

ERDF Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund

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ChargePlace Scotland Network – Guidance Notes

What is the ChargePlace Scotland network?

ChargePlace Scotland is a national network of electric vehicle (EV) charge points available across Scotland. This network has been developed by Transport Scotland through grant funding of local authorities and other organisations to install publicly available charge points. Recipients of funding are known as 'hosts'. A host is the designated owner of the charge points they have installed and are also responsible for maintenance and general upkeep of their charge points. The ChargePlace Scotland network is operated on behalf of Transport Scotland, through a procured contract, by Charge Your Car Ltd.

What are the benefits of the ChargePlace Scotland network?

ChargePlace Scotland provides a simple and convenient way for EV drivers to travel across Scotland and access a range of charging facilities. Drivers can access charging through use of a ChargePlace Scotland radiofrequency identification (RFID) card or online at chargeplacescotland.org

ChargePlace Scotland operates by providing a single national charge point management system to which charge point owners can connect charge points, making the posts visible to all EV drivers via a [live status map](#). ChargePlace Scotland enables charge point owners to set the tariff for each charge point, collect payment for use and provides alerts in the event of a fault.

Are there standards or technical requirements needed for EV charge points to become part of the ChargePlace Scotland network?

Yes. This is underpinned by the ChargePlace Scotland Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment specification, developed by Transport Scotland that is intended to ensure that:

- charge point equipment is kept in a serviceable condition.
- charge point equipment communicates effectively with the ChargePlace Scotland back office management system.
- different types of electric vehicle connectors are provided for.
- charge point equipment complies with UK and European Standards, Codes of Practice and Directives.
- parking bays and signage meets required standards.
- recognition is given to ChargePlace Scotland as part of branding.

Further information on [Common Requirements and Good Practice for the ChargePlace Scotland network](#) has been made available by Transport Scotland.

Is it mandatory for EV charge point equipment funded through the ERDF LCTT Challenge Fund to be part of the ChargePlace Scotland network?

Successful applicants who plan to include EV charge points as part of their LCTT hub project are strongly encouraged to ensure that the charge points become part of the national ChargePlace Scotland network.