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Urban Tech opens with the States General of EV Charging: public charging accounts for 31% of charging consumption (368 GWh)

At The Urban Technology Show, taking place at BolognaFiere, a message from Deputy Minister Edoardo Rixi was read, highlighting the importance of investing in infrastructure and technological innovation.

Bologna, 7 October 2026 – "Public charging accounts for almost one third of electricity consumption for EV charging, amounting to 368 GWh. The remainder is private charging, which takes place almost exclusively at home. The public charging network continues to grow in terms of power capacity: over the past year, DC (direct current) charging points have increased by 59%, while HPC (High Power Charging) points have grown by 52%." This was stated by **Matteo Gizzi** of **Motus-E**, who spoke today at the **States General of EV Charging**, held as part of **Urban Tech 2026 – The Urban Technology Show**, the event comprising **E-Tech Europe 2026, E-Charge 2026, Traffic 2026** and **Wireless & Towers 2026,** running until Friday, 9 October, at **BolognaFiere.**

The event was preceded by the reading of a message from **Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Edoardo Rixi**, who said that the topics at the heart of Urban Tech 2026 – from mobility and transport to infrastructure and digitalisation, connectivity, sustainability and innovation – are closely connected to the challenges Italy is facing in making its mobility system increasingly modern, efficient, safe and sustainable.

"The scale of this challenge also emerges from the latest data," Rixi explained in his message. "In 2025, demand for passenger and freight transport reached higher levels than in the previous year, and almost all modes of transport recovered their pre-pandemic figures. **In December, approximately 38.8 million people travelled each day, for a total of almost 90 million daily journeys and more than 2.1 billion passenger-kilometres.** These figures confirm how important it is to continue investing in infrastructure, technological innovation and services capable of supporting mobility in a constantly evolving environment."

According to Rixi, technological and digital transformation represents a concrete opportunity in this process to improve the management of urban mobility, strengthen the safety and quality of

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infrastructure, and develop increasingly integrated solutions capable of meeting the needs of citizens, businesses and local communities. “For this reason, dialogue between institutions, businesses, the research community and industry operators is essential.”

During the States General of EV Charging, it was highlighted that Southern Italy has as many charging points as Northern Italy, but lacks charging speed. Investment in high-power charging is therefore needed.

Mauro Vergani of **Adiconsum** said that EV charging users have to choose between a multitude of companies, while the price per kWh for charging an electric car at a public location is unstable. It is therefore urgent to introduce electricity tariffs specifically designed for this type of mobility.

As part of the conference **“The Challenges of Wireless Communication and Its Infrastructure”**, Alessandro Prosdocimo of Cellnex Italia highlighted how connectivity is no longer merely an enabling technology, but has now become a system that, like energy and transport, is of major value to businesses and to the growth of the country. “According to a study by Ernst & Young,” he concluded, “since 2019, the presence of tower companies has helped unlock **€53 billion in the European economy.”**

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