

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal information

Name: Per Strand Sjaastad  
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Family: Two children, born in 1996 (Sofie) and 2001 (Herman)

### Education

- Bachelor Degree (Law, Economics, Political Science), University of Oslo, 1986
- Master's Degree in Political Science (International Relations), University of Oslo, 1990

### Work experience

1990 Research Assistant, Centre for Development and Environment, University of Oslo

*Special focus on trade policy and WTO.*

1991 Executive Officer, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

*Special focus on Norway's membership negotiations with the EU.*

1995 Second Secretary, Norwegian Embassy in London

1998 Head of HR, Administrative Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

2002 Counsellor, Mission of Norway to the European Union, Brussels

*Special focus on Norway's agreements and relations with the EU, including trade and the Agreement on the European Economic Area. Press contact.*

2005 Deputy Director, Section for Central Europe and EEA Grants, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo

*Special focus on the Baltic States, the Visegrad 4 – countries, Slovenia, Croatia, Romania and Bulgaria, including Norway's project cooperation with these countries under the EEA Grants.*

- 2008 Director, International Department, Ministry of Environment, Oslo
- Special focus on Norway' participation in international environment cooperation, including in Europe, OECD and the UN.*
- 2008 Director, Section for EEA and Schengen Affairs, European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo
- Special focus on migration and refugees' issues and economic cooperation with the EU.*
- 2016 Ambassador to Kosovo and Albania (based in Prishtina)
- Special focus on political developments and stability in Kosovo, Albania and Western Balkans; Euro-Atlantic integration; Norwegian foreign aid assistance to Kosovo and Albania; business promotion.*
- 2019 Ambassador to Belgium and DCM at Mission of Norway to EU, Brussels
- Focus on overall relations between Norway and Belgium, as well as on Norway's relations and agreements with the EU.*