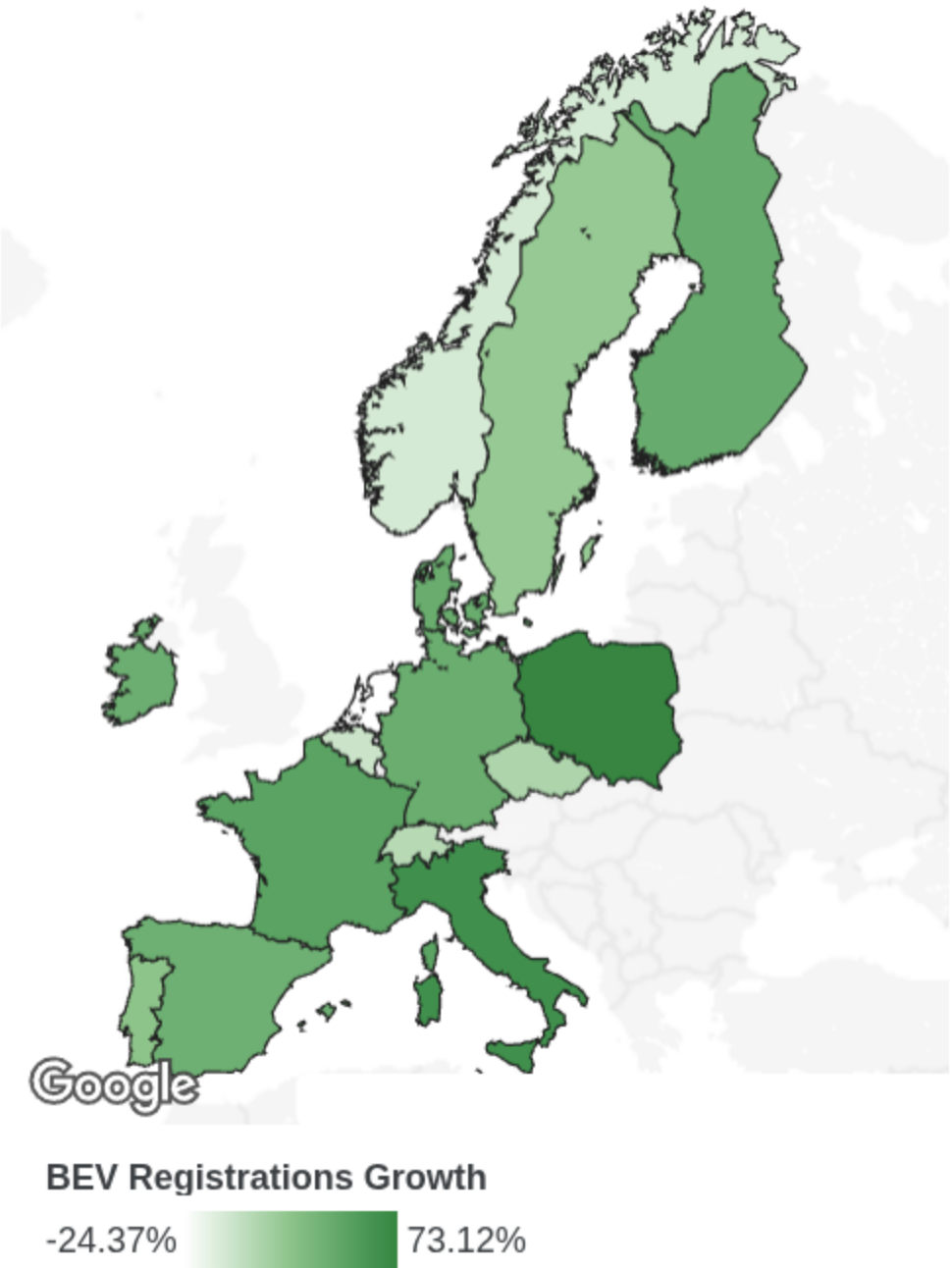
