

Delyth Jewell MS

Chair, Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International
Relations Committee

Llyr Gruffydd MS

Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

17 February 2026

Dear Delyth and Llyr,

UK-EU Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

The Committee considered the latest international agreements laid in the UK Parliament under the *Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010*.

During our consideration of the UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation, we considered that its contents may be of interest to your Committees. The Treaty includes cooperation in several reserved and devolved areas, including:

- International relations between the UK and Germany.
- Measures to promote people-to-people contacts, including the facilitation of bilateral school and youth exchanges.
- Climate, energy, nature, environment and agriculture. Climate and environmental joint work, both bilaterally and via the UN, sit alongside energy cooperation with a geographic focus on the North Sea.
- A commitment to explore a UK-Germany direct rail link.

On the role of the devolved governments, the UK Government's Explanatory Memorandum confirms that the Welsh Government was consulted on the agreement but no further detail is provided.

As such, we wanted to draw the agreement to your attention, in light of your respective interest in these areas.

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hedges
Chair