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Espen Barth Eide

Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs (Labour Party)

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.



Hedvig Moe

Partner and Head of National Security Advisory & Compliance, Law Firm Thommessen

Hedvig Moe is a partner at the law firm Thommessen and heads the firm's work on business and national security. She has extensive experience from senior public sector roles, including Deputy Director of the Norwegian Police Security Service (PST) and Acting Director of Økokrim (the Norwegian National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime), where she worked on financial crime, geopolitics and national security.

Hedvig's expertise includes the Norwegian Security Act, personnel security, foreign direct investment (FDI), defence procurement, compliance and export control. With in-depth knowledge of public administration, political processes and legislation, she advises businesses across a wide range of industries on legal and strategic matters involving complex security issues.



Irene Rummelhoff

Executive Vice President, Marketing, Midstream & Processing (MMP), Equinor

Irene Rummelhoff has served as EVP of MMP at Equinor since 2018 and been a member of the CEC since 2015. With over 3600 employees worldwide, she is responsible for flow assurance, processing, and marketing of all Equinor's products, including marketing of the Norwegian State's natural gas and crude on the Norwegian continental shelf. This includes developing the company's hydrogen and CCS value chains.

2015 - 2018 she served as the EVP for Equinor's New Energy Solutions where she was instrumental in Equinor's market-leading transition into the renewable energy field. Ms. Rummelhoff pushed for offshore wind and low carbon solutions such as CCUS and other related technologies, including hydrogen development.

2014 to 2022 Ms. Rummelhoff was a member and later Deputy Chair (2016) of the Board of Directors of Norsk Hydro and has since March 2022 been a member of the Board of Directors of Airbus.

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Sverre Alvik

Vice president and Energy Transition Director, DNV

Sverre Alvik is Vice president and Director for DNV's Energy Transition Outlook. He has more than 25 years' experience from various roles at DNV, working with the energy and maritime industry.

The last ten years Sverre has headed up DNV's global research work on the energy transition. In that capacity he is responsible for the global and regional research on the technologies, economies, and policies of the energy transition, and has extensive engagement with governments, industrial companies and bodies, as well as universities and research institutes. Sverre is also an active communicator with papers and presentations at various industry conferences.

Sverre holds a MSc degree in Naval Architecture from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).



Ingvild Kjerkol

Chair of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment, Norwegian Parliament (Labour Party)

Ingvild Kjerkol has been Chair of the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment since April 2024. She previously served as Norway's Minister of Health and Care Services from October 2021 to April 2024.

Kjerkol was elected to the Norwegian Parliament in 2013, representing the Labour Party for the constituency of Nord-Trøndelag, holding her seat until 2025. She was a member of the Labour Party's central board from 2009 to 2025 and led the Trøndelag Labour Party from 2020 to 2025.

Before entering national politics, Kjerkol held several roles in local and regional government from 2011 to 2013.

Kjerkol holds a degree in psychology from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and studied IT systems maintenance at the Sør-Trøndelag University College.



Lene Westgaard-Halle

Member of the Standing Committee on Business and Industry, Norwegian Parliament (Conservative Party)

Lene Westgaard-Halle was elected to the Norwegian Parliament in 2017, representing the Conservative Party (Høyre) for the constituency of Vestfold. She served on the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment during her first term, and on the Standing Committee on Business and Industry in her second term from 2021 to 2025.

Prior to her parliamentary career, Westgaard-Halle held various political roles at the municipal and county levels, including in Drammen, Larvik, and the counties of Buskerud and Vestfold. She also worked as a political adviser for the Conservative Party's parliamentary group and as finance director at the environmental foundation ZERO.

Westgaard-Halle holds a degree in political science from the University of Oslo, with additional studies in British politics at the University of Oxford.

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Signy Elde Vefring

Executive Vice President, Strategy & Technology, Aker Solutions

Signy Elde Vefring was appointed head of Strategy & Technology at Aker Solutions following her role as Executive Vice President DigiTech since April 2023. Prior to this, she led Performance & Transformation for two years.

Vefring has previously served as Vice President Digitalization at Aker BP where she led the company's digitalization drive. Her experience also includes several years in the global management consulting firm, Boston Consulting Group.

She holds a MSc in industrial economics and technology management from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.



Rannveig Sofie Stangeland

Project Manager, ONS (Moderator)

Rannveig S. Stangeland is a Project Manager at ONS, responsible for the biannual Energy Agenda report. She is also contributing to developing the program for the ONS Strategic Conference (24-27 August 2026) and working with ONS' International Advisory Board.

Stangeland is seconded from Equinor where she has extensive experience, most recently as Vice President Communication, Exploration & Production, Norway. She has also worked as responsible for governmental and regulatory affairs in Equinor's marketing and trading unit.

Stangeland has a master's degree in political science and government from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



Knut Mjåland

CEO
GCE NODE

Knut Mjåland is CEO of Global Center of Expertise NODE. He has extensive managerial experience from the global energy sector and high-tech materials/composites industry.

Mjåland served 15 years as Senior Vice President at MHWirth (now HMM) and two years as General Manager of OPS Solutions. Prior to joining GCE NODE, he spent six years as CEO of Mandals, a world-leading producer of lay-flat hoses owned by Michelin. Mjåland is an accomplished manager of branch offices around the world and brings extensive experience from the board room.

He was trained as a Technical Engineer at the Air Force Technical College in Kristiansand and he holds a degree in Business Economics and Marketing from Harstad University College.

Mjåland is a former Board Member of GCE NODE.

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