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Parliamentary Career

Member of Althingi for the Southwest Constituency since 2003

Present committees

Chairman of the Committee on Industry since 2007, member since 2005.

Member of the Committee on Education and Culture since 2007.

Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees since 2007.

Earlier committees

Member of the Committee on General Affairs 2003-2004.

Member of the Committee on the Budget 2005-2007.

Member of the Committee on Education and Culture 2003-2005.

Member of the Committee on Social Affairs 2004-2005



Bjarni Benediktsson

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Party: Independence Party

Parliamentary Career

Member of Althingi for the Southwest Constituency since 2003.

Present committees

Chairman of the Committee Foreign Affairs since 2007, member since 2005.

Member of the Committee on the Budget since 2003.

Member of the Committee on Industry since 2007.

Member of the Althingi Special Committee on Constitutional Affairs since 2004.

Member of the Committee on Credentials since 2005.

Vice-Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees since 2007, member since 2005.

Earlier committees

Chairman of the Committee on General Affairs 2003-2007.

Member of the Committee on Industry 2003-2004.

Member of the Committee on Health and Social Security 2004-2005.

Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the WEU Assembly 2003-2005.



Arnbjörg Sveinsdóttir

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Party: Independence Party

Parliamentary Career


Member of Althingi for the Eastern Constituency 1995-2003 and for the North East Constituency since 2004.

Present committees

Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Independence Party since 2005.

Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries and Agriculture since 2007.

Chairman of the Committee on Credentials since 2006, member

	<p>since 2005. Member of the Icelandic Delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees since 2007.</p> <p><i>Earlier committees</i> Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs 1999-2003, member 1995-2003. Member of the Committee on the Budget 1995-2003 and 2004-2007. Member of the Committee on Transport and Communications 1993-2003 and 2004-2007. Member of the Committee on Education and Culture 1995-1999. Member of the Committee on Fisheries 2005-2007. Member of the Committee on Credentials 1999-2003. Member of the Committee on General Affairs 2004. Member of the Althingi Special Committee on Constitutional Affairs 2002-2003. Member of the Committee on the Environment 2004-2005. Member of the Icelandic Delegation to the Nordic Council 1999-2003 and 2004-2006.</p>
	<p>Illugi Gunnarsson</p> <p>Date of birth: 26.08.1967 Telephone: +354.5630.500 E-mail: illugig@althingi.is Party: Independence Party</p> <p><i>Parliamentary Career</i> Member of Althingi for the Reykjavík South Constituency since 2007.</p> <p><i>Present committees</i> Member of the Committee on Economy and Taxation since 2007. Member of the Committee on the Environment since 2007. Member of the Icelandic Delegation for the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees since 2007.</p>



Árni Þór Sigurðsson

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Party: Left-Green Movement

Parliamentary Career

Member of Althingi for the Reykjavík North Constituency since 2007.

Present committees

Member of the Committee on Transport and Communication since 2007.

Member of the Committee on the Environment since 2007.

Member of the Icelandic Delegation for the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees since 2007.

Liechtenstein



Renate Wohlwend

Date of birth: 20.02.1952
Address: Schlossweg 2
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Party: Progressive Citizen's Party

Parliamentary Career

Member of the Landtag since 1993.

Present committees

Member of the EEA Committee since 2001.
Head of the Liechtenstein delegation to the Council of Europe
Parliamentary Assembly since 2001.
Member of the Liechtenstein delegation to the OSCE
Parliamentary Assembly 2001-2005.
Head of the Liechtenstein delegation to the EFTA Parliamentary
Committee since 2007.



Caduff Henrik

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Party: Patriotic Union

Parliamentary Career

Member of the Landtag

Dipl. Ing. – Industrial engineer

Norway



Svein Roald Hansen

Date of birth: 20.08.1949

Party: The Social Democratic Alliance

Member of the Storting for Østfold County since 2001.

Education and work experience

1999-2001: Information director for Hafslund ASA

1990-1992: Editor, Sarpsborg Arbeiderblad (newspaper)

1983-1986: Political adviser, Labour party parliamentary group

1982-1983: Editorial secretary, Oslo office of the Labour press

1978-1982: Editor, Demokraten (newspaper)

1971-1978: Journalist

1969-1971: Studies in history and political science, University of Oslo

Storting Committees

2005: 2nd Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs

2001-2005: Member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Delegations

2005: Head of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees.

Government Positions

1992-1995: State Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

1986-1989: Political Adviser, Office of the Prime Minister

Local government

1995-1999: Chairman of the Frederikstad Municipal Council

1993-1995, 1999: Member of the Frederikstad Municipal Council.



Laila Dávoy

Date of birth: 11.08.1948

Party: Christian Democratic Party

Member of the Storting for Hordaland County since 2001.

Education and work experience

2000-2001: General Manager, Ledelse & Dialog

1985-1987: Welfare officer in county team for mentally disabled care

1983-1989: Teacher at nursing college

1981-1985: Head nurse at school and day care centre for the mentally disabled

1980: Studies in nursing (health administration), University of Bergen

1978-1979: Night ward nurse, Blue Cross institution

1973-1975: Ward nurse/assistant ward nurse

1970-1973: Nurse in surgical wards and in psychiatric clinic

1967-1970: Nursing degree, Haukeland College of Nursing.

Storting Committees

2005: Member of the Standing Committee on Health and Care Services.

Delegations

2005: Alternate member of the Delegation to the Assembly of the Western European Union.

2005: Deputy Head of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees.

