

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 mentioning

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