

## Press release

### Update of European eRoaming protocol available

#### **Hubject releases new version of the Open InterCharge Protocol (OICP 1.2) to simplify the interconnection of European EV charging stations.**

**Berlin (Germany), 24 July 2014.** Hubject GmbH has today published an updated version of its Open InterCharge Protocol (OICP 1.2). Implementation of the interface allows any interested business to lay the technical groundwork for participating in the interchange EV charging network which enables a convenient and cross-provider access to public EV charging infrastructures throughout Europe.

The new OICP 1.2 release was developed as part of the Partner Involvement Programme (PIP), a Europe-wide initiative launched by Hubject GmbH. Thanks to the company's new release management, which has also been recently introduced, all partners already connected to the network can rest assured that they will be able to continue to use the current version (OICP 1.1). They can switch from OICP 1.1 to the new version OICP 1.2 according to their own needs and requirements. "Based on our common market experience and the support provided by our European partners we have extended the functionality of the OICP 1.2. Thanks to our fruitful collaboration with important mobility players the new version of the interface even further simplifies the interconnection of charging stations in Europe. By disclosing the protocol we stay true to our philosophy of creating a transparent and cooperative mobility market," says Andreas Pfeiffer, Managing Director of Hubject GmbH, in a comment on the success of the joint efforts involved in further developing the OICP 1.2.

From October 2014, the new version of the interface protocol will also support the direct payments system interchange *direct*. interchange *direct* is the new feature for charge point operators participating in the interchange network. The innovative direct payments system is an option offered in addition to the eRoaming service which enables drop-in customers to charge their electric vehicles in a direct relationship with charge point operators.

Interested businesses can register for free on [www.hubject.com](http://www.hubject.com) to obtain the current version of the Open InterCharge Protocol (OICP 1.2). The Hubject GmbH website also offers the opportunity to join the Partner Involvement Programme (PIP).

**About Hubject GmbH:**

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