

**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.