

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Germany
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
26 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
15 November 2017
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
13 December 2017
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
26 October 2016
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<u>18 January 2017</u> Attendance: 3 MSPs, 12 non-MSPs Topics discussed: presentation by Fiona Doherty & Rob Mason from Forth Ports on the viability of Scotland-Germany ferry routes; political updates including Brexit

17 May 2017

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 11 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: presentation by Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe on Brexit negotiations & Scotland's place in Europe; political, cultural & economic updates

6 September 2017

Attendance: 1 MSP, 5 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: presentation by Prof. Tim Bedford on 'Key Brexit issues for Universities in Research and Innovation'; tourism update

15 November 2017

Attendance: 2 MSPs (4 MSPs at the AGM), 6 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: AGM; re-election of office bearers; presentation by Dr Tobias Lock on the recent German elections; how to improve attendance at the CPG meetings

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Colin Beattie (SNP)

Mark Griffin (Lab)

Daniel Johnson (Lab)

Liam Kerr (Con)

Richard Leonard (Lab)

Lewis Macdonald (Lab)

Ben Macpherson (SNP)

Joan McAlpine (SNP)

Stuart McMillan (SNP)

Tavish Scott (Lib-Dem)

Elaine Smith (Lab)

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the

organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Jens-Peter Voss – Deputy-Convener
Graeme Henderson – Secretary
Cameron Buchanan
Petra Biberbach
Stefan Buettner
Manuela Calchini
Annette Götzkes
Jeannette Rissmann
Barbara Strickland
James Trolland
Petra Wend

Organisations

Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany
Goethe-Institut

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener

Colin Beattie MSP

Deputy Convener

Elaine Smith MSP
Jens-Peter Voss

Secretary

Graeme Henderson

Treasurer

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance

such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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