



Gas Networks Ireland grants €120,000 to fund natural gas vehicles

Grants to support the purchase of 33 vehicles have previously been awarded to 18 transport companies in Ireland as part of this scheme.

As part of the second round of its Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fund, Gas Networks Ireland has announced that it has awarded six transport companies €20,000 each towards the purchase of a natural gas vehicle (NGV).

CNG is natural gas which has been compressed to fit into a NGV's tank and is particularly suitable for use in commercial vehicles. These vehicles can achieve zero carbon transport when operating on renewable gas. There are an estimated 25 million NGVs in operation worldwide, and almost two million in Europe.

The Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fund is supported by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) in Ireland and is co-financed by the European Union's TEN-T Programme under the Connecting Europe Facility as part of the Causeway Project.

"We know we can reduce emissions and fuel costs and at the same time reduce our carbon footprint. Our experience to date with Scania CNG vehicles has been a very positive one," Niall Lord, Managing Director of Food Surplus Management Ltd.

Gas Networks Ireland operates one of the most modern gas networks in the world and ensures that over 700,000 homes.