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Volkswagen CEO, Herbert Diess, told reporters at the company's annual media conference in



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Wolfsburg that the group would expand its target of electric vehicles to 70, up from the 50 previously announced. By Paul Fisher.

According to Diess, the projected number of vehicles to be built on the Group's electric platforms in the next decade will increase from 15 million to 22 million.

“Volkswagen is taking on responsibility with regard to the key trends of the future – particularly in connection with climate protection. The targets of the Paris Agreement are our yardstick. We will be systematically aligning production and other stages in the value chain to CO2 neutrality in the coming years. In order to shoulder the investments needed for the electric offensive we must make further improvements in efficiency and performance in all areas.” he said.

LG&nbsp;Chem, SKI, CATL and Samsung have been named as strategic battery cell suppliers. Volkswagen is also looking at possible participation in battery cell manufacturing facilities in Europe.

The MEB platform lies at the heart of Volkswagen's electric plans, which the company is now offering to third parties. One example is the planned cooperation with e.GO Mobile AG, announced at the Geneva International Motor Show.

Volkswagen will be installing 400 fast-charging stations along Europe's major roads and highways by 2020 in collaboration with industry partners. In addition, there will be 3,500 charging points on employee car parks at all production plants with further charging opportunities at dealerships, said



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