

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | Date of birth 30/07/1946 | Nationality Norwegian

## POSITION

Research Assistant for Professor Dr. Thomas Moser, Buskerud and Vestfold University College, Norway, on two EU studies concerning ECEC

## WORK EXPERIENCE



- August 2011 - today Retired, some work for the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research and Vestfold University College
- 2006 – 2011 Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, Department of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC), senior adviser. ECEC policy in general, white papers and bills to the Norwegian National Assembly, preparations concerning the Norwegian Framework Plan for the Content and Tasks of Kindergartens, Nordic and international co-operation on ECEC.
- 2010 Norwegian national expert on the ECEC sector for Bernhard Brunhes International contracted by the European Commission (reference number VC/2009/0184) ‘Study on Social Services of General Interest’ (Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities) (The project was never finalised, reason unknown).
- 2009- 2010 Chair of the OECD network on ECEC.
- 2007 – 2010 Member of the OECD network on ECEC (vice-chair 2008).
- 1998 - 2006 Preparation of the Norwegian Background Report to the OECD on “Thematic Review of ECEC”. National coordinator in the review work. Participant in the review team for the OECD Thematic Review of ECEC in Portugal April - May 1999. Responsible for the Norwegian comments on the comparative reports from this review (Starting Strong, OECD 2001 and Starting Strong II, OECD 2006).
- 1976 – 2005 Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Government Administration/Ministry of Children and Family Affairs, Section of Early Childhood Education and Care. Consultant/senior adviser. Different work concerning ECEC. Preparation of the Ministry’s Bill to the Norwegian Storting (parliament) on the new Act on Child Day Care Institutions 1994, the Regulations concerning this Act and the Ministry’s work to establish the first Framework Plan (national curriculum) for Day Care Institutions.
- 2001 – 2002 Chair of a working group in the Council of Europe, Programme for Children and Families, drafting a recommendation on Early Childhood Care and Education. The recommendation was adopted by the Committee of Ministers September 2002.
- 1986 – 1990 Project adviser for the national project «Educational Programmes for six-year-olds» in 48 municipalities. This was a common project for the Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs and the Ministry of Children and Family Affairs. The results from this project were part of the preparation for the education reform 1997, when compulsory school age was lowered from seven to six years.
- 1970 - 1976 Pre-school teacher and head-teacher in kindergartens in Oslo.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1998 – 2000 Master of Early Childhood Education (cand.polit.), Oslo University College, Norway.  
 1980 - 1981 1 year study in law, University of Oslo  
 1984 – 1985 1 year study in special education, Oslo  
 1980 – 1981 Kindergarten teacher, Oslo  
 1968 - 1969

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PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Norwegian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
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German/French	B1/A1	B1/A2	B1/A1	B1/A1	A2/A1
	Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.				

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user  
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills Good communication skills gained through my experience as a governmental officer for several years, lots of cooperation with colleagues with different professional backgrounds and skills and through my international experience on cooperation in the ECEC field

Organisational / managerial skills Head teacher in kindergarten, chair of different working groups, see 'work experience'

Job-related skills Good skills concerning finalising work in accordance with given time-lines and specifications

Computer skills Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools

Other skills

Driving licence BE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Publications** Jacobsen, K. and Vollset, G. : Publicly available and supported early education and care for all in Norway, in Lloyd, E. And Penn, H. (Ed.) *Childcare markets, can they deliver an equitable service?* The Policy Press, Bristol 2012  
Jacobsen, K. *Barnehagen i Norge – Forum for meningskaping* (Kindergartens in Norway – Forums for meaning-making), Masters dissertation, Oslo University College 2000
- Presentations** "Draft Recommendation on Child Day Care" – COE Forum for Children and Families – Strasbourg 18 April 2002  
"Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care" – Release seminar EEA-grants, Budapest 10 June 2005  
"Norwegian ECEC – Children under three; Access, Quality, Pedagogy", OECD Starting Strong II release conference, Regio Emilia, Italy September 2006  
"In-service Education and Developing Teachers' Professionalism in Nordic Countries" – 13<sup>th</sup> OECD-Japan Seminar, Co-hosted by OECD, The University of Tokyo and the Ministry of Education Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan (MEXT). Supported by Japan Society of Research on Early Childhood Care and Education and Research Foundation of All Japan Private Kindergarten Federation, Tokyo 8 June 2010  
Different presentations in connection with ministerial work, both in and outside Norway.  
CARE-WP2: "Curriculum, pedagogy, and classroom quality – Presentation of the Norwegian curriculum in ECEC in Norway, CARE-WP 2 Curriculum Conference, Oxford, 24 - 25 March 2014  
"Early Childhood Education and Care in Norway: Main Principles, Political Initiatives, Content and Quality" Presentation at the Pan-Hellenic International Pre-School Education Convention, Thessaloniki 4 – 6 April 2014
- References** Professor Dr. Thomas Moser, Vestfold University College, [thomas.moser@hive.no](mailto:thomas.moser@hive.no)