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Profile

I am a land-use planner with special focus on planning, environmental assessment (EIA and SEA) and stakeholder involvement. My current position is manager of planning and stakeholder involvement at Veitur Utilities, Iceland.

I have a wide-ranging professional experience in the fields of public policy, academic research as well as a planning consultant with special focus on environmental assessment and stakeholder involvement in complicated decision making. My special field of expertise is the management of spent nuclear fuel, from an environmental and multi stakeholder perspective.

Experience

Manager of planning and stakeholder involvement. *Veitur Utilities, Iceland. 2017 – present.*
Responsible for planning matters regarding Veitur's infrastructure and long-term planning.
Responsible for consultation of local authorities and stakeholder engagement.

Section manager. *EIA Section, Icelandic Planning Agency, 2016 – 2017, Reykjavík.* Responsible for the section work of reviewing Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, decisions on scoping guidelines and national development in the field of EIA and SEA.

Executive director. *Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste, Stockholm. 2009 – 2016.*
Responsible for the Committee's ongoing operations, plan of actions, budget and staff. Responsible for the Council's reporting to the Swedish government and the Ministry of the Environment.

Chair, *Forum on Stakeholder Confidence, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, Paris. 2012 - 2016.*

Planning Consultant and project leader. *WSP Sweden, Stockholm. 2008 – 2009.*

Duties included developing environments impact assessments (EIA) and environmental assessment of plans and programmes (SEA). Tasks included project management of an EIA of a multi-use arena (Tele2 Arenan) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of Sollentuna's comprehensive plan.

EIA Official. *Swedish Nuclear Inspectorate (SKI), Stockholm. 2006-2008.*

Accountable for overseeing the EIA-process and public consultations in relation to radioactive waste management. Participated in multi-stakeholder dialogue on behalf of the agency. Coordinator of the EU funded project ARGONA - Arenas for risk governance.

Research Fellow. *Nordregio (Nordic Centre for Spatial Development), Stockholm. 1999–2006.*

Conducted research and studies of EIA, SEA and sustainable development. Project manager for the Nordic EIA Network 1999 - 2002. Initiated and coordinated Nordic Research Projects and organized seminars and conferences.

Planning Official. *National Planning Agency, Reykjavik, Iceland. 1996 – 1999.*

Audited environmental impact assessments, prepared decisions and participated in Nordic and international cooperation on behalf of the authority.

Research Associate. *CREUE, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. 1996.*

Tasks included research, teaching and supervision. Co-author of a chapter in 'Environmental Protection and Pollution Control in the EU', Pinder (ed) 1998.

Internship. *Municipal Planning Office. Esbjerg, Denmark. 1994.*

Other:

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management (2009 – present).

Member of the Community Representation Working Group (CRWG) at the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) in the UK, 2015-2016.

Education:

Licentiate Technical Dissertation in Spatial Planning 'SEA in the context of land-use planning. The application of the EU directive 2001/42/EC to Sweden, Iceland and England', 2008. Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden.

Master in Town Planning. 1996. University of Newcastle, UK. Department of Town and Country Planning. Royal Town Planning Institute's Prize for Academic Achievements.

BA (Hons) Town Planning. 1993. University of Newcastle, UK. Department of Town and Country Planning.