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Espen Barth Eide
Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Espen Barth Eide was appointed Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs in October 2023 coming from the position of Minister of Climate and the Environment which he had held since October 2021. He previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs from September 2012 – October 2013, as well as Minister of Defence from November 2011 – September 2012, during Jens Stoltenberg's second government.

Barth Eide has been a member of the Norwegian Parliament since 2017 representing the Labour Party. He served as the United Nations special adviser on Cyprus from 2014 – 2017, and as managing director and member of the managing board at the World Economic Forum in Geneva from 2014 – 2016.

Barth Eide has a degree in political science from the University of Oslo, including one year at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.



Eirik Wærness
Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Equinor

Wærness is Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at Equinor, head of Global External Analysis, group responsible for Macroeconomics, Energy and commodity market analyses, Geopolitics, Competitive intelligence, and policy and regulation in mid- and downstream markets.

He is an Executive in Residence in Economics at the Norwegian Business School.

Wærness has broad experience from government, academics, and private sector companies. Experience at Equinor includes leader of Corporate Strategy, Corporate Planning and Analysis, Economic Analysis in Upstream Norway, Energy Market Analysis, in addition to current role.

His current external representations include Board member of IOGP Europe, Member of World Economic Forum's Chief Economists Community, Non-resident fellow at Payne Institute at Colorado School of Mines.



Liv Monica Stubholt
Lawyer and Energy Partner,
Law Firm Selmer

Liv Monica Stubholt is a highly experienced business lawyer specializing in the energy sector and energy transition. She heads Selmer's ESG and compliance team.

Stubholt also serves as non-executive Chairman of Morrow Batteries and Cadre AS, and as board member of Vår Energi, Aker Carbon Capture, Green Ammonia Berlevåg and VNG AG (Germany). Stubholt is strongly engaged in developing her home region of Agder, and particularly active within policy and change management related to decarbonization.

Stubholt has been State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. She served on the Norwegian Government's Energy Commission that submitted its report 1 February 2023.

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Anna Olsson
Chief Commercial Officer, Intelecy

Anna Olsson, with 20+ years in software, excels in international sales, product marketing, and management. Former VP Partner & Alliances at Cognite, she drove the global partner ecosystem. Starting as a system developer, she transitioned through various commercial roles, including a 12-year stint at Microsoft.

Olsson holds a BSc in Information Technology from the University of Karlstad, Sweden.



Kari Ekelund Thørud
Executive Vice President, Hydro Energy

Kari Ekelund Thørud is the EVP of Hydro Energy and part of Hydro's Executive Leadership Team. She joined Hydro in 2022, heading up Ownership Governance within the Energy business area.

Kari's responsibilities include Hydro's renewable energy operations, energy markets operations, green hydrogen business, battery business as well as Hydro's Project office. Hydro is Norway's third largest renewables operator and a significant market player in the Nordics and Brazil.

Prior to joining Hydro, Kari was the Group CEO of Nord Pool. She has also held several positions in Hafslund, including serving as Deputy CEO, SVP of Hafslund Markets and Managing Director of Hafslund Strøm.

Kari is a board member in Hydro Rein, Hafslund Oslo Celsio and XXL ASA.

Kari holds a Master of Business and Economics degree (Siviløkonom) from BI Norwegian Business School.



Frida Eklöf Monstad
Senior Advisor Low Carbon Business Models, Equinor

Frida has more than 18 years' experience from the energy industry. She is a board member of the Norwegian Hydrogen Forum and Equinor's Senior Advisor for Low Carbon Business Models. She is also heading up Equinor's joint project with VNG AG for low carbon hydrogen production in Germany. She has extensive experience from other leadership and strategic supply chain positions at Equinor.

Prior to joining Equinor Frida worked with start-ups in the IT-Sector in Sweden and the UK. She holds a MSc in Business from the Norwegian Business School (BI), and a Bachelor in Business Management from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.

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Leif Johan Sevland
President & CEO
ONS

Leif Johan Sevland is President & CEO of ONS. Between 1995 and 2011, he was the Mayor of the City of Stavanger. Sevland has extensive political experience from the Conservative Party (Høyre) in Norway.

Sevland has a degree in social studies from the University of Stavanger.



Tom Fidjeland
CEO
GCE NODE

Tom Fidjeland is CEO of Global Center of Expertise NODE. Prior to joining GCE NODE Fidjeland was CEO of Cameron Sense in Kristiansand and held a leading position in Cameron Houston. He also has 20 years of experience from National Oilwell Varco as Vice President Drilling Equipment Engineering.

Fidjeland holds a master's degree in technical cybernetics from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and an Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School.

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