

REGION NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE COLOGNE

The BCCG Annual General Meeting and Conference 2015 took place in Cologne on 20 May. About 60 members attended the event, which included a panel discussion titled “British-German Economic Relations – Is a British exit imminent and what are the implications?”

Prof Dr Klaus Schweinsberg (glh GmbH) moderated the discussion between Tobias Armbrüster (Deutschlandradio), Dr Hans-Christoph Hirt (Hermes Investment Management, London), Dr Wolfgang Kaden (former Chief Editor of Spiegel and Manager Magazin), Dr Alexander Moscho (CEO Bayer UK/Ireland) and Prof Michael Wohlgemuth (Open Europe Berlin). British-German trade has risen significantly, indicating further potential for growth. The majority of the panel therefore concluded that many Germans fear that a British exit from the EU, or even just an EU referendum would disrupt such a further increase in trade, as well as political relations. Fears of this nature seem justified in light of the fact that both countries also enjoy excellent relations with many non-EU states.

The lively discussion was followed by a visit of the ancient base of the Cologne Cathedral and a dinner at the Museum for East-Asian Art, at which Louwrens Langevoort, the Executive and Artistic Director of the Cologne Philharmonic, was the guest speaker.

The very harmonious event was planned by the NRW Regional Committee. We are grateful for all of the contributions from our partners and sponsors, among them Chartwell, the City of Cologne, Corpus Sireo, Ernst & Young, glh GmbH, London City Airport, Louis Roederer, Open Europe and Oppenhoff & Partner.

The members decided that the next AGM will take place in Frankfurt/Main on 2 June 2016.

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