Government Positions

2001-2005: Minister of Children and Family Affairs

1999-2000: Minister of Labour and Government Administration

1990: State Secretary, Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs

Local government

1987-1991: Member of the Hordaland County Council

1983-1987: Member of the Askøy municipal executive board.



Marianne Aasen Agdestein

Date of birth: 21.02.1967

Party: The Labour Party

Member of the Storting for Østfold County since 2005.

Education and work experience

2001-2005: Political adviser to Labour parliamentary group

1998-2000: Head of Information, the European Movement in Norway

1993-1995: Journalist for Avisenes Nyhetsbyrå (news agency targeting local and regional media)

1991-1993: Journalist for Arbeiderbladet

1991: Erasmus exchange student in the Netherlands

1986-1993: Cand. Polit. Degree in history, social economics and political science, University of Oslo

1987-1990: Postal clerk, Gamlebyen Post Office in Oslo

Storting Committees

2005: Member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Delegations

2005: Member of the delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees.

Government Positions

2000-2001: Political Adviser to the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development.

Political appointments

2004: Member of steering committee, Asker Labour Party

2001-2005: Political adviser to Labour parliamentary group

1995-1996: Political adviser to Labour parliamentary group

Appointments in organizations

2003-2004: Chairman of Asker branch of European Movement in Norway.



Gjermund Hagesæter

Date of birth: 12.12.1960

Party: The Progress Party

Member of the Storting for Hordaland County since 2001.

Education and work experience

2000-2001: Self-employed

1998-2000: Legal adviser, Lindås Municipality

1994-1998: Assistant head of health and social administration in Lindås Municipality

1993-1994: Legal adviser, UN

1993: Executive officer, Lindås Municipality

1999: Degree in business administration, Norwegian school of Economics and Business Administration

1992: Law degree, University of Bergen

1983-1985, 1797-1981: NCO and officer in the Norwegian Defence Forces

Storting Committees

2001: Member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

Local Government

1999-2001, 1987-1991: Member of the Lindås Municipal Executive Board

1991-1995: Member of the Lindås Municipal Executive Board

1991-1995: Member of the Hordaland Country Council

1989-1991: Deputy member of the Hordaland County Council

Political appointments

1996-1997, 1998-1989: Director of studies for the Hordaland Progress Party

1986-1988: Chairman of the Lindås Progress Party



Lena Jansen

Date of birth: 29.01.1973
Party: Socialist Left Party

Member of the Storting for Troms County since 2001.

Education and work experience

2001: Undergraduate degree in education, computer science and sociology, University of Tromsø
2000: Teacher, University of Tromsø
1994: Secretary for youth activities, No to the EU
1993-1994: Day-care centre assistant

Storting Committees

2001: Member of the Standing Committee on Education, Research and Church Affairs

Delegations

2001-: Member of the delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees
2001-2005: Member of the Norwegian Delegation to the Nordic Council

Local government

1995-2001: Member of the Tromsø Municipal Council

Political appointments

1995-1996: Member of the board of Troms Socialist Youth League
1991-1992: Member of the board of the Balsfjord Socialist Youth League

Appointments in organizations

1994-1995: Member of the board of the Troms Youth Against the EU

Switzerland



Mario Fehr

Date of birth: 1958
Party: The Social Democratic Party
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Parliamentary Career

Member of the National Council since 1999
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Member of the Municipal Government of Adliswil since 2000
Member of the Cantonal Parliament of Zurich 1991-2000
Teacher



Felix Müri

Date of birth: 1958
Party: The Swiss People's Party
Alternate Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Parliamentary Career

Member of the National Council since 2003
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Member of the Cantonal People's Party of Lucerne since 2001
Member of the Cantonal Parliament Lucerne 1999-2003
Businessman





Hans Ulrich Mathys

Party: The Swiss People's Party
Vice Chairman of the Swiss Delegation
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Parliamentary Career

Member of the National Council since 1999
Member of the Control Committee
Member of the Committee for Legal Affairs

	<p>Chairman of the Cantonal People's party of Argovia 1989-1999: Member of the Cantonal Parliament of Argovia Municipal chancellor 2000- : Member of the Municipal Government of Adliswil 1991-2000: Member of the Cantonal Parliament of Zurich Teacher</p>
	<p>Gisèle Ory</p> <p>Date of birth: 30.04.1956 Party: Socialist Democratic Party Alternate Member of the EFTA Parliamentary Committee Observer in the EEA JPC</p> <p><i>Parliamentary Career</i> Member of the Council of States since 2003 Member of the Control Committee Member of the Science, Culture and Education Committee Member of the Committee on Social Security and Public Health</p> <p>1996-2000: Councillor in Chézard-St Martin 1999-2000: Mayor of Chézard-St Martin 2001- : Member of the Constitutional Council 2001-2002: Chair of Partie socialiste nauchatelois</p>
	<p>Kathy Riklin</p> <p>Date of birth: 1952 Party: Christian Democratic Party Alternate Member of the CMP Observer in the MPS</p> <p><i>Parliamentary Career</i> Member of the National Council since 1999 Member of the Control Committee Chair the Committee for Science, Education and Culture 1982-2001: Member of the municipal Government of Zurich</p> <p>Geologist</p>



René Vaudroz

Date of birth: 21.07.1947

Party: Radical Democratic Party

Observer in the EEA JPC

Parliamentary Career

Member of the National Council since 1999

Member of the Defence Committee

Member of the Bureau of the Defence Committee



Hans Widmer

Date of birth: 09.09.1941

Party: Social Democratic Party

Member of the EFTA Parliamentary Committee

Observer in the EEA JPC

Parliamentary Career

Member of the National Council since 1996

Member of the Science, Culture and Education Committee

Member of the Defence Committee