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Fortum Charge & Drive builds the first high-power charging corridor between Oslo and Helsinki

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Norway's first high-power charging station was opened last week by Fortum Charge & Drive in partnership with Reitan Convenience. The station is located at Nygårdskrysset, 20 minutes south of Oslo, on the highway to Stockholm. At this charger next generation EVs will be able to charge up to 7 times faster than on the quick chargers that are on the market today.

This new charging station is part of the first High-Power Charging (HPC) corridor that Fortum Charge & Drive is building between Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki during 2018. The corridor provides charging possibilities for the upcoming long range (over 300 km) EV models with higher charging speeds. This means that the next generation of electric cars will be able to drive from Helsinki to Oslo in the same amount of time as conventional cars. This is the first step in establishing a Nordic network that will enable drivers to take full advantage of the new generation of electric vehicles and make long distance travel a reality.

“Norway is an important market for Fortum Charge & Drive, incentives and EV uptake. Therefore we start the our high-power charging journey from Norway”, says **Rami Syväri**, Vice President of Fortum Charge & Drive.

Fortum Charge & Drive has come a long way in Norway. The charging business started in 2011 and the first quick chargers were installed to Sarpsborg already in 2012. Today Fortum Charge & Drive is a leading charging network in Norway, the country with the most electric vehicles per capita. There are currently over 1,200 chargers and over 500 of these are quick chargers in Norway.

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Charging an electric car:

Quick chargers (50kW) can fill a battery from zero to 80% in approximately 30 minutes, and are necessary when travelling greater distances, particularly, along highways; or for businesses such as taxis and postal delivery services.

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Semi-fast or flexible chargers (up to 22kW) take approximately three to four hours to charge a battery to 80%, and are frequently found around shopping centers, office parking lots, and street-side.

High-power chargers (up to 350kW) make it possible to charge about 250 km range in only 10 minutes time.

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