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POSITION IN THE  
EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY  
FOR RAILWAYS

**Member of ERA Management Board**

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Current

Director for Land Transport

European Commission –Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport

from 09/2020 to 03/2021

Adviser to the Secretary-General

European External Action Service

from 09/2017 to 08/2020

Ambassador, EU Head of Delegation to Burma/Myanmar

European External Action Service

from 11/2013 to 08/2017

Ambassador, EU Head of Delegation to Uganda

European External Action Service

- from 09/2011 to 11/2013 Director – EuropeAid, “Human and Society Development” and Acting Director “Sustainable Growth and Development”  
European Commission
- from 04/2011 to 08/2011 Principal Adviser, EuropeAid  
European Commission
- from 07/2010 to 03/2011 Acting Director – EuropeAid Direction “Resources”  
European Commission
- from 03/2010 to 06/2010 Principal Adviser, EuropeAid  
European Commission
- from 05/2004 to 02/2010 Deputy Head of Cabinet to Vice-President Siim Kallas, Administration, Audit and Anti-Fraud  
European Commission
- from 09/1999 to 05/2004 Deputy Head/Member of Cabinet to Commissioner Poul Nielson, Development and Humanitarian Aid  
European Commission
- from 05/1997 to 09/1999 First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations, New York, USA  
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- from 05/1995 to 04/1997 Head of Section, Department for Foreign and Security policy, Peacekeeping Operations  
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

from 04/1994 to 05/1995 Head of section, Department for East and West Africa  
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

from 12/1993 to 03/1994 Head of Section  
Danish Ministry of Industry

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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from 10/1992 to 09/1993 Master of Philosophy in International Relations (Distinction)  
**University of Cambridge, UK**

from 09/1987 to 09/1992 Master in Economics  
**University of Copenhagen, Denmark**

from 10/1991 to 06/1992 Relations Internationales, Politique Etrangère de l'Europe ("en auditeur libre")  
**Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, France**

from 10/1990 to 06/1991 Facoltà di Scienze Politiche; Facoltà di Scienze Economiche ("Corse singoli")  
**Università di Bologna, Italia**

from 10/1988 to 07/1989 Licence Sciences Economiques  
**Université de Droit, d'Economie et de Sciences d'Aix-Marseille III, France**

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Mother tongue: Danish  
Other languages: English, French, Italian and German