



CECILIA MALMSTRÖM

Candidate for the position of Secretary-General
of the OECD 2021–2026

Curriculum Vitae



Ms Malmström has devoted the better part of her career to global affairs and international relations and has extensive experience from multilateral leadership and cooperation. She has served as European Trade Commissioner and European Home Affairs Commissioner, as well as Minister for EU Affairs in the Swedish Government. Ms Malmström is currently Visiting Professor at the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg.

2014–2019	European Trade Commissioner
2010–2014	European Home Affairs Commissioner
2006–2010	Minister for EU Affairs, Government of Sweden

Political career

2007–2010	Vice President, Liberal Party of Sweden, member of the Executive Board
1998–2001	Member, Västra Götaland Regional Council
1991–1994	Vice Chair, Gothenburg Municipal Immigration Committee

Member of the European Parliament

2004–2006	Member, Subcommittee on Human Rights
2004–2006	Vice Chair, Delegation to the EU-Croatia Joint Parliamentary Committee
2004–2006	Substitute Member, Committee on the Internal Market
2004–2006	Substitute Member, Subcommittee on Security and Defence
1999–2006	Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs
1999–2004	Member, Committee on Constitutional Affairs
1999–2004	Vice Chair, Delegation to the EU-Hungary Joint Parliamentary Committee

Academic career and education

2020–	Visiting Professor, International Trade and European Affairs, University of Gothenburg School of Business, Economics and Law, Sweden.
1992–1999	Lecturer and researcher in political science and European affairs, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
1998	PhD in political science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
1988–1991	Political science, international relations and development studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
1987	French literature, Sorbonne University, Paris, France

Ms Malmström has been a frequent guest lecturer and visiting professor at several international universities. She has authored and co-authored numerous books and articles on European politics, Spanish politics, trade, migration, terrorism and regionalism.

Other professional experiences

1991–1994 Lay Assessor, Gothenburg District Court
1991–1992 Municipal adult education social science teacher
1988–1991 Psychiatric nurse, part-time
1986–1989 Translator and technical assistant, SKF in Paris, Stuttgart and Barcelona

Language skills

Ms Malmström is fluent in Swedish (native), English, French and Spanish. She also has a good understanding of German, Italian, Danish and Norwegian.

Engagements

Malmström has been engaged in numerous international organisations, think tanks and foundations. She is also the co-founder of International Youth Think Tank, which brings together young people with decision-makers from industry, academia, culture, politics and civil society to discuss current global challenges.

A selection of current engagements:

2020 Member, Restart Commission, a post-COVID-19 task force, organised by the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
2020– Member, European Council for Foreign Relations
2020– Board member, Migration Policy Institute
2020– Board member, Friends of Europe
2020– Board member, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation
2019–2020 Member, Transatlantic Task Force of the German Marshall Fund and Bundeskanzler Helmut Schmidt Stiftung
2019– Member, Trilateral Commission
2019– Member, Trade Experettes, an international organisation of women trade experts

Awards

2020 European of the Year, awarded by Swedish European Movement
2019 Transatlantic Business Award, awarded by the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union
2019 International Swede of the Year, awarded by Swedes Worldwide
2017 Woman of the Year, awarded by the Association of Women in International Trade, Washington D.C.