| **ENGAGEMENT REPORT: MEETING WITH DELEGATION OF MPS FROM THE BAVARIAN LANDTAG** | |
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| **Minister** | Angus Robertson (**AR**), Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture |
| **Date** | Thursday 4 September 2025 |
| **Who** | Tanja Schorer-Dremel, CSU Deputy Secretary-General<br>Maximilian Böltl – Bavarian Landtag – CSU<br>Alexander Flierl – Bavarian Landtag – CSU<br>Michael Richter – Hanns Seidel Foundation UK Director |
| **Key points** | AR highlighted the strong affinity and existing links between Scotland and Bavaria, noting the large number of town twinnings e.g. Edinburgh-Munich, Glasgow-Nuremberg. He expressed willingness to further strengthen links with Bavaria and the CSU.<br><br>AR gave an overview of the Scottish political context ahead of the May 2026 Scottish election. He emphasised Scotland's pro-European outlook and commitment to remain aligned with EU law. Attendees discussed the need for like-minded European allies to deepen cooperation in the face of challenging geopolitical realities.<br><br>AR gave an overview of Scotland's renewable energy offer with a particular focus on green hydrogen export and CCUS potential. He noted Scotland's strategic location and the significant opportunity Scottish renewables could provide to support European countries such as Germany with their energy transition. AR gave an overview of Scotland's space offer, noting the interest shown by Bavaria and Rocket Factory Augsburg particularly in SaxaVord launch site. |
| **Action points** | n/a |
| **Comment** | A warm and positive introductory meeting with members of the Bavarian Landtag, with clear enthusiasm on both sides to work more closely with Scotland on targeted opportunities. |
| **Attending Official** | **[redacted – s.38, personal information]**, European Relations Policy Adviser |

| ENGAGEMENT REPORT: MEETING WITH LOWER SAXONY PETITIONS COMMITTEE | |
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| **Minister** | Angus Robertson (**AR**), Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture |
| **Date** | Tuesday 23 September 2025 |
| **Who** | 14 Members of the Lower Saxony Landtag Petitions Committee, led by Chair Rüdiger Kauroff, SPD (**RK**) |
| **Key points** | AR welcomed the delegation to Scotland, highlighting the strong affinity and existing links with Lower Saxony particularly in the field of energy. RK agreed Scotland and Lower Saxony have lots in common and noted he hoped to see increased cooperation with Scotland.<br><br>AR gave an overview of the work of the Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee and provided a background on the political context in the run up to the May 2026 Scottish election. He offered a history and background on devolution and the development of Scottish institutions e.g. the establishment of the parliament.<br><br>AR gave an overview of Scotland's renewable energy offer, particularly focussed on green hydrogen, offshore wind and CCUS potential. Attendees discussed the need for like-minded European governments to work more closely together on shared challenges e.g. energy transition, in the face of current geopolitical challenges and international trade tensions. |
| **Action points** | n/a |
| **Comment** | A warm meeting, providing a good opportunity to strengthen relations with a cross-party group of members of the Lower Saxony Landtag. There is clear enthusiasm to work more closely with Lower Saxony on targeted opportunities around energy. |
| **Attending Official** | **[redacted s.38 – personal information]**, European Relations Policy Adviser |