

Cape verde electric vehicle incentives

The Minister of Industry, Commerce and Energy of Cabo Verde, Mr Alexandre Monteiro, inaugurated on 13 July 2023 in the city of Santa Maria, Sal Island, the first public charging station (CS) for electric vehicles (EVs), funded by the Mitigation Action Facility through the ProMEC project - Promotion of Electric Mobility in Cabo Verde. The event is a major milestone towards implementing a vast network of public charging stations across the nine inhabited islands of the country.

The implementation of a National Charging Infrastructure (INR, acronym in Portuguese) was identified by the Government of Cabo Verde as one of the three main objectives of the Policy Letter for Electric Mobility, alongside the full conversion of the public administration fleet by 2030 and the full substitution of all internal combustion engine vehicles in the country by EVs by 2050.

Santa Maria, renowned as the main tourism hub of Cabo Verde, has significant potential for the transition to electric mobility as part of the Government of Cabo Verde's efforts to increase the sustainability of tourism by decreasing its carbon footprint. The Municipality of Sal, where Santa Maria is located, currently ranks second in the country in the overall numbers of EVs on the roads, only behind Praia - the latest figures indicate that there are more than 20 EVs in Sal.

There has been a consistent increase in the number of EVs in Cabo Verde, mainly because of the available rebates and current government fiscal incentives. To meet this demand, TECV expects to install all remaining public charging stations over the next 12 months.

Besides the implementation of a network of public charging stations, the project is supporting Cabo Verde's transition to electric mobility through several activities, such as providing rebates for the purchase of electric vehicles, operationalising a pilot project for electric buses and the review and development of legal and regulatory documents, among others. For further information, please visit the project official website (available in Portuguese): <https://>

The Mitigation Action Facility is a joint initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), UK Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ), the Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities (KEFM), the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the European Union and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF).

Cape Verdean government has set a target of having a quarter of its national vehicle fleet made up of electric vehicles by 2026, and 30% of vehicles acquired by public administration.

This implementation would be carried out, according to the document voted on parliament last Monday, through a broad programme aiming by 2026 to replace a quarter of the national fleet, including

passenger, school, minibuss and taxi transportation with electric vehicles

It will also make it mandatory that, in the purchase of vehicles for the public administration, managers and members of the Government; at least 30%; must be electric vehicles.

The Government will reinforce measures to increase the installation of infrastructure for charging electric vehicles, with operating licenses for private operators on all islands and for the creation, installation and operation of a platform for management (operator information and licensing) of electric mobility in Cape Verde; the document also points out.

The incentive and promotion of electric mobility in the maritime economy is also foreseen, namely through the acquisition of electric motors, including batteries and panels, for fishing vessels.

The Government is also committed to advancing with the reform of the organisational structure of the country's energy market, through the implementation of the new structure of the organisational structure of the electricity sector through vertical separation and creation of the figure of the National System Operator and Universal Purchaser of the energy produced by independent producers;

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