

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on France

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
 - a. To foster good relations between the Scottish Parliament and the Assemblée national and Sénat in Paris.
 - b. To celebrate the Auld Alliance between Scotland and France.
 - c. To provide a forum for discussion and information-sharing about Scotland and its relations with France.
 - d. To provide MSPs with a source of information and expertise on issues relating to France and French affairs.
 - e. To bring together MSPs and those with an interest in Franco-Scottish relations to promote co-operation between Scotland and France.
 - f. To provide a forum for French citizens in Scotland and Scottish citizens in France to inform MSPs about issues of concern to them.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
 - a. Scotland and France share centuries-old social, cultural, educational, economic and political links.
 - b. The Auld Alliance between Scotland and France is often argued as the oldest alliance in the world and is, at least, 729 years old.
 - c. France was Scotland's fifth top destination country in the year ending September 2023 in terms of value of goods exports, amounting to £2.3bn or 7% of total value of goods exports.
 - d. According to Scotland's Census 2022, there are 9,348 individuals in Scotland whose country of birth was listed as France.
3. Only minor overlap with Cross-Party Group on Europe expected.
4. Understanding and furthering the existing social, cultural, educational, economic and political links between Scotland and France.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Daniel Johnson MSP

Ben Macpherson MSP

Jamie Greene MSP

Paul Sweeney MSP

Karen Adam MSP

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

Stéphane Pailler

Archippus Sturrock

Organisations

Institut français d'Écosse

Consulat général de France à Edimbourg et Glasgow

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

Daniel Johnson MSP

Deputy
Convener

Ben Macpherson MSP

Karen Adam MSP

Stéphane Pailler (Honorary)

Secretary

Archippus Sturrock

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.

N/A (Secretariat support will be provided by Archippus Sturrock in a personal capacity.)

Subscription Charged by the Group

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

N/A

Convener Contact Details

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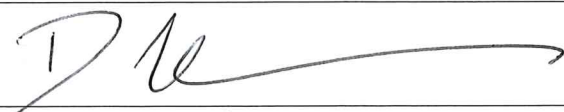
Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

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Please read the following:

- The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code;
- Groups are required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year, a formal meeting is a meeting where two MSPs, who are members of the Group, are present at the meeting
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- CPGs must provide minutes of all meetings;
- CPGs must hold an AGM, within 11-13 months of the initial meeting, and each 11-13 months thereafter and
- CPGs must submit an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on France is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	
Date	12/11/24