



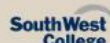
# Presentation to Mid Ulster Council

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# Project Overview

- FASTER is an INTERREG VA funded project – total budget is €6,407,513
- Project end date: 31/10/23 (ext. to 31/12/23 will be applied for)
- 7 project partners:-
  - East Border Region (Lead Partner)
  - Ulster University (N.I. Procurement lead)
  - Louth County Council (R.O.I. Procurement lead)
  - HITRANS (Scotland Procurement lead)
  - South West College
  - Dundalk Institute of Technology
  - University of Strathclyde



## Associate Partners

- 15 Associate partners in total
- 7 N.I :- Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon BC
  - Ards & North Down BC
  - Newry Mourne & Down DC
  - Fermanagh & Omagh DC
  - Derry & Strabane DC
  - Mid Ulster DC
  - Mid & East Antrim BC
- 6 R.O.I. Border Local Authorities
- Sligo IT and SEAI



## Primary Aim

- Development and expansion of the cross border electric vehicle public charging network to complement the existing TEN-T rapid charger network
- To be achieved by installing 73 rapid chargers in the project region:
  - Scotland – 24
  - N.Ireland – 24
  - Rep. of Ireland - 25
- In addition to the installation of the 73 chargers the project also has a behavioural change element which is led by SWC





## Project Update



- Project launch event held on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 21 (World EV Day)
- Hybrid event with 45 attendees and 160 joining remotely.
- Keynote Speakers Ministers from 3 jurisdictions
- EV experts panel discussion
- EV car display from 4 dealerships with 15 different Evs
- Launch of project specific social media channels
- Dedicated website was launched in October 2021
- [www.fasterevcharge.com](http://www.fasterevcharge.com)







## Project Update

- 9<sup>th</sup> March '22 Local Authority Event, Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan
- All partners and Associate Partners invited
- 32 attendees
- Excellent presentations and insight from Gary McCrae, Dundee City Council, Declan Meally SEAI, Paulo Ross, EV Driver & Cool FM radio presenter, Tim Weir, N.I. Dept of Infrastructure, Gemma Robinson Hitrans Project Officer & Donal Monaghan, SWC Project Officer.







## Site Selections

- Began with 'long list' of site selections.
- Each Local Authority put forward approx. 10 sites to Ulster University and DKIT
- Following analysis based on range of criteria (L.A. owned land, 24 hour access, proximity to nearest transformer, and other services, safety etc) short list formed
- Short list of sites and reserves approved by Review Group (Departmental reps from DfI, Dept of Transport R.O.I. and Transport Scotland)



## Mid Ulster confirmed sites

- ✓ **Dungannon Centre:**
  - 1 x Fast-Charging Unit - 60kW
- ✓ **Maghera Centre:**
  - 1 Fast-Charging Unit - 60kW
- ✓ **Cookstown Centre:**
  - 1 Fast-Charging Unit - 60kW



## Next Steps

- Procuring N.I. design team
- Design team will do detailed design at each site (15 sites in N.I. consisting of approx. 5 doubles sites and 14 singles)
- Following detailed design, publication of tender documents
- Design team will act as Project Manager/point of contact for appointed supplier
- All works to be completed 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023



# Save Today and Tomorrow Media Campaign



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# Thank you and questions

