

## **DRIVECO appoints Stefan von Dobschütz as CEO to support its next phase of growth and accelerate its European expansion**

**Paris, March 5th, 2026** – DRIVECO, a French operator of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, announces the appointment of Stefan von Dobschütz as CEO, effective 1 May 2026. This appointment supports DRIVECO's next phase of development, marked by scaling its operations and accelerating its expansion across Europe. After twelve years leading the company, Ion Leahu-Aluas will be stepping down from his position.

### **DRIVECO's scale-up journey**

DRIVECO was founded in the early 2010s under a conviction held by Ion Leahu-Aluas that the energy transition would only succeed if supported by infrastructure that was not only greener, but fundamentally simple, user-friendly and reliable. This focus on reliability has guided the company's strategic choices and development from the outset.

Starting as early as 2015, DRIVECO, with the launch of the Parasol, made its mark as one of Europe's first solar charging platforms. The Company shifted into a full-scale infrastructure owner and operator, investing capital to secure and operate strategic locations. This shift defined DRIVECO's model and positioned it for long-term deployment.

**Ion Leahu-Aluas, co-founder of DRIVECO**, commented: *"When we started, electric mobility was still a promise. We believed infrastructure had to lead the transition, and we built DRIVECO around that conviction. Turning a small R&D initiative into a network serving drivers across four countries required long-term thinking, disciplined execution and the ability to pivot when scale demanded it. Reliability became our signature. I'm proud of the teams who built this, and confident the foundations we laid will support what comes next."*

DRIVECO now manages 360 stations, all fully owned and operated, maintaining a 99% availability rate. Several stations opened in recent months in Belgium, Italy and Spain, reflecting the company's European ambition. As the European charging market accelerates and matures, DRIVECO is strengthening its leadership and welcoming a new CEO.

### **An experienced new CEO to lead the next phase of development**

Stefan von Dobschütz has more than twenty years of international experience across the mobility and energy sectors. Since 2022, he has served as CEO Europe at bp pulse (the group's e-mobility subsidiary), where he has led the Europe-wide expansion and the scale-up in the United Kingdom and Germany.

He previously held leadership roles at innogy eMobility Solutions and within the BMW Group, notably contributing to the launch of the BMW i3, one of Europe's first mass-produced electric vehicles.

## A new governance model combining performance and long-term vision

At DRIVECO, Stefan's mission will be, in tandem with Gautier Chatelus as President, to lead the company's scale-up, strengthen the network's operational excellence and support the acceleration of growth across Europe, building on the group's teams and partners. Stefan will lead the executive team and will hold the P&L responsibility of the company.

This organisation is designed to support a disciplined growth trajectory, built on quality of execution, investment discipline and financial strength.

The roadmap is clear: to deliver the most reliable and seamless charging experience for drivers as well as for DRIVECO's partners. In a European market that is accelerating and maturing, the company is preparing to scale up.

**Gautier Chatelus, President of DRIVECO**, said: *"DRIVECO is entering a new phase of development. After consolidating our foundations, our priority is to optimise performance and support our expansion with discipline and high standards. Stefan's international experience is a decisive asset in leading us through this next stage. We are delighted to welcome Stefan, who will bring new momentum to strengthen our performance and support our growth."*

*"DRIVECO has already demonstrated a material growth trajectory in France and can be proud of a committed and capable team. My major goal will be to strengthen the company's business model and drive profitable growth through a compelling customer offer",* added **Stefan von Dobschütz**.

## BIOGRAPHY



As an internationally recognised leader, Stefan brings strong experience in growth, digital innovation and large-scale organisational transformation. Since 2022, he has served as CEO of bp pulse Europe (the group's e-mobility subsidiary), where he significantly accelerated growth in the United Kingdom and Germany while leading the expansion into new markets. He previously served as Global CCO and Managing Director at innogy eMobility Solutions, after holding several leadership roles within the BMW Group, notably contributing to the launch of the BMW i3. Stefan holds a diploma of physics from the University of Heidelberg and is passionate about the energy and mobility transition.

## About DRIVECO

*A French pioneer in EV charging, DRIVECO's mission is to make electric mobility accessible to all by delivering the simplest experience, developing the most reliable network and providing renewable energy to help build a more sustainable society. DRIVECO now operates a network of 360 CPO stations, fully owned and operated. Since its creation in 2010, stations installed or operated by DRIVECO have enabled 360 million electric kilometres driven, equivalent to 9,000 trips around the Earth. With more than 76,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided, DRIVECO has delivered over 62 million kWh of electricity since its creation.*

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