



Open Charge Alliance Antitrust Policy

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Purpose

The Open Charge Alliance (OCA) is a global cooperation that develops and maintains open standards to promote interoperability in the EV charging ecosystem. Collaboration must always take place in full compliance with Dutch and EU competition law, as well as other applicable antitrust laws worldwide.

Principles

All participants in OCA meetings (members, representatives, guests) are required to observe the following rules:

1. Permitted discussions
 - Technical development, maintenance, and implementation of OCA standards.
 - Interoperability, testing procedures, safety, and functional specifications.
 - Non-commercial policy issues directly related to open standards.
2. Prohibited discussions
 - Prices, price components, discounts, or commercial terms.
 - Allocation of markets, customers, or territories.
 - Sales volumes, capacity, production plans, or strategic business information.
 - Any agreements or understandings that could exclude competitors or restrict market access.
3. Fair access
 - Participation in OCA activities must be open, transparent, and non-discriminatory.
 - No member may use OCA processes to obtain an unfair competitive advantage.

Compliance

- Each participant remains individually responsible for compliance with antitrust and competition laws.
- If discussions drift toward prohibited topics, participants must immediately stop the discussion and raise a concern.
- Violations may result in exclusion from OCA activities and potential legal consequences under applicable law.

Procedure

The following Standard Meeting Statement is to be read out or shown at the start of each meeting:

"This meeting will be conducted in compliance with applicable antitrust and competition laws. Discussions must focus on technical standardization and interoperability. No discussions on prices, markets, or other commercially sensitive information are permitted."