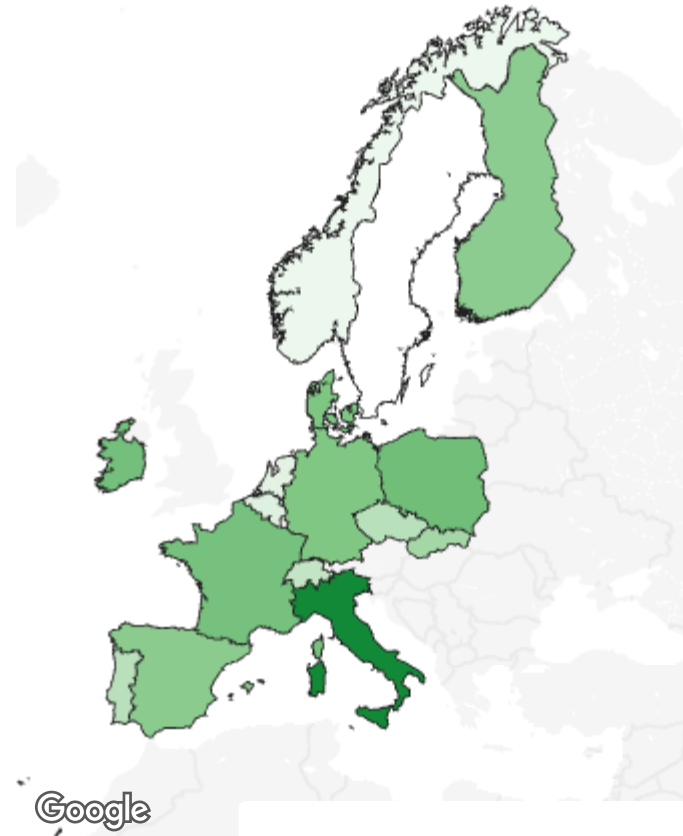


Europe's EV Momentum Continues: BEV Sales Up 34% in April 2026

Countries by Fastest BEV Sales Growth

Monthly BEV Market Share



European BEV registrations kept climbing in April 2026, confirming March's surge. Across the 16 key markets tracked, 201,986 fully electric cars were registered in April, up 34.1% year-on-year, with BEVs reaching 22.5% of new car registrations. Year-to-date, these markets have now registered 740,480 BEVs, up 31.3% on 2025 - saving almost 3 million barrels of annual oil consumption.

Key points:

- Europe's BEV market is holding above one-in-five new cars. April's 22.5% share across key markets shows the market is consolidating after a strong Q1, coinciding with Europe's broader push for strengthening energy security.
- Germany remains the volume engine. BEVs reached 25.8% of German registrations in April, with 223,362 BEVs registered year-to-date. New means-tested incentives, retroactive from January and backed by a €3bn programme, should add further momentum.
- France is still one of Europe's strongest large markets. BEVs reached 26.2% in April and 27.2% year-to-date, supported by social leasing and targeted demand-side policy.
- Italy is Europe's fastest-growing major BEV market. Registrations are up 97.2% year-to-date, although significant catch-up potential remains. Italy's renewed Ecobonus provides up to €11,000 for BEV buyers, with higher support for lower-income households.
- Spain and Poland are moving from a low base. BEV registrations are up 37.3% in Spain and 50.1% in Poland year-to-date, but market shares remain below 10%.
- The Nordics remain Europe's benchmark. Norway is effectively fully electric at 98.6% in April, Denmark reached 81.9%, Finland 48.8%, and Sweden 40.7%.
- The policy lesson is clear: where governments give consumers confidence, BEV uptake accelerates. Europe's strongest markets are combining industrial investment with practical demand-side tools, from social leasing to purchase support and tax advantages.

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

"April's figures confirm Europe's EV market is now accelerating at serious scale. More than 740,000 battery electric vehicles have been registered across Europe so far this year, with growth across all the continent's largest markets. And the three million barrels of oil already being saved annually is oil Europe no longer needs to import."

April 2026

BEV Registrations (change YoY)

201,986
↑ 34.1%

BEV Share - Key Markets

22.4%

BEV Share - Est. EU-Wide

22.7%

Year to Date 2026

BEV Registrations (change YoY)

741,480
↑ 31.3%

BEV Share - Key Markets

19.2%

BEV Market Share & Sales Growth by Country

	Country	Registrations	Market Share	YTD Registrations	YTD Market Share	Registrations YTD Growth ▼
1.	Italy	13,205	8.5%	51,299	5.6%	97.2%
2.	Poland	2,651	5.1%	11,492	5.8%	50.1%
3.	Ireland	2,798	27.6%	16,818	22.4%	48.7%
4.	France	36,216	26.2%	149,148	27.2%	47.2%
5.	Denmark	13,722	81.9%	48,636	80.1%	42.8%
6.	Germany	64,350	25.8%	223,362	23.6%	42.0%
7.	Spain	10,137	9.5%	39,876	8.5%	37.3%
8.	Finland	2,783	48.8%	10,846	47.3%	36.6%
9.	Slovakia	445	6.6%	1,459	5.5%	26.8%
10.	Czechia	1,673	7.5%	5,112	6.2%	17.7%
11.	Portugal	5,012	23.2%	18,723	24.3%	17.6%
12.	Switzerland	4,608	24.8%	16,022	22.4%	12.7%
13.	Belgium	13,986	36.2%	53,455	35.1%	1.1%
14.	Netherlands	9,616	37.4%	32,109	27.1%	-0.8%
15.	Norway	10,952	98.6%	37,569	98.2%	-5.0%
16.	Sweden	9,832	40.7%	25,554	41.4%	-13.3%

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Data scope & methodology

The analysis specifically tracks new passenger car registrations across 16 key European markets: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, 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 sourced from the European Alternative Fuels Observatory and supplied by Fier Automotive in addition to national sources such as transport ministries or industry bodies.

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