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**Biographies of the Members of the
Storting Delegation for relations with the European Parliament
participating in the 24th EU-NORWAY IPM**

21 March 2007

Olav Akselsen

Labour Party



1989- : Member of the Storting for Hordaland County

Date and place of birth

28 August 1965, Stord, Norway

Education and work experience

1988: Studies in geography

1986- : Employed as a carpenter

1985: Worked on a project for the Norwegian Institute for Water Research

Storting Committees

2005- : Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

2001-2005 : Chairman of the Standing Committee on Business and Industry

2000: Chairman of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment

1997-2000: Member of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment

1996-1997: Member of the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

1993-1997: Second Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice

1993: Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice

1989-1993: Member of the Standing Committee on Justice

Delegations

- 2005- : Head of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament
- 2001- 2005: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 1997-2000: Member of the EEA Consultative Committee, deputy member of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 1996-1997: Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 1993-1996: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Government posts

- 2000-2001: Minister of Petroleum and Energy

Political appointments

- 1998-2001: Chairman of the Stord Labour Party
- 1996-2000, Member of the board of the Hordaland Labour Party
- 1986-1988:
- 1985-1988: Member of the board of the Hordaland Labour Youth League
- 1983-1985: Member of the board of the Stord Labour Party
- 1983-1985: Chairman of the Stord Labour Youth League

Alf Ivar Samuelsen

Centre Party



2005- : Member of the Storting for Nordland County

Date and place of birth

28 February 1942, Flakstad, Norway

Education and work experience

1983-1984 Basic history course, Bodø Regional College
1972-1974 General teacher's certificate, Bodø College of Teaching
Head of municipal health and social services

Storting Committees

2005- Member, Foreign Affairs Committee and Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

Delegations:

2005- First deputy head, Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

Local government

1986-1987 Mayor, Flakstad municipality
1983-1987 Member, Flakstad municipal executive board
1975-1983 Member, Flakstad municipal council
1999-2003 Member, Nordland county government
1995-1999 Chairman, Nordland county council
1991-1995 Member, Nordland county executive board

Public appointments

2003-2005 Member, Lofoten regional council
1995-1999 Member, Barents Euro-Arctic Council
1992-1993 Member, north of Norway inter-county council
1980-1984 Member, tourism committee
1980-1984 Lay judge, district court
1974-1984 Chair, Fredvang bridge company
1969-1972 Chair, Fredvang bridge company

Political appointments

1994-1995 County chairman, Nordland Labour Party

Morten Høglund

Progress Party



2001- : Member of the Storting for Akershus County

Date and place of birth

16 July 1965, Ski, Norway

Education

1993-1994: Course on Norway, the EU and the EEA at the Norwegian School of Management BI

1987: Wichita State University, Kansas, USA

1982-1983: American Fork High School, Utah, USA

Storting Committees

2001- : Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

Delegations

2005-: Head of the Norwegian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

2005-: Second Deputy Head of the Norwegian Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

2005-: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees

2001- 2005: Head of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary

Committees

2001-2005 : Member of the Norwegian Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

2001-2005 : Deputy member of the Norwegian Delegation to the Assembly of Western European Union

Local government

1995- 2003: Deputy Mayor, Asker

1989-1991: Deputy Mayor, Ski

Public appointments

1995- : Chairman of the Asker Negotiation Committee

1995- : Chairman of the Ski Administrative Board

1989-1991: Deputy Chairman of the Ski Administrative Board

Political appointments

Deputy Chairman, Akershus Progress Party

2000-2001: Political adviser, Progress Party parliamentary group

1997-2000: Chairman of the political department of the Progress Party

1994-1997: Political adviser, Progress Party

1993-1994: Chairman of the Progress Party research institute

1990-1993: Project and planning officer, Progress Party

Erna Solberg

Conservative Party



1989- : Member of the Storting for Hordaland County

Date and place of birth

24 February 1961, Bergen , Norway

Education and work experience

1988 Postgraduate work in social economics
1986 Cand.mag. degree (sociology, comparative politics, statistics, social economics),
University of Bergen
1979 Upper secondary school leaving certificate
1983-1985 Secretary, Operation Day's Work

Storting Committees

2005- First deputy chair, Foreign Affairs Committee and first deputy chair, Enlarged
Foreign Affairs Committee
1997-2001 Secretary, Standing Committee on Local Government
1993-1997 Member, Finance Committee
1990-1993 Member, Consumer Affairs and Government Administration Committee
1989-1990 Member, Finance Committee

Delegations:

2005- Member, Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament
2005- Deputy member, Delegation to the Nordic Council
1996-1997 Deputy member, EEA Consultative Committee
1995-1997 Deputy member of the Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
1993-1994 Deputy member of the parliamentary delegation to the CSCE

Other Starting positions

2005- Chairman, Conservative party group
1993-1997 Member, Conservative party group steering committee

