Europe CPG – Meeting Minutes

16 September 2026

Attendance

- Alex Kerr MSP (SNP)
- Katie Hagmann MSP (SNP)
- Jerry Moriarty (in attendance in place of Heather Anderson MSP) (SNP)
- Yi-Pei Chou Turvey MSP (Liberal Democrats)
- David Green (Liberal Democrats)
- Neil Bibby MSP (Labour)
- Eva Bolander (European Movement in Scotland)
- Joanna Goodburn (European Movement in Scotland)
- Dionne Hossack (Parliamentary, Research and Communications Officer)
- Ben Graham (Observer; EU Secretariat, Directorate for Culture and External Affairs, Scottish Government)

Apologies

- Liam Kerr MSP (Conservative)
- Patrick Harvey (Greens)

Minutes

Election of Convener

Alex Kerr MSP was elected as Convener of the Europe CPG. Eva Bolander nominated Alex Kerr MSP, with Neil Bibby MSP seconding the nomination.

Vice-Convenors

It was confirmed that there are three agreed Vice Convenors:

- Yi-Pei Chou Turvey MSP
- Neil Bibby MSP
- Heather Anderson MSP

The positions of Convenor and Co-Convenors are gender balanced.

Members

The following MSPs have agreed to be members of the CPG Europe;

- Katie Hagmann MSP (SNP)
- David Green (Lib Dem)
- Patrick Harvie (Green)
- Keith Brown (SNP), confirmed after the meeting.

Secretariat

The European Movement in Scotland (EMiS), represented by Eva Bolander and Jo Goodburn will act as Secretariat of the CPG, alongside Dionne Hossack, . Bill Rodger EMiS will be treasurer, should there be any financial transactions required.

Quorum

It was agreed that the quorum for future meetings will be **two MSP members**.

External Members

The external membership list is currently being developed by contacting previous CPG external members. Once completed, the Vice-Convenors will review the list and identify any additional organisations or individuals who should be invited before the final list is submitted.

Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

a. Name Changes

The following names were noted for correction/update within the CPG documentation and agenda:

- Katie Hagmann
- Yi-Pei Chou Turvey

Ideas for Future Meetings

The following potential topics and speakers were suggested:

- **Human Rights Commissioner – Michael O'Flaherty** (suggested by Katie Hagmann),
- **Polling – John Curtice** (suggested by Alex Kerr MSP),
- **Advance manufacturing,**
- **Scotland's connections to Europe,**
- **Defence, Europe and Scotland's position** (suggested by David Green),
- **Irene Oldfather / DAG negotiations**, Information about the work of the SAFE committee.(suggested by Joanna Goodburn),
- **Modern Language teaching and teacher provision in Scotland.** (suggested by Jo Goodburn).

It was also noted that the **EU Ambassador will be visiting Scotland in the coming months**. It was suggested that the CPG explore the possibility of organising a meeting or event to coincide with the Ambassador's visit.

Next meeting will most likely be the postponed information and discussion

Actions / Next Steps

- **European Movement in Scotland / Secretariat:** Rearranging the Erasmus+ information and discussion meeting,
- **Secretariat:** Continue developing the external members list by contacting previous CPG contacts.
- **Vice-Convenors:** Review the completed external members list and suggest any additional contacts before submission.
- **Secretariat:** Explore potential speakers and arrangements for the proposed future meeting topics.

- **Secretariat:** Monitor the EU Ambassador's forthcoming visit to Scotland and explore opportunities to organise a CPG meeting around the visit.