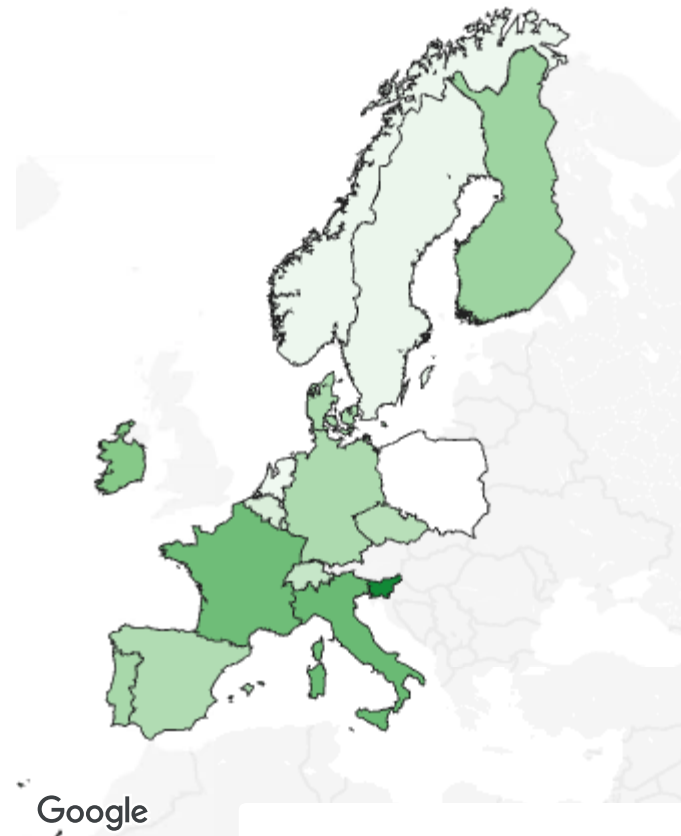
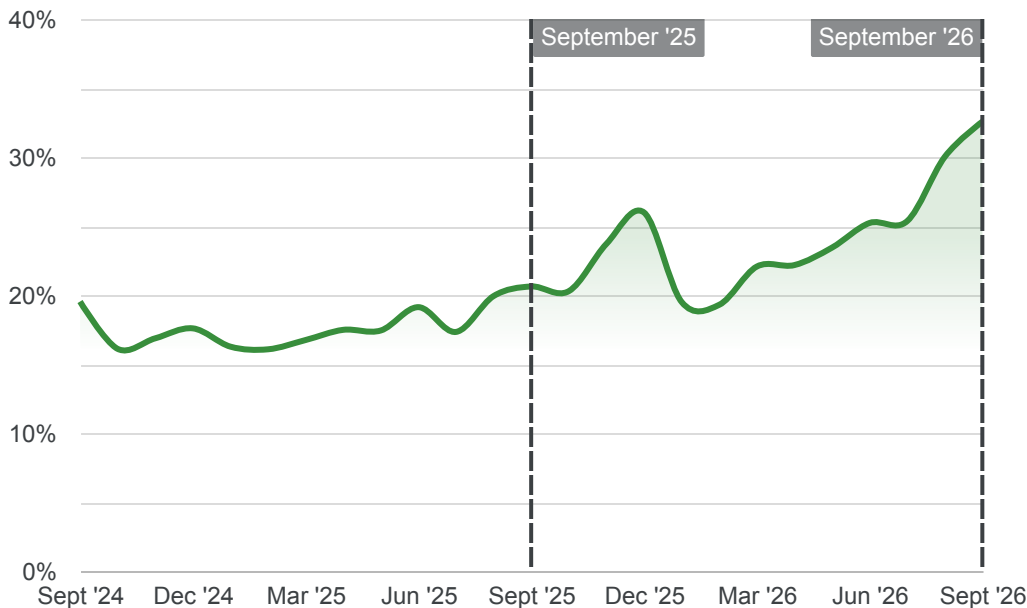


Europe's EV surge accelerates as Paris and Berlin move to weaken 2035 target

Countries by Fastest BEV Sales Growth

Monthly BEV Market Share



Sales of electric cars grew dramatically in September across Europe. Some 300,202 new electric cars joined the roads of the 17 markets we track, 70% more than in September 2025. With just under 2 million new electric cars registered in 2026, Europe is seeing a new wave of electrification, driven by greater choice, affordable EVs, and high and volatile fuel prices.

