

# Curriculum Vitae Per Melchior Koch

## Personal information

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Norwegian, Date of birth: May 5.1961

## Work

### **October 2017 - now**

Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU)

Research institute

Special Adviser and Chief Editor of Forskningspolitikk, Norwegian Magazine on Research and Innovation Policy

Publishing Forskningspolitikk and contributing to research projects

### **January 2012 – September 2017**

Innovation Norway, Akersgaten 13, 0104 Oslo, Norway

Government agency for innovation policy and industrial funding

Special adviser on innovation policy and communication

Innovation policy development, communication of Innovation Norway's role as policy adviser, editor of Innovasjonsbloggen, speech writing, coordinator of the Dream Commitment (Drømmeløftet)

### **December 2009 – December 2011**

Ministry of Education and Research, P.O. Box 8119 Dep, N-0032 Oslo, Norway

Government agency for science and technology policy and R&D funding

Coordinator of the Science Project (Vitenskapsprosjektet) and the Year of Science (Vitenskapsåret)

Coordinated a cross-departmental project for discussion and analysis of research and research policy under the Director General. Coordinated the Ministry's Year of Science 2011.

### **September 1 2006 – November 1 2009**

Research Council of Norway (RCN), P.O. Box 2700, St. Hanshaugen, N- 0131 Oslo,

Government agency for science and technology policy and R&D funding

Director for Policy Analysis and Strategic Development

The R&D policy knowledge base, contact with relevant institutions for research, statistics and policy analysis, development of research and innovation policy strategies, policy advise in-house and for ministries and other relevant agencies.

### **May 2000 – August 2006**

NIFU STEP, Hammersborg torg. 3, N-0179 Oslo, Norway

(First as STEP Center for Innovation Research)

Research institute

Senior Research Fellow, CEO of STEP, Deputy Director of NIFU STEP

Innovation and innovation policy research, co-ordination of Innovation policy studies, advisory role vis-à-vis ministries, agencies and international policy organisations

### **July 1991 – May 2000**

Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs, P.O. Box 8119 Dep, N-0032 Oslo, Norway

Ministry

Executive Officer and Adviser in the Department of Research

Research and innovation policy development; from September 1999 member of the secretariat of the Norwegian Commission on Higher Education

**1984 – 1991 (part time)**

Styret for det industrielle rettsvern (Norwegian Patent Office), P.O. Box 8160 Dep, N-0033 Oslo, Norway

The public patent board

“Gransker” (Investigator)

Trademarks and design

**1981 - 1982**

Forsvarskommando Sør-Norge (Southern Defense Command for the Navy), Stavanger, Norway

Communication and cryptography

Drafted Petty Officer (Sergeant)

One of several leaders of the telex and cryptography office

**Education and training**

**August 1982 - December 1990**

University of Oslo

Cand. Philol. Degree:

- History of Ideas (Thesis on mentalities in Norwegian psychiatry and physiotherapy)

Cand. Mag. (Bachelor) degree based on three disciplines:

- History of Ideas
- History, including 20<sup>th</sup> century national and international political history
- English language and culture

Cand. Philol. (equals an extended MA or limited PhD)

**Personal skills and competences**

Languages

Mother tongue: Norwegian

English: Excellent

German: Basic

**Social skills and competences**

*Living and working with other people, in multicultural environments, in positions where communication is important and situations where teamwork is essential (for example culture and sports), etc.*

Through my work I have been actively involved in networking both on a national and international basis (Nordic co-operation, the OECD Working Party on Technology and Innovation Policy, the OECD Committee on Technology and Science Policy, the EU Trend Chart on Innovation, EU Framework Programme projects etc.). I was Chair of OECDs Steering Group on Governance of International Co-operation on Science, Technology and Innovation for Global Challenges (STIG 2012). I am a member of UNESCO and Riel Miller's international network of future literacy specialists.

I have been politically active and have had a position of trust in a local society/association.

**Organisational skills and competences**

*Coordination and administration of people, projects and budgets; at work, in voluntary work (for example culture and sports) and at home, etc.*

I have had leadership positions or have been project coordinator in all the organisations listed above.

Examples of project coordination: I was leading the EU 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme Project PUBLIN, on innovation in the public sector 2003-2005. I coordinated the Nordic Innovation Centre's projects Good Practices in Nordic Innovation Policies (GoodNIP) and Foreign takeovers in the Nordic Countries (FOTON). I was Senior Analyst for the Nordic Countries in the EU Trend Chart on Innovation when working at NIFU STEP. I coordinated the Science Project (Vitenskapsprosjektet og Vitenskapsåret) in the Ministry of Education and Research and the Dream Commitment (Drømmeløftet) of Innovation Norway. I have been member of EC DG Research peer review panels for Estonian and Bulgarian RTDI policy mixes (2007 and 2008), as well as two panels for recommendations regarding the science policy of South Africa.

