

## Lower Saxony – Scotland Research and Innovation Scheme

### Invitation: Information Sessions on Stream II – Excellence Track

27. January + 26. February 2026, Zoom

We are pleased to invite you to two upcoming information sessions on [Stream II – Excellence Track](#) (run by the [Volkswagen Foundation](#)), for the [Lower Saxony–Scotland Research and Innovation Scheme](#), a funding initiative designed to foster academic collaboration between researchers in Lower Saxony and Scotland. **Stream II supports existing collaborations** aiming to develop them further.

#### ***Who should attend?***

Sessions are open to all researchers in Lower Saxony and Scotland who wish to take an existing collaboration to the next level and prepare a **joint third-party funding proposal** (e.g. Horizon Europe, DFG–AHRC Call in the Humanities, DFG–EPSRC Call for Basic Research Projects in the Engineering and Physical Sciences, and others).

Staff working in **research offices and research support services** at higher education institutions are also very welcome to attend.

#### ***What?***

The sessions will provide you with a general overview of the programme, key details on Stream II and important information regarding the [Lower Saxony – Scotland Joint Forum](#), taking place in Lower Saxony in November 2026. This is followed by an open Q&A session. Similarly, we are interested in your first impression and feedback on the new scheme.

#### ***When?***

##### **Session 1**

- **Date:** Tuesday, 27 January 2026
- **Time:** 9 am GMT/10 am CET
- **Format:** Online (Zoom)

##### **Session 2**

- **Date:** Thursday, 26 February 2026
- **Time:** 12 pm GMT/ 1 pm CET
- **Format:** Online (Zoom)

#### ***Registration?***

Please register via [research\\_innovation@ecas-academia.org](mailto:research_innovation@ecas-academia.org) mentioning

- your full name,
- your institution,
- your research interests
- and the session you wish to attend.