The figures come days after France and Germany agreed a joint position that would weaken the EU's 2035 target. The timing is striking: France and Germany together accounted for more than half of Europe's new electric cars in September, with French registrations up 77% this year and Germany up 41%. The Franco-German plan would cut the EU's 2035 fleet target to a 90% reduction in CO2 emissions without offsets. In return for French support, Germany backed stricter "Made in Europe" rules for public support to electric vehicles. The position is not yet law, with the EU Parliament and governments still both needing to agree what final changes to make to the Cars CO2 framework.

Key points

- **Momentum is building through the year.** Battery electric cars took 32.6% of new car registrations across the key markets in September, well above the 24.7% average so far this year. BEV share has risen from around 20% in September 2025 to more than 32% a year later.
- **France and Germany are driving the volume.** Germany registered 88,724 new electric cars in September, around 30% of the total across the markets covered. France followed with 65,243, at a 41.7% market share. French BEV registrations are up 77% on last year.
- **New EV markets are growing fastest.** Slovenia leads on growth, with year-to-date registrations up 136% from a smaller base. Italy is up 80%. Spain (18.2% share in September, up from 11.2% year to date) and Portugal (47.7%) are also growing strongly.
- **Electric cars are now the majority in five markets.** BEVs made up more than half of new car sales in Norway (98.8%), Denmark (88.8%), Finland (62.7%), the Netherlands (52.8%) and Belgium (50.9%) in September.

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

"Europe's electric vehicle market keeps accelerating beyond expectations, even as France and Germany agree to weaken the EU's 2035 CO₂ framework. More than 300,000 electric cars were registered in September, up 70% year-on-year, with fully electric cars now accounting for nearly one in three new sales. Europe needs to build on this momentum, not undermine it."

September 2026

BEV Registrations (change YoY)

300,202
↑ 70.3%

BEV Share - Key Markets

32.6%

BEV Share - Est. EU-Wide

31.2%

Year to Date 2026

BEV Registrations (change YoY)

1,975,539
↑ 38.1%

BEV Share - Key Markets

24.7%

BEV Market Share & Sales Growth by Country

	Country	Registrations	Market Share	YTD Registrations	YTD Market Share	Registrations YTD Growth ▼
1.	Slovenia	1,219	23.1%	10,456	19.8%	136.4%
2.	Italy	10,551	7.6%	101,716	8.2%	80.2%
3.	France	65,243	41.7%	388,632	31.2%	77.0%
4.	Ireland	3,117	49.2%	35,305	27.5%	63.0%
5.	Finland	4,338	62.7%	28,665	50.8%	49.1%
6.	Portugal	9,338	47.7%	52,976	29.6%	43.8%
7.	Germany	88,724	34.6%	603,701	27.2%	41.0%
8.	Denmark	17,785	88.8%	123,995	81.6%	40.3%
9.	Spain	17,076	18.2%	102,745	11.2%	38.7%
10.	Czechia	2,134	11.2%	13,728	7.4%	34.9%
11.	Switzerland	7,803	35.6%	45,249	26.1%	26.7%
12.	Luxembourg	1,353	33.8%	11,689	30.2%	24.4%
13.	Belgium	16,352	50.9%	125,305	38.8%	15.8%
14.	Sweden	14,035	49.0%	76,490	40.8%	5.9%
15.	Norway	18,511	98.8%	112,818	97.9%	4.8%
16.	Netherlands	19,145	52.8%	106,792	38.4%	3.0%
17.	Poland	3,478	6.2%	24,482	5.2%	-5.2%

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This bulletin is a monthly collaborative publication by New AutoMotive, an independent transport research organisation, and E-Mobility Europe, the trade association representing the European e-mobility ecosystem. Our mission is to provide policy-makers, industry stakeholders, and the public with a neutral, evidence-based perspective on the decarbonisation of the European transport sector.

Data scope & methodology

The analysis specifically tracks new passenger car registrations across 17 key European markets: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. These markets represent approximately 90% 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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