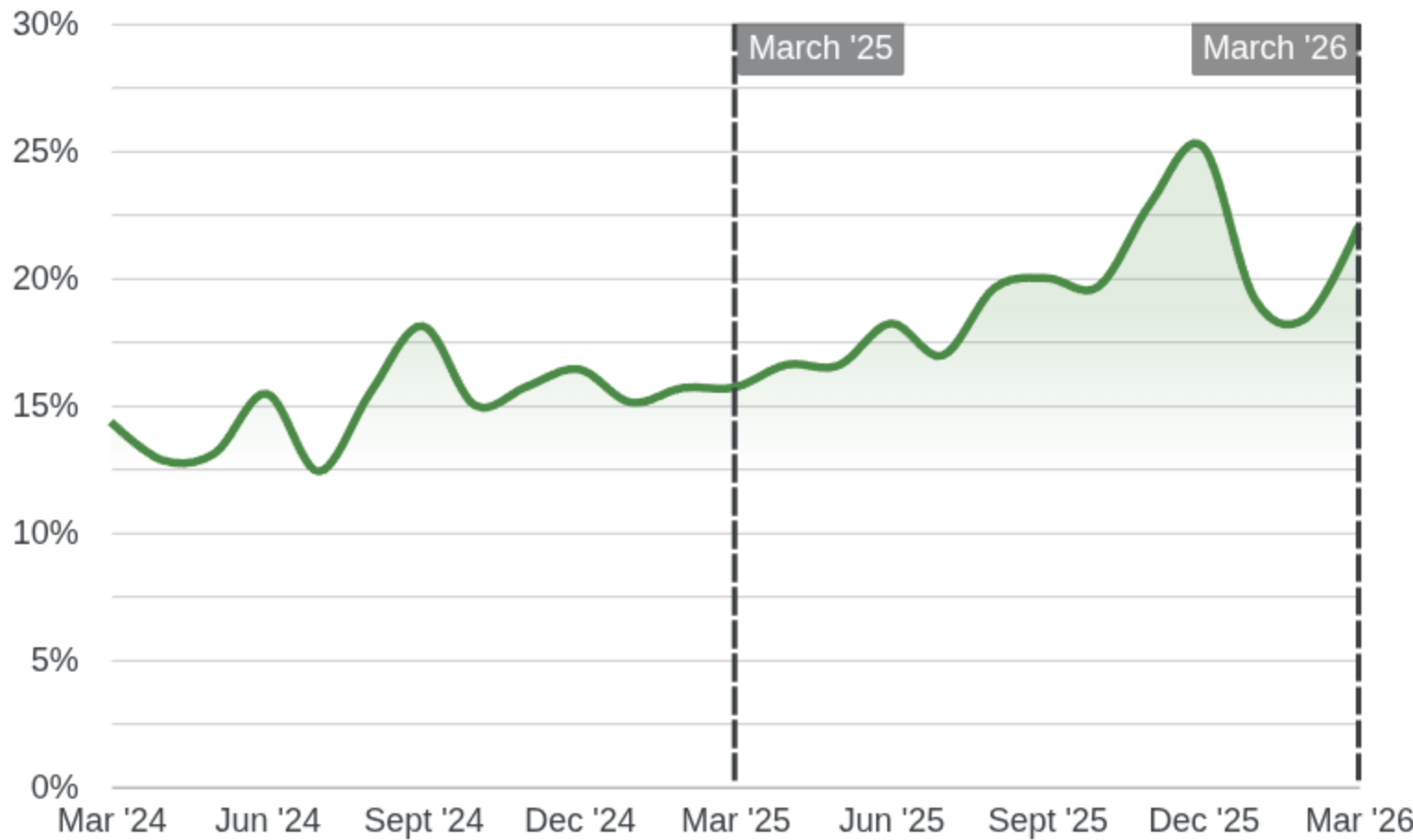


