

## Press release

### **WAVE Trophy stops at Infineon Villach**

*Villach, 25 September 2018* – Purring e-drives instead of roaring engines: The red carpet was rolled out today for the participants of the WAVE Trophy, the world's largest EV rally. Some 80 teams with their e-cars, electric motorbikes and bicycles made a pit stop at the Infineon premises.

On its tour through Germany and Austria, the WAVE (World Advanced Vehicle Expedition) Trophy stops in regions, in communities and at companies that offer environmentally friendly mobility solutions. The rally started in the German Allgau on 21 September and will see the checkered flag in Werfenweng, Austria, on 29 September 2018. WAVE Trophy initiator Louis Palmer: "The rally is not so much a contest but rather a tour for anybody who wants to experience an adventure with like-minded people. We want to demonstrate that e-mobility is clean, fit for daily use, and fun." This year's motto of the rally is: "Green Technology Tour".

### **E-mobility with technology made in Carinthia**

A stop at Infineon Austria was a must – after all, the company with its semiconductor solutions is one of the innovation drivers for hybrid and electric vehicles. The teams of the WAVE Trophy were welcomed by Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Austria, and the Mayor of Villach, Günter Albel.

Sabine Herlitschka: "We are very happy to welcome the participants of the WAVE Trophy at Infineon Austria. Much of the technology that drives electric vehicles is developed and produced here in Villach. Infineon chips control eight of the ten best-selling electric cars." Sustainable mobility is not only embraced by Infineon products but also part of the company's corporate culture. Infineon recently received the VCÖ Mobility Prize 2018 for its corporate mobility management in Carinthia and Austria.

Günter Albel, the Mayor of the City of Villach, was impressed by the many e-vehicles that visited his city. "Villach is the right place for the WAVE Trophy to make a stop. At the end of 2016 we received a distinction for one of the most sustainable cities in Europe. And e-mobility is one strand of our city's green DNA. I have been using an e-Vespa myself for several years and find it ideal for getting to appointments." Villach and Infineon also joined ranks as partners and testing region in the EU research project STEVE that develops mobility solutions with electrified L-category vehicles and e-bikes for medium-sized cities.

During the WAVE Trophy stop, visitors had the possibility to try various e-vehicles that were provided by the Villach EMC<sup>2</sup> club. Vehicles and Vespa scooters (also older models) that were retrofitted with powerful battery drives and turned into e-bikes and e-scooters attracted much attention under the motto "e-pimp your bike". After the two-hour pit stop in Villach, the WAVE Trophy continued to Klagenfurt.

### **About WAVE Trophy**

The first WAVE Trophy was held eight years ago. The initiator of the world's biggest e-mobility rally is Louis Palmer from Switzerland. He was the first person to circumnavigate the globe by solar power in his solar taxi ten years ago. This year, the trophy tours Switzerland and Austria. E-cars, e-motorbikes and e-bikes are entitled to participate. For more information about the WAVE Trophy and the stops in Austria see [www.wavetrophy.com](http://www.wavetrophy.com)

### **About Infineon Austria**

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