

## Press Release

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# ChargeUp Europe welcomes Drake & Farrell as its latest member

ChargeUp Europe, the voice of the EV charging infrastructure industry in Europe, is delighted to welcome Drake & Farrell as its latest member. Drake & Farrell is a top provider of circular supply chain solutions, partnering with CPOs and hardware producers to give them a higher degree of control over the lifecycle of their products and increase the potential for reusing and recycling their charging stations and their components. Drake & Farrell fully repairs or refurbishes faulty charging stations to their original state when possible and dismantles them when repair or refurbish is not possible. The charging stations themselves, or their spare parts and materials, then get a second life by being used to replace other charging stations. These parts are quality controlled and tested before reuse. For parts that cannot be reused, the materials are recycled and find their way back into the circular economy in a new form, reducing e-waste and saving resources. Drake & Farrell also provides the tools to help its partners investigate and better understand the root causes of possible hardware issues and solve them with greater precision. With over 15 years of experience in supply chain circularity, Drake & Farrell is a frontrunner in supporting the electric mobility sector with multiple forward and reverse process solutions. On a pilot project, it was observed that over 50 percent of the charging stations could be successfully repaired and reused. For the remaining stations, parts and components could be successfully harvested to further improve customer support efforts and reduce environmental impact.

“With the first generation of EV charging equipment gradually being replaced, the need for an industry wide closed-loop solution for returns is inevitable. Perfectly in line with the Drake & Farrell purpose to continue fighting global e-waste, we support the entire EV industry in compliantly returning, refurbishing and dismantling of de-installed equipment”, said **David Engel**, CEO of Drake & Farrell.

Commenting on the announcement, ChargeUp Europe Secretary General **Lucie Mattera** stated, “We warmly welcome Drake & Farrell to ChargeUp Europe. As the sector is gradually maturing, Drake & Farrell will bring unique expertise, insights and services on circularity opportunities, and how circularity can contribute to reduce costs along the EV charging value chain, on top of supporting resilient supply chains.”



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## About ChargeUp Europe

ChargeUp Europe is the industry association for the electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure sector. Our association works to accelerate the switch to zero emission mobility and ensure that EV drivers can enjoy a seamless charging experience with access to high quality, readily available charging infrastructure across Europe. As of today, our 37 member companies are active in all 27 EU Member States, the UK and EFTA, with over 500,000 charging points in the EU.

## About Drake & Farrell

Drake & Farrell actively revolutionises the way society deals with used electrical equipment. With a strong mission to eliminate electrical waste, Drake & Farrell aims to reuse almost 100% of the electrical products including its components and materials. Materials are recycled and made reusable whereas components are repaired or refurbished creating a circular supply chain. Drake & Farrell offers tailor made services unlocking the business opportunities of the circular supply chain for its clients. This includes specific reverse logistics, including organising returns and functional screening, testing, repair and refurbishing, root cause analysis, re-kitting and (spare)parts sourcing. Drake & Farrell provides impactful ecological as well as economic results to clients in various industries such as telco, consumer electronics, healthcare and eMobility by supporting the transition from a linear to a circular compliant business model. As a result, Drake & Farrell actively enriches her client's business goals with sustainable focus. Drake & Farrell was founded in 2006 and has facilities in Bleiswijk, The Netherlands and Jindřichův Hradec, Czech Republic.

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