

Merkel: 1 million car charging points in Germany by 2030

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks with a driver of an electric vehicle at a metro station in New Delhi, India, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019. India and Germany agreed on Friday to enhance cooperation in tackling climate change, cybersecurity, skill development, artificial intelligence, energy security, civil aviation and defense production. The two countries signed several agreements, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying India is eager to benefit from Germany's expertise. (AP Photo/Shonal Ganguly)

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Sunday she wants to drastically increase the number of charging stations for electric cars in Germany to give consumers more confidence to switch over to electric from internal combustion engines.

Speaking in her weekly video podcast, Merkel said she wants Germany to have 1 million charging stations by 2030. Germany currently has about 21,000 charging stations.

The comments come ahead of her meeting Monday with automobile industry executives as part of efforts to help Germany's transport sector meet emissions targets.

In addition to talking about Germany's charging infrastructure, Merkel says those at the meeting will discuss government and industry incentives for [electric cars](#) and how to protect auto industry jobs amid the transition to producing more environmentally friendly vehicles. She says the development of hydrogen-powered cars can also play a role.

Germany is home to several major automobile manufacturers, including Daimler, BMW and Volkswagen, which includes many subsidiaries such as Audi, Skoda and Porsche.

Volkswagen's reputation was tarnished and its bottom-line hit by a widely publicized diesel emissions cheating scandal that violated rules to protect air quality. But the Wolfsburg-based company is now leading the push into [electric vehicles](#) in Europe, launching its ID.3 battery-powered compact car at prices it says will make zero-local emission vehicles a mass phenomenon.



In this Wednesday, April 27, 2016 photo an e-car is connected with a public charge base in Berlin, Germany. German Chancellor Angela Merkel wants to drastically increase the number of charging stations for electric cars in Germany to give consumers more confidence to switch over to electric from internal combustion engines. (AP Photo/Michael Sohn)

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