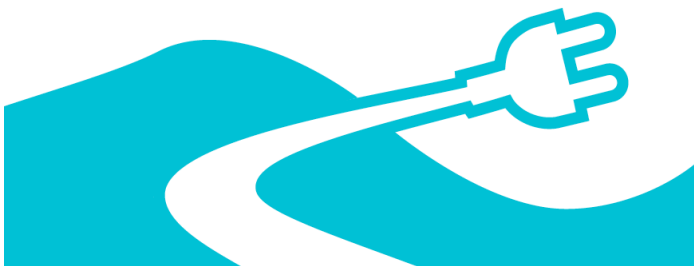


Round tables from the cross-border project E.VE.CR.I will be held in Dospat and Gotse Delchev this week

The project aims to develop local business and e-mobility in Bulgaria and Greece

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This week, two round tables will be held in the framework of the cross-border project E.VE.CR.I, which stimulates the development of regional business and the sustainable use of electric vehicles. On Thursday, May 26, 2022, in the town of Gotse Delchev, from 4 pm to 5.30 pm, will be the fourth Round Table for Bulgaria, and on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 10.30 am to 11 am - the fifth for the country, which will take place in the town of Dospat. The two tables are

entitled "Building a sustainable future for local businesses and the community through electric mobility." The E.VE.CR.I. project is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and national funds of the countries participating in the INTERREG V-A Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020 Cooperation Program. Before the meetings, participants and stakeholders will have the opportunity to drive an electric car in both cities.

The two round tables will discuss the necessary steps for installing charging stations in terms of permitting and administrative procedures, as well as present business models for small and medium enterprises to manage this type of station. The meetings are open to the participation of owners of hotels, restaurants, shops, and cafes and representatives of other companies and companies that have parking spaces. The aim is for them to have the opportunity to meet directly with the present operators and investors to discuss the possibilities of installing charging stations in the region.

At the meetings, guest speakers from Greece and Bulgaria will present and discuss regulations for charging stations, and charging station operators will offer options for their construction. A network of 50 charging stations should be built within the project by spring 2023.

The E.VE.CR.I. project provides a sustainable answer to the critical problem - the lack of a continuously accessible, easy-to-use, and widespread network of charging points. In addition, it will help areas near the border, where many trips to the neighboring country take place, and therefore the possibility of using the charging network of the other country is of paramount importance. E.VE.CR.I will facilitate charging infrastructure management companies, which are slowly gaining ground in Greece and Bulgaria, similar to more advanced European countries.

The development and expansion of the electric car network in the cross-border region have many advantages. Starting with improved energy efficiency, reduced greenhouse gas emissions affecting air quality and quality of life, enhancing entrepreneurship in the cross-border region through sharing, partnership, and mutual learning, and creating a vibrant network of proponents of electric mobility, whether small businesses or municipalities.

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