

Populations are more aware of environmental issues

(Portugal, 10th April 2024) **Urban populations are increasingly aware of the importance of sustainability and the environment in improving the quality of life in cities. Electric mobility is, therefore, a growing commitment of Portuguese communities, which rely on the responsibility of municipalities and companies to develop innovative solutions and intelligent use of technology to increase their well-being.**

In recent years, we have witnessed a growing awareness of the importance of urban and sustainable mobility in cities and the need to reduce dependence on fossil fuel-powered vehicles. Cities should invest in infrastructure to encourage the use of bicycles as daily transport. In addition, municipalities have created bicycle-sharing networks, which have expanded, offering citizens a flexible and convenient alternative for their needs.

On the other hand, electric vehicles are revolutionizing urban mobility and making it more sustainable. The growth has been remarkable, and energy sector companies have rapidly expanded fast-charging infrastructures to respond to the increasing availability of electric models, motivating citizens to transition to adopt this form of mobility.

Committed to minimizing the environmental impact of its public transport network, [Coimbra](#) is currently pursuing the path of electrification and exploring new innovative solutions. To this end, the municipality is introducing hydrogen-powered buses in Coimbra's Municipal Urban Transport Service (SMTUC) fleet. Furthermore, the city is implementing the BRT (bus rapid transit) system, an electric bus service that will operate on exclusive lanes. This urban network will connect Coimbra, Miranda do Corvo and Lousã, offering an efficient and sustainable transport option between these municipalities.

[Évora](#) will be a pioneer city by adopting a fully electric public transport network. This project will be possible thanks to the commitment of the concessionaire [Trevo](#) to acquire buses with the support of national and international programs focused on decarbonization, allowing the fleet to be completely electric. With this initiative, the municipality takes an essential step towards sustainable mobility, contributing to the preservation of the environment.

Municipal companies are also investing in soft mobility as a more efficient way of travelling. Thus, [Parques Tejo](#), the company responsible for urban mobility in the municipality of [Oeiras](#), recorded a record number of journeys on its electric mobility system. According to data provided by the company, more than 1.2 million minutes of travel on scooters and electric bicycles were recorded last year, covering more than 264,000 kilometres.

As more people recognize electric vehicles' environmental and economic benefits, energy companies have invested in charging infrastructure to meet the increased demand. In 2023, Galp recorded more than 1 million electric vehicle charges in Portugal, a 67 per cent growth over the previous year. Galp highlights that this results from expanding its charging station network, which should reach 10,000 points in Portugal and Spain by 2025.

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