

## 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.)

**17 January 2012**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**25 November 2015**

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

**25 November 2014**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**10 December 2015**

### 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.

**27 January 2015**

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 12 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: presentation by Dr Dan Tierney regarding the Scottish Government's '1+2' language initiative; how to promote German language teaching in Scotland; political, economic and cultural updates.

### **31 March 2015**

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 10 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: a presentation by Petra Wetzel on the success of the West Brewery; political, economic and cultural updates.

### **26 May 2015**

Attendance: 1 MSP, 8 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: a presentation by Manuela Calchini on the work of VisitScotland; the departure of the present Consul General; political, economic and cultural updates.

### **30 September 2015**

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 11 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: a presentation by Jan Eichhorn of Edinburgh University on the comparisons between political systems in Germany and the UK; welcome to the new Consul General; political, economic and cultural updates.

### **25 November 2015**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 13 non-MSPs

Topics discussed: AGM; a presentation by Johannes Augustin on the work of Scottish Development International's German office; political, economic and cultural updates.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Colin Beattie MSP [SNP]  
Cameron Buchanan MSP [Conservative]  
Colin Keir MSP [SNP]  
Ken Macintosh MSP [Labour]  
Gordon MacDonald MSP [SNP]  
Lewis Macdonald MSP [Labour]  
Jamie McGrigor MSP [Conservative]  
John Pentland MSP [Labour]  
David Torrance MSP [SNP]

### **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	Petra Wend Louise Gardiner Max Scharbert James Trolland Stefan Buettner Manuela Calchini Nicola de Paoli Petra Biberbach Jeannette Rissmann Barbara Strickland Heinrich Schnettger Charandeep Singh Elisabeth Magnes Annette Götzkes
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Organisations	Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Scotland Consulate General of Austria Edinburgh Consulate General of Switzerland Goethe-Institut
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**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
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Deputy Convener	Jens-Peter Voss Jamie McGrigor MSP John Pentland MSP
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Secretary	Graeme Henderson
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Treasurer	
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**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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