

Cross-Party Group on Germany

Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 18:00

In Scottish Parliament and on Microsoft Teams

Present

MSPs

Colin Beattie MSP

Roz McCall MSP

Invited guests

Cornelius Adebahr

Jan Eichhorn

Till Bachmann

Matthew Bell

Ross Campbell

Benjamin Faude

Marc Geddes

Sophie Hoult

Robert Main

Max Scharbert

Michael Sturrock

Marie-Luise Zehle

Kirsty Hughes

Non-MSP Group Members

Anne Simms

Gray Allan

Maximilian Munch

Annette Gotzkes

Arne Muus

Hanna Dede

Peter Muller-McDougall

Holger Theissen

Christiane Hullmann

Judith Blum

Annika Zech

Simone Seifert

Gillian Renwick

Paula Hartwig

Apologies

Paul Sweeney MSP

Michelle Thomson MSP

Oliver St John
Sarah Boyack MSP
Chris Horne
Holger Nehring
Catherine Reeves

Welcome

CB welcomed the group.

Item 1 – Approval of Previous Minutes

CB asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the AGM on 12th of June 2024 and regular meeting on 30th of October 2024. No objections were made. The previous minutes were approved.

Item 2 – What do the recent German elections mean for Berlin's domestic and foreign policy?

Guest Speaker Dr Cornelius Adebahr, Independent Political Analysis

Dr Cornelius Adebahr introduced himself and discussed.

- Dr CA discussed the trends and themes seen in the recent election results, what this means for the German Parliament and the new government.

Guest Speaker Jan Eichhorn, Senior Lecturer in Policy at the University of Edinburgh, Co-founder and Research Director of the independent think tank d|part

Jan Eichhorn introduced himself and discussed what will drive public assessment of the new German government

- JE analysed polling data to investigate what issues mattered most to the electorate, the different priorities for age groups, and the electorates fear of war.

AOB

The group agreed to have The Minister of Science and Health of Rhineland-Palatinate, Clemens Hoch at the next CPG meeting.