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## **The building phase of the GREAT Project is finished**

Autumn of 2019 holds the most important milestone of the GREAT project. All fast chargers built within the project must be deployed according to the agreement with the EU's Innovation and Networks Agency (INEA). As agreed, deployment of e-mobility infrastructure is now finished, reaching all but one of the 70 fast chargers planned – making the project output a roaring success. All of the GREAT project's public partners, Region Skåne, Västra Götalandsregionen, the City of Oslo, Region Halland, the Capital Region of Denmark, the City of Copenhagen, Region Zealand, Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg are very proud of this astonishing accomplishment.

GREAT has deployed **50** new fast chargers in Sweden, **17** in Denmark and **2** in northern Germany. This is a significant contribution to the development of comprehensive fast charger infrastructure along the TEN-T Core Network. This facilitates long-distance and cross-border EV travel in northern Europe and lowers thresholds when choosing to drive an EV; making sustainable transport choices easier.

“GREAT has majorly contributed to making public fast charging much more easily accessible in the project geography. Fast charging is a good and affordable option when it is really needed. With a well-developed charging infrastructure you do not need large and expensive batteries in your BEV. The biggest challenge now is to continue to increasing the market share of EV's so that the chargers deployed really come into use. We are committed to this development” says Carl Johan Sonesson, First Governor of Region Skåne.

“The STRING partners are already working hard to take responsibility for creating a clean road transport system in our part of the ScanMed corridor, not least to fulfil the EU's 2030 goals for reduction of Co2 emissions. Our joint vision is to be the leading actor when it comes to the development and use of alternative fuels within the megaregion between Hamburg and Oslo to show ambition, make concrete difference, and push and inspire others to follow on with their own transition. The GREAT project has certainly been an important and tangible step in that direction” says Sophie Hæstorp Andersen, Chair of STRING and of the Regional Council of the Capital Region of Denmark.

To realise GREAT's vision, “Alternative renewable fuels is new normal in the GREAT-corridor” vehicles that run on alternative fuels from renewable energy sources must become the customers' first choice when purchasing new vehicles. The STRING members are committed to making sure that alternative fuels need to be:

- **Clean**  
*in a well-to-wheel perspective.*
- **Accessible**  
*i.e. available for any person, public or private entity in the quality and quantity needed, at a reasonable and transparent pricing, and without technical and legal restrictions across regions and countries.*
- **Competitive**  
*i.e. viable under market conditions, without requiring additional subsidies from the public sector in the long term.*



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The responsibility for switching to alternative fuel vehicles is shared by everyone and the public partners supporting GREAT in STRING would like to emphasize that the fuels and cars of the future must be both clean, accessible and competitive.

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