Government posts

2001-2005 Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Public appointments

1990-1992 Member, Defence Commission of 1990
1987-1989 Member of education commission, city of Bergen
1986-1988 Member of academic senate, University of Bergen
1979-1983 Member of school board, city of Bergen
1979-1980 Member, national council for upper secondary education

Political appointments

2004 National chairman, Conservative Party of Norway
2002-1995 First deputy chair, Conservative Party
1995-1997 Member of the European Movement in Norway's executive committee
1994-1998 Member of the Conservative Party national executive committee
1994-1998 Conservative Party leader on women's issues
1993-1994 Chair, national association of Conservative women

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Agot Valle

Socialist Left Party



1997- : Member of the Storting for Hordaland County

Date and place of birth

26 May 1945, Levanger, Norway

Education and work experience

1996: Studies in health administration and public health, National Institute of Public Health

1967: College of Physiotherapy, Oslo

1997: Head of care services, Loddefjord

1988-1997: Paediatric physiotherapist, head of physiotherapy and ergotherapy services, Loddefjord, Bergen

1968-1988: Physiotherapist

Storting Committees

2005-: Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

2001-2005 : Chairman of the Standing Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs

1997-2001: First Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Family, Cultural Affairs and Government Administration

Delegations

2005-: Member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

2001- 2005: Alternate member of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees

Other Storting posts

2001-2005: President of the Odelsting

Local government

1991-1997: Member of Hordaland County Executive Board

1979-1991: Member of Hordaland County Council

Political appointments

1991-1997: Chairman of Socialist Left Party group in Hordaland County Council

1989-1993: Chairman of Bergen Socialist Left Party

1981-1987: Chairman of Kvam Socialist Left Party

Appointments in organizations

2000- : Deputy chairman of the board of *No to the EU*

1999-2000: Member of the board of *No to the EU*

1981-1985: Chairman of Kvam branch of *No to Nuclear Weapons*

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Vidar Bjørnstad

Labour Party



1993- : Member of the Storting for Akershus County

Date and place of birth

1 September 1955, Tolga, Norway

Education and work experience

- 1990: Studies at George Washington University, USA
- 1980-1981: Postgraduate studies in political science
- 1979-1980: Norwegian State College of Local Government Administration and Social Work, commercial and management programme
- 1979: Undergraduate degree in political science, history and public law, University of Oslo
- 1991-1993: Deputy Chairman, international department of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions
- 1989-1991: Executive officer, international department of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions
- 1987-1989: Political adviser for the chairman of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions

Starting Committees

- 2005-: Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee
- 2001-2005 : Member of the Standing Committee on Education, Research and Church Affairs
- 1997-2001: Member of the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, First Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice
- 1993-1997: Member of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs

Delegations

- 2005-: Deputy head of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 2005-: Member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament
- 2001-2005 : Deputy head of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees, Member of the delegation 2000-2001
- 1997-2001: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament
- 1993-2000: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees
- 1993-1997: Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Assembly of Western European Union, Deputy Head of the delegation 1993-1995

Government posts

1986-1987: Political adviser for the Minister of Development Cooperation

Political appointments

1993-1998: Chairman of the Bærum Labour Party

1990-1993: Member of the board of the Bærum Labour Party

1989-1993: Chairman of the Haslum Labour Party

1987: Secretary of the International Solidarity Committee of the Norwegian Labour Movement

1985-1986: Campaign secretary of the International Solidarity Committee of the Norwegian Labour Movement

1983-1989: Member of the Labour Youth League Central Executive Committee

1975-1978: Member of the Oslo Labour Party committee of representatives

Øyvind Vaksdal

Progress Party



1997- : Member of the Storting for Rogaland County

Date and place of birth

19 October 1955, Kopervik, Norway

Education and work experience

1983: Course in mechanical engineering, Norwegian Correspondence Institute

1994-1997: Real estate manager, driver

1986-1993: Shopkeeper

1977-1986: Shop manager

1972-1976: Mechanic

Storting Committees

2005-: Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

2001-2005 : Second Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment

1997-2001: Member of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment

Delegations

2005- : Member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European

Parliament,
Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Council of Europe

Local government

- 1995- : Member of Karmøy Municipal Council
- 1995-1997: Member of Rogaland County Council
- 1991-1995: Member of Karmøy Municipal Executive Board
- 1983-1987: Member of Karmøy Municipal Council

Political appointments

- 1992-2001, 2004-2005: Member of the Progress Party National Executive Committee
- 1992-1998: Chairman of the Rogaland Progress Party
- 1991-1992: Political deputy chairman of the Rogaland Progress Party
- 1990-1991: Member of the board of the Rogaland Progress Party
- 1983-1987, 1990-1992: Chairman of the Karmøy Progress Party
- 1981-1983: Secretary of the Karmøy Progress Party

