



Press Release

A-to-Be Energizes the Future Through Technology: the Via Verde Electric Charging App

Brisa announces a partnership with energy companies to launch the largest private network of fast and ultra-fast electric charging points on Portuguese motorways. **A-to-Be** is the technology partner, supplying a mobile digital solution.

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Brisa, the largest road operator in Portugal and major shareholder of A-to-Be, is proud to announce the launching of advanced electric charging points on Portuguese motorways. Drivers in Portugal will benefit from fast and ultra-fast electric 150-350 kW charging points on motorways, connecting the North to South of the country.

Through a joint effort from leaders of sustainable mobility, this solution is one of the most powerful in the market, supported by technologies that allow a motorist to enjoy convenient travel. Brisa will install more than 80 charging stations which will help to decrease traffic related emissions and to foster vehicle electrification. By utilizing **A-to-Be's** mobile app, users will benefit from a 100% digital solution. Additionally, the chargers are available 24 hours and can fully charge a car in as little as 8 minutes. This mobile app is ready to integrate with chargers nationwide, but even more impressively, with any international system supporting the Open Charge Point Interface (OCPI) protocol.

A-to-Be's solution is **LinkBeyond Mobile**, which solves the interactions with mobility services through an online application, connecting operators and service providers to deliver convenient experiences. The technology is made up of a Software Development Kit (SDK) that integrates with a mobile app that, in turn, communicates with LinkBeyond's back end. The back end will first connect with Mobi.E (the Portuguese electric mobility network managing entity) and then with the charger itself in order to allow the activation, use and payment of the service. From the user perspective, the process is very easy – drivers just need to browse the map, choose the charger, and click on the "start" button, all digitally. From there, drivers have hardly enough time to drink a coffee before the vehicle is fully charged and ready to go. The charging fee will be posted to their single Via Verde mobility account, which also integrates tolling, parking, drive-thrus, ferries, and other value-added mobility services.

This project marks the delivery of another successfully implemented mobility solution. To date, **A-to-Be's** technologies are deployed in nine different states in the United States.

António Pires de Lima, CEO at Brisa further notes that “the decarbonization of the economy is a strategic priority for companies today. The creation of the Via Verde Electric network, using the latest technologies in the market, is a significant contribution to the transformation of mobility and carbon-free road transport, which every citizen desires.”

“A-to-Be delivers over 40 years of innovative solutions designed with the end-user in mind. Its technology offers the most convenient benefits with a proven track record for success across a wealth of mobility services. We are proud to enter the market for electric charging solutions with such an innovative partner,” says Clara Machado, Head of Product at Via Verde Portugal.

Luís Nunes, CEO at A-to-Be USA, also comments that “we can’t ignore the fact that the transportation sector is a critical source of planet-warming emissions. We are committed to developing technologies that support a more sustainable future, aligned with President Biden’s vision to push the auto industry towards electrification, incentivizing the building of some 500,000 new public charging stations. A-to-Be stands ready as a technology partner to enable this significant effort.”

About Brisa/Via Verde

Brisa Auto-Estradas de Portugal was established in 1972 and is currently the largest private transport infrastructure company in Portugal. Brisa is recognized, nationally and internationally, for holding considerable operational and technological know-how, for the efficient management of its road concessions and for the development and marketing of innovative mobility solutions.

For more information, please visit brisa.pt/en

Via Verde Portugal was founded in 2001 and is one of Brisa’s most significant companies, having made Portugal the first country in the world to have an integrated electronic non-stop toll network. The focus on mobility has been reinforced: customers can now use Via Verde in other services such as on- and off-street parking, drive-thrus, public transport, car sharing, ride sharing, and fuel stations.

For more information, please visit viaverde.pt

About A-to-Be

A-to-Be is a technology provider responsible for the development and deployment of advanced tolling and mobility solutions across global transportation markets. Part of Brisa Group and with a U.S. subsidiary based in Illinois, A-to-Be is an international company with solutions deployed across multiple states, countries and continents. For over 40 years, A-to-Be has provided leading end-to-end tolling solutions, covering from roadside to backoffice and all the different tolling modes, including RUC. Today, we are enablers of integrated mobility experiences through a backoffice platform which supports a single mobility account. We also provide solutions to reduce congestion, such as Managed Lanes and Congestion Pricing.

With billions of annual transactions and travelers using our systems internationally, we build innovative solutions, with exciting research lines. Our technologies drive mobility forward.

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