

MR THORBJØRN JAGLAND
Secretary General of the
Council of Europe



Thorbjørn Jagland was elected Secretary General of the Council of Europe in 2009. In 2014, he was the first ever Secretary General to be re-elected for a second mandate. He is also a member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which awards the Nobel Peace Prize every year.

Mr Jagland was born on 5 November 1950 in Drammen, Norway. He is married to Hanne Grotjord. They have two children.

CABINET POSITIONS

- Prime Minister, 1996-1997
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2000-2001

PARLIAMENTARY POSITIONS

- President of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting), 2005-2009
- Member of Parliament, 1993-2009
- Member of the Standing Committee on Defence and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, 2005-2009
- Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, 2001-2005
- Chairman of the EEA Consultative Committee since 2000-2005, member of the Committee 1994-1996 and again from 1997-2000
- Member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee, 1993-1996 and 1997-2000, Chairman of the Committee for two months in 2000.

EUROPEAN AND TRANSATLANTIC PARLIAMENTARY POSITIONS

- Head of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament, 2001-2005
- Member of the Norwegian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, 2001-2005
- Member of the Norwegian delegation to the Nordic Council, 1993-1996 and 1997-2000
- Head of the Norwegian delegation at the Second Summit of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg 1997
- Member of the Norwegian delegation for Relations with the European Parliament, 1993-1996 and 1997-2000

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Board of Directors, Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, 2006-2009
- Chair of the Socialist International Middle East Committee, 2000-2006
- Member of the Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-Finding Commission (“Mitchell Commission”), 2000-2001
- Vice President of the Socialist International 1999-2008
- Member of the International Board of Governors, Peres Center for Peace since 1997
- Chair of the Socialist International Finance and Administration Committee, 1987-1992

NATIONAL POLITICAL POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Norwegian Labour Party, 1992-2002
- Party secretary of the Labour Party, 1987-1992
- Secretary of the Labour Party Programme Committee, 1986-1989
- Chairman of the Labour Party International Committee, 1986 – 1993
- Acting party secretary of the Labour Party, 1986-87
- Secretary of the Labour Party Committee on Disarmament, 1982-1983
- Chairman of the Norwegian Labour Youth League, 1977-1981
- Chairman of the Labour Youth League, Buskerud County, 1973-1976

ELECTED POSITIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Member of Buskerud County Council, 1975-1983

EDUCATION

Degree in Economics, University of Oslo, 1975

PUBLICATIONS

In the course of his political career, Mr Jagland has published a large number of articles and publications, as well as books, on Norwegian and international issues, in particular on European issues.