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Smart & Sustainable Island: First electric cars for private customers on Astypalea

- Volkswagen Group hands over e-up!¹, ID.3², ID.4³ und SEAT MÓ eScooter⁴ to private customers, removing gasoline vehicles from the island
- New recycling initiative to make the island even more beautiful and sustainable
- All-electric ride sharing and vehicle sharing will be launched in summer

Astypalea, April 20, 2022 – The electrification of Astypalea is picking up speed: The Volkswagen Group has delivered the first electric cars to private customers on the Greek island. A turquoise ID.3 Pure was handed over to its new owner directly at the windmills of Chora, the main town on Astypalea. Further deliveries included the ID.4 and e-up! as well as the Seat MÓ eScooter 125. As a result, the e-fleet on Astypalea is further growing, after the local authorities have been using electric vehicles already since last year. The "Smart & Sustainable Island" project is a joint initiative of the Volkswagen Group and the Hellenic Republic. In the coming years, Astypalea will be converted into an island where the mobility will be smart and sustainable, and the energy system will be completely renewed.



Thanos Papagiannis with his brand-new ID.3, the first private ID.3 on Astypalea.

Thanos Papagiannis, the first ID.3 customer on Astypalea, is a firm advocate of e-mobility. His new electric vehicle replaces a Volkswagen Golf 3: "E-mobility is a perfect match for Astypalea. The distances here are short, the power consumption is low, and the charging network is now very well developed. I really hope that Astypalea will inspire other regions to increase their efforts for climate protection adopting e-mobility solutions."

Maik Stephan, Head of Business Development of Volkswagen Group and Project Manager, emphasizes: "Astypalea is a laboratory for the mobility of the future. The island is experiencing the same change as any other region in Europe, only in a much shorter time. With the first private customers driving electric now, word will quickly get around how fascinating e-mobility is."

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Volkswagen's commitment to the sustainable development of Astypalea goes even beyond the electrification of the vehicle fleet. Recently, the Volkswagen importer for Greece Kosmocar and the Municipality launched a recycling initiative aiming at freeing the island from scrap vehicles. Broken motorcycles, cars and trucks are simply left behind in many places, polluting the beautiful island of Astypalea. The recycling campaign is intended to eliminate the associated environmental impact and at the same time make the island even more beautiful. The vehicles are first collected by volunteers, then brought by ship to Athens and finally professionally recycled there.

The next milestone of the "Smart & Sustainable Island" project will be coming soon: In summer, Volkswagen will launch innovative, all-electric mobility services together with local companies. Ride sharing and vehicle sharing are designed to improve mobility while helping to reduce the total number of vehicles on the island.

Story „There is huge interest in electric cars“:

<https://shaping-mobility.volkswagen.com/en/stories/there-is-huge-interest-in-electric-cars-15015>

- 1) e-up (61 kW/83 PS) single-speed automatic gearbox power consumption in kWh/100 km (NEDC): 12.9-12.7 kWh/100 km (combined); CO₂ emissions in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+++
- 2) ID.3 - combined power consumption in kWh/100 km (NEDC): 14.0-13.7, CO₂ emissions in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+++
- 3) ID.4 - power consumption in kWh/100 km (NEDC): combined 16.3; CO₂ emissions in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+++
- 4) SEAT MÓ eScooter 125 power consumption in kWh/100 km: 7; CO₂-emissions in g/km: 0; efficiency class: A+++

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In 2021, the total number of vehicles delivered to customers by the Group globally was 8.9 million (2020: 9.3 million). Group sales revenue in 2021 totaled EUR 250.2 billion (2020: EUR 222.9 billion). Earnings after tax in 2021 amounted to EUR 15.4 billion (2020: EUR 8.8 billion).
