

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on

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.)

22 June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

04 June 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

04 June 2025

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

12 June 2024

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.

CPG – 30 October 2024. MSPs present – 3; Non MSPs present 10

- Guest speaker Scott Lipinski and Alice Welsh discussed links between Scotland and Germany in the fashion industry

CPG – 25 March 2025. MSPs present – 2; Non MSPs present 27

- Guest speakers Dr Cornelius Adebahr and Jan Eichhorn discussed the recent German elections, political trends and how this may impact the rest of the world.

AGM – 04 June MSPs present – 2

- Minutes from previous AGM 12 June 2024 approved
- Colin Beattie MSP elected as convenor
- Roz McCall MSP and Christaine Hullman elected as joint Deputy Convenors
- Scott Steele elected as secretary

MSP Members of The Group

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

Colin Beattie – Scottish National Party

Roz McCall – Scottish Conservatives and Unionist Party

Clare Adamson – Scottish National Party

Jackie Baillie – Scottish Labour

Murdo Fraser – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Mark Griffin – Scottish Labour

Graham Simpson – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Paul Sweeney – Scottish Labour

Michelle Thomson – Scottish National Party

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

Catherine Reeves
Anke Hilt

	<p>Anne Simms</p> <p>Annette Gotzkes</p> <p>Bill Rodger</p> <p>Brian Bannatyne-Scott</p> <p>Buettner SM (Stefan)</p> <p>Cameron Buchanan</p> <p>Catriona Mactaggart - Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>Consul General Christiane Hullmann</p> <p>Consul Holger Theissen</p> <p>Consul Christoph Crepaz</p> <p>Consul Peter Mueller-McDougall</p> <p>Dr Paul Leworthy</p> <p>Eleoma Bodammer</p> <p>Gillian Renwick</p> <p>Hanna Dede</p> <p>Hartwig Pautz</p> <p>Jeannette Rissmann</p> <p>John Clifford</p> <p>Julia Pohlmann</p> <p>Karen Freel</p> <p>Maximilian Münch</p> <p>Oliver St John</p> <p>Petra M. Wetzel</p> <p>Sheila Dickson</p> <p>Sigrid Rieuwarts</p> <p>Valeria Borta</p> <p>Nicholas Hurtada</p>
Organisations	<p>British-German Association</p> <p>Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany - Deputy-Convener</p> <p>Goethe-Institut</p>

	Scottish Enterprise Visit Scotland
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	Roz McCall MSP & Christiane Hullmann
Secretary	Scott Steele
Treasurer	N/A
Financial Benefits or Other Benefits Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.	
the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500)	
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER	
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)	

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties

✓

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

✓

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM

✓

Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM

✓

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings

✓

Provided minutes of all meetings

✓

Signed

Colin Beattie MSP

Date

04/06/2025