In the Ministry, I represented one of the labour organizations.

From 1998 to 20012 owned and administered Pandia, an English language web site on search engines, web searching and search engine marketing together with my wife Susanne. The site was well known internationally and had some 5000 unique visitors daily. <http://tinyurl.com/mg4usz9>

### **Technical skills and competences**

*With computers, specific kinds of equipment, machinery, etc.*

I have a very good knowledge of word processing, HTML and Web design, Wordpress and Blogger, implementation of Perl scripts, online search engine technology and more. I have good knowledge of programs like Excel, Powerpoint, and graphic design software (especially Photoshop). I know both the Windows and Macintosh platforms.

### **Artistic skills and competences**

*Music, writing, design, etc.*

I was involved in writing the libretto of an opera commissioned by the Norwegian opera company Opera Vest in Bergen.

I have written many speeches for Norwegian Ministers of Education, Research and Church Affairs, including Gudmund Hernes, Reidar Sandal and Jon Lilletun, as well as the directors of The Research Council of Norway and Innovation Norway.

I was previously member of the editorial committee of the magazine Schola, and edited the online version of this publication. Schola was owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs and was distributed to relevant educational institutions. I was the editor Innovasjonsbloggen, Innovation Norway's innovation policy blog.

I have designed several Web sites, including the above mentioned Pandia site.

### **Driving license**

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### **References**

Senior Researcher Johan Hauknes, previously NIFU, phone +47 480 00 733

### **Selected literature**

Koch, Per M.: *Trygve Braatøy og endringer i det moderne menneskebilde*, Cand. Philol. Thesis, History of Ideas, University of Oslo 1990.

Koch, Per M.: *Norwegian Policy Makers and Policy Learning*, Workpackage report, wp4, EU TSER/RISE-project, Oslo, December 2000

Koch, Per M.: *Monitoring, updating and disseminating developments in innovation and technology diffusion in the Member States* - European Commission (Directorate-General Enterprise,) The TREND CHART: Norway, Covering period: January 2001 – April 2001, June 2001 (One of several annual reports)

Aslesen, Heidi Wiig; Marianne Broch Per Koch, Nils Henrik Solum: *User Oriented R&D in the Research Council of Norway*, STEP-report 8 2001, Oslo.

Koch, Per; Marianne Broch and Siri Aanstad: *Nye virkemidler for innovasjon – hva gjøres i andre land?*, Oslo april 2002, report for the Norwegian Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Koch, Per (editor): *Good Practices in Nordic Innovation Policies, Report 1: Innovation Policy Analysis*, STEP/The Nordic Industrial Fund April 2003. Includes co-authorship on the following articles: "Indicators on innovation in the Nordic Countries" and "Rationalities and innovation policy learning".

Kaloudis, Aris and Per Koch: *De næringsrettede instituttene rolle i det fremtidige innovasjonssystemet* (On the Norwegian institute sector, commissioned by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research), NIFU STEP, Oslo, 2004.

Koch, Per and Siri Aanstad (eds.): *Foreign Takeovers in the Nordic Countries*, NIFU STEP and the Nordic Innovation Centre, Oslo 2005.

Koch, Per, Paul Cunningham, Nitzza Schwabsky and Johan Hauknes: *Innovation in the Public Sector, Publin Report No. D24, Summary and Policy Recommendations*, NIFU STEP Oslo 2006 (One of several reports from the EU Publin project):

Windrum, Paul and Koch Per (eds): *Innovation in Public Sector Services*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham 2008

Koch, Per: «Hvorfor ligger Norge så langt etter i Innovation Union Scoreboard?»

Innovasjonsbloggen 2013 <http://bit.ly/2qxUpW2>

Koch, Per: «Kunnskap er ikke det samme som kompetanse» Innovasjonsbloggen 2013

<http://bit.ly/2qYGOZo>

Main responsibility for the two main reports from the Dream Commitment of Innovation Norway 2015 and 2016. Editor of thematic reports. <http://www.drømmeløftet.no/om-drommeløftet/>

Koch, Per: "Using the future of innovation policy learning in Norway" in Miller, Riel (ed): *Transforming the Future, Anticipation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, UNESCO/Routledge, Paris/Oxon 2018.

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