

## Battery electric vehicles bevs portugal

Stellantis has announced plans to manufacture electric vehicles in Portugal. From early 2025, the production centre in Mangualde will be the first assembly plant in Portugal to build battery-electric vans for Citroën, Fiat, Opel and Peugeot in large-scale production.

Specifically, the Citroën ë-Berlingo, Fiat e-Doblò, Opel Combo-e, and Peugeot e-Partner models will roll off the production line there. In every case, the company will build a passenger and a light commercial version at the plant.

“We are proud to announce that Mangualde will enter a new era with the production of large series of battery electric vans in Portugal to provide indispensable solutions for our business customers,” says Stellantis CEO Carlos Tavares.

Currently, the combustion versions of these models are produced in Mangualde. According to a Stellantis announcement, the plant will also have its own battery assembly line for the future production of electric vehicles. The manufacturer does not state the future annual capacity. However, a press release from the Portuguese government mentions almost 50,000 BEVs per year and the creation of 450 jobs.

The transformation of the plant comes as part of the “GreenAuto” project co-initiated by Stellantis Mangualde. It is backed by a consortium of 37 partners from business and academia and is estimated to have an investment volume of EUR119 million. The project, launched in October 2021, is scheduled for completion by the turn of 2025/26. The Portuguese government supports the initiative with 59.8 million euros from its “PRR (Recovery and Resilience Plan) on the Move” programme, so almost exactly half of the expected investment sum.

Back to Europe: the Mangualde site also includes a solar energy park. Once completed, it will cover 31 per cent of the site’s energy needs. The company wants to cut CO2 emissions in half by 2030 and achieve carbon net zero by 2038 with single-digit percentage compensation of the remaining emissions. Moreover, the carmaker aims to only sell electric vehicles in Europe from 2030. For the US, that target is 50 per cent of passenger car and light-duty truck sales.

Portugal’s electric vehicle (EV) market continued to impress in May, thanks mainly to the performance of plug-in hybrids (PHEVs). José Pontes, data director at EV Volumes, explores the market with Autovista’s special content editor Phil Curry.

Portugal’s EV market, made up of battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) continued to grow in May. It has become one of the leading plug-in countries in Europe in terms of market share.



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PHEV registrations surged in the month, with volumes up 12.6% year on year. The powertrain saw its third-best-ever result in May, with 2,601 registrations, just 122 units below the technology's record of November 2023.

However, BEV deliveries declined 6.8% in May, equating to over 200 fewer units. Together, the EV market represented 29% of all deliveries in the month. Including the number of hybrids registered, 44% of overall passenger car registrations were electrified.

In the first five months of the year, the EV market made up 28% of all registrations. BEV deliveries increased by 12% in this period, taking a 16% market hold. Meanwhile, PHEV figures improved by 23% to take 12% of total deliveries.

Portugal is one of Europe's leading EV markets in terms of share. This is in stark contrast to its neighbour Spain, where the technology is struggling. Its market share of 28% also sits higher than Austria (23%), the UK (24%) and even France (26%).

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