise to third parties in France and thirty other countries. An actor in the service of energy transition, it works on smart grids, energy storage and the development of sustainable electric mobility.

A joint stock company in the public interest, CNR stands out due to its industrial model based on territorial development and its unique system of sharing the value created locally with its stakeholders. Over the last 10 years, its Missions in the General Interest, drawn up in collaboration with the stakeholders, strengthen this close link with the territories.

CNR is a mostly public owned company (local authorities, Caisse des Dépôts). Its reference industrial shareholder is ENGIE.

About the municipality of Bellegarde-sur-Valserine

With a population of slightly more than 12,000 people, Bellegarde-sur-Valserine is the 4th largest town in Ain. It is located on the foothills of the Jura mountains, at the confluence of the Rhone and the Valserine (labelled 1st grade Wild River). It belongs to the Nature Reserve of the Haut Jura and the territory of Grande Genève. In the framework of a French-Swiss conurbation project, Bellegarde has been identified as a strategic territory and point of entry.

This potential is partly linked to its strategic communication network: roads, highway, railway (multimodal high speed rail hub and link between Geneva and Paris) and its proximity with two international airports (Geneva Cointrain and Lyon Saint Exupéry).

Bellegarde's development began in the 19th century with the railway station (1858) and the hydroelectricity produced by the Rhone, and underwent an economic boom that gave it considerable influence. The local authority and its partners have made efforts in recent years to change its image. Structural and dynamic projects have been implemented in the town's neighbourhoods: rehabilitation of the banks of the Rhone and roads, works to embellish public and private property, the organisation of cultural events for the general public, etc.

Other projects will be implemented in the coming years: the continued renovation of roads, the construction of facilities for business activities, sports, leisure, etc.

Bellegarde is progressively finding its place in one of the most dynamic regions of France.

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