Larsen, Anne Margrethe

Liberal Party



2005- : Member of the Storting for Vest-Agder County

Date and place of birth

28 May 1950, Haugesund, Norway

Education and work experience

2003-2004 Mental health work, Stavanger University College
1999 Quality development in health services, University of Bergen
1995 Management development, University of Trondheim
1991-1992 Ex.phil, University of Oslo
1990-1991 Management in municipal sector, Agder Regional College
1985 Teaching studies, Kristiansand Teacher's College
1983-1985 Health sector management, NKI Distance Education
1973 Public nursing accreditation
1970-1973 Stavanger Red Cross College of Nursing
2004 Nurse, psychiatric team, Flekkefjord municipality
2001- Teacher, Kvinesdal upper secondary school
1997-2001 Head nurse, Lister Hospital
1995- Teacher, Flekkefjord Folkeuniversitet (folk university)
1991-1996 Head nurse, Flekkefjord Hospital
1991 Teacher, Svege school
1985-1991 Manager, Tjørvågsheimen convalescent home
1981-1985 Teacher at Kvinesdal upper secondary school
1973-1981 Nurse

Storting Committees

2005- Foreign Affairs Committee and Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

Delegations:

- 2005- Member of the Norwegian Delegation to the Nordic Council
2005- Member of the Norwegian Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

Local government

- 1995-1999 Member, Flekkefjord Municipal Council
2000-2003 Member, Vest-Agder County Council

Public appointments

- 2003- Deputy board chairman, Flekkefjord intermunicipal emergency clinic
2003- Member, Flekkefjord municipal child welfare appeals board
2000-2003 Member, Industry, environment and communications commission, Vest-Agder County
1999-2003 Vice-chairman, Flekkefjord municipal child welfare appeals board
1996- Member, Flekkefjord conciliation board
1991-1995 Executive board member, Norwegian Nurses' Association
1991-1999 Member of several committees in Flekkefjord municipal government
Board chairman, Lister Vocational Training, municipal vocations
2003- Lay judge, Flekkefjord District Court

Political appointments

- Chairman, Vest-Agder Liberal Party
Member, Liberal Party national executive committee

Appointments in organisations

- 2004- Chairman, Flekkefjord YWCA/YMCA
1992-1994 Chairman, Flekkefjord YWCA/YMCA
Chairman, member and deputy member, Rogaland County YWCA/YMCA
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Anette Trettebergstuen

Labour Party



2005- : Member of the Storting for Hedmark

Date and place of birth

25 May 1981, Hamar, Norway

Education and work experience

2002-2003 Public management, Oslo University College
2001 Basic course in political science, Oslo University College
1997-2000 General studies, Hamar Katedralskole (upper secondary school)
2004 Disc jockey
2002-2003 Part-time attendant in short-term care institution for handicapped children and young people
2004 Journalist, *Hamar Dagblad*
2002 County secretary, Labour Youth League
2000-2002 Project worker, Europeisk Ungdom (pro-EU youth org.)
2000-2001 Telephone poller, market research firm

Storting Committees

2005- Member, Foreign Affairs Committee and Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

Delegations:

2005- Member, Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

Local government

2003-2005 Member, Hamar municipal executive board
1999-2003 Member, Hamar, municipal council

Political appointments

2004 Deputy chairman, Hedmark County Labour Party
2004 Member, central executive committee, Labour Youth League

2003-2005 Political adviser to Labour parliamentary group
2002-2004 County chairman, Hedmark Labour party
2001-2002 Deputy chairman for political issues, Europeisk Ungdom
2000-2001 Member, national executive committee, Europeisk Ungdom
1998-2000 County chairman, Hedmark Europeisk Undom

Per Roar Bredvold

Progress Party

1997- : Member of the Storting for Hedmark County



Date and place of birth

5 March 1957, Elverum, Norway

Education and work experience

1976-1978: Officer Candidate School

1981- : Self-employed

1976-1991: Officer, Norwegian Armed Forces

Storting Committees

2005-: Member of the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee

2001- : Member of the Standing Committee on Defence

1997-2001: Member of the Standing Committee on Family, Cultural Affairs and Government Administration

Delegations

2005-: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union

2005-: Deputy member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament

2001- 2005: Deputy member of the Norwegian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary

Assembly

1997-2001: Deputy member of the Norwegian Delegation to the Nordic Council

Local government

1991- : Member of the Åsnes Municipal Executive Board

1991-1998: Member of the Hedmark County Executive Board

Political appointments

1997-1999: Treasurer, Åsnes Progress Party

1992-1997: Deputy chairman, Åsnes Progress Party

1992-1994: Deputy chairman, Hedmark Progress Party

1988-1992: Chairman, Åsnes Progress Party

1991- : Member of the board of the Hedmark Progress Party

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