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ABB Formula E sets up station in Berlin

- Championship returns to Berlin for double-header showcase in energy management and efficiency
- E-mobility progress highlighted on land and in the air with ABB's Megawatt charging technology
- Latest video in ABB's series for FIA Girls on Track released featuring Nicki Shields

This weekend, the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship returns to a staple of the calendar for rounds seven and eight – Berlin's Tempelhof Airport.

The challenging 2.355km circuit weaves its way around 10 turns on the giant apron of Berlin's former main airport, but the high-grip concrete surface takes its toll on both energy levels and race strategies. On Saturday, the drivers will compete on the traditional anti-clockwise circuit, before it changes direction on Sunday, forming the NILREB track.

Theodor Swedjemark, ABB's Chief Communications and Sustainability Officer, said: "The circuit in Berlin is a real test of energy management strategies and efficiency, topics which off-track are crucial to helping us meet sustainability targets."

ABB will be holding an exclusive event with MAN on Friday, May 13 at Tempelhof around Megawatt charging systems for heavy duty vehicles. Speakers at the event will include Germany's Federal Minister for Digital and Transport, Volker Wissing; CEO of ABB E-mobility, Frank Muehlon; MAN CEO Alexander Vlaskamp, and spokeswoman for the European Clean Truck Alliance, Kristin Kahl.

The airport setting is a fitting one for ABB and its technology. It's not just zero-emission travel on land and sea that ABB supports, but also in the air. ABB E-mobility will develop and supply Megawatt fast charging infrastructure for Lilium N.V.'s high speed regional air network, scheduled for commercial launch in 2024. With the quick turnaround times needed for electric aviation, the ABB charging points are designed to be capable of fully charging the batteries of the 7-seater Lilium Jet in approximately 30 minutes and charging up to 80 percent in 15 minutes.

Berlin is also the location of ABB's digital e-mobility venture, PANION, which has worked alongside Amazon Web Services (AWS) to develop the cloud-based solution 'PANION EV Charge Planning'. Designed for the real-time management of electric vehicle (EV) fleets and charging infrastructure, the solution makes it easier for operators to monitor energy usage and schedule charging across their fleets.

The Berlin E-Prix will also host the next FIA Girls on Track event, of which ABB is global partner. The event will offer girls aged 8 to 18 the opportunity to explore the different aspects of the motorsport industry through a set of activities and workshops. One of the workshops will be focused on ABB robotics, featuring two of the company's most innovative collaborative robots – YuMi and GoFa.

Further supporting this partnership, ABB's latest video in its FIA Girls on Track series has been released ahead of the race. Featuring Nicki Shields, Formula E presenter and pitlane reporter, the [video](#) explores her role in the series, the challenges she has faced and the positive changes in terms of diversity and inclusion happening in the paddock.

Following Berlin, the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship heads to Jakarta for round nine on June 4.

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