# EU EV sales jump amid renewed focus on oil dependence

Countries With Fastest BEV Sales Gro...

Monthly BEV Share



European battery electric car (BEV) registrations surged in March 2026, as conflict in the Middle East brought Europe's oil dependence into focus. Registrations of fully electric passenger cars rose by 51% across 15 EU markets, which collectively account for more than 90% of EU car sales. In the first quarter of 2026 the EU member states registered over 500,000 new electric cars, enough to reduce oil consumption by 2m barrels per year.

Key points:

- BEV registrations are accelerating across all major markets. Europe's five largest countries, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, and Poland, have all recorded more than 40% growth in BEV sales so far this year.
- BEVs accounted for 22% of all new car registrations across 14 EU markets we track, and we estimate that EU-wide, 21.2% of all new cars will have been electric in March.
- France continues to lead among large markets with a 28% BEV share, supported by its social leasing scheme.
- Germany is rebounding strongly with new incentives restoring clarity. Around 1 in 4 cars registered in March was fully electric.
- Italy is accelerating after years of stagnation. Its BEV market share has nearly doubled in the last three months to around 9%, from only 5% at the end of 2025.
- Nordic countries remain well ahead. Around 75% of newly registered cars in Denmark was fully electric in March and Finland around 50%, both recording high growth rates.

Chris Heron, Secretary-General of E-Mobility Europe, said:

"March's surge in electric car sales is one of Europe's biggest recent gains in energy security, in a month when oil dependence has become a real vulnerability. Across the EU's major markets, EV sales are growing at rates above 40%, marking a clear step change, not statistical noise. That translates into half a million electric cars registered so far this year, cutting roughly two million barrels of oil demand annually."

**March 2026**

BEV Registrations

**242,265**  
↑ 51.3%

BEV Share - Key Markets

**22.0%**

BEV Share - Est. EU-Wide

**21.2%**

**Year to Date 2026**

Total BEV Registrations

**557,041**  
↑ 29.4%

BEV Share - Key Markets

**20.5%**

## BEV Market Share & Sales Growth by Country

|     | Country     | Registrations | Market Share | YTD Registrations | YTD Market Share | Registrations YTD Growth ▾ |
|-----|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.  | Poland      | 3,406         | 5.9%         | 14,276            | 12.3%            | 79.5%                      |
| 2.  | Italy       | 16,137        | 8.6%         | 38,155            | 7.8%             | 65.2%                      |
| 3.  | France      | 49,735        | 28.1%        | 112,932           | 27.5%            | 49.7%                      |
| 4.  | Finland     | 3,369         | 49.6%        | 8,063             | 46.9%            | 43.0%                      |
| 5.  | Denmark     | 14,567        | 76.6%        | 34,914            | 79.4%            | 42.5%                      |
| 6.  | Germany     | 70,427        | 24.1%        | 159,012           | 22.9%            | 42.0%                      |
| 7.  | Ireland     | 3,850         | 24.9%        | 14,020            | 21.6%            | 40.6%                      |
| 8.  | Spain       | 12,834        | 8.4%         | 29,739            | 8.2%             | 39.7%                      |
| 9.  | Portugal    | 6,063         | 22.7%        | 15,136            | 23.6%            | 24.3%                      |
| 10. | Sweden      | 10,926        | 39.6%        | 25,362            | 39.5%            | 20.3%                      |
| 11. | Czechia     | 1,541         | 6.4%         | 3,439             | 5.7%             | 10.5%                      |
| 12. | Switzerland | 5,388         | 23.2%        | 11,414            | 21.5%            | 6.3%                       |
| 13. | Belgium     | 15,672        | 36.2%        | 39,480            | 34.8%            | -2.3%                      |
| 14. | Norway      | 17,406        | 98.4%        | 26,617            | 98.0%            | -7.0%                      |
| 15. | Netherlands | 10,944        | 35.8%        | 24,482            | 30.8%            | -24.4%                     |

### **About this bulletin**

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### **Data scope & methodology**

The analysis specifically tracks new passenger car registrations across 14 key European markets: Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. These markets represent approximately 81% of the combined EU and EFTA market. We focus on these regions because they offer the granular, timely, and publicly accessible data required for high-frequency market monitoring.

The data is aggregated from primary national sources, including government vehicle registries and national industry associations, and checked against data published by the European Alternative Fuels Observatory, which will be used as a core source in future publications. By standardizing these disparate datasets, we provide a comparable month-on-month and year-to-date view of market shifts across different member states and powertrain types (BEV, PHEV, FHEV, and ICE).

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