

Per Hilmersson

Born in Örebro, Sweden, 1975

Per Hilmersson was elected as ETUC Deputy General Secretary at the Vienna Congress in May 2019. He has worked in EU affairs, mainly on trade union related issues, for almost 19 years. Most of that time he lived in Brussels and worked for the Swedish Trade Union Confederations, the Party of European Socialists, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

At the ETUC, Per handles a range of issues including employment, fair mobility and posting of workers, regional policy, economic and social cohesion, health and safety, international trade and action to secure a Social Progress Protocol.

His previous position was as International Director of the Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees (TCO). As a member of the leadership team, Per headed the department handling EU & Legal Affairs and was responsible for drafting and implementing strategies relating to TCO's EU, international and labour rights policies, activities and relations.

He was a Substitute Member of the ETUC Executive Committee and of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). He sat on the board of the Brussels Office of the Swedish Trade Unions with the Presidents of the other Swedish Confederations. He also acted as chair of the board of the Swedish EU news site Europaportalen.se. He is a member of the Advisory Board to the Swedish Institute of European Policy Studies (SIEPS).

Work experience

May 2019 –

European Trade Union Confederation, Deputy General Secretary

2015-2019

Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees (TCO), International Director

2011-2015

Brussels Office of the Swedish Trade Unions, Director

Responsible for the external representation of the Swedish trade unions, for example as a speaker and panellist at public events; building relations with stakeholders in Brussels (EU institutions, perm reps, etc); monitoring EU policies and legislation.

2010-2011

Party of European Socialists, Brussels, Head of Unit

Coordinating EU policy and PES initiatives, editing EU policy brief; speechwriter for PES President.

2007-2010

European Commission, office of Vice-President Margot Wallström, Member of Cabinet - Preparing and implementing policy on the institutional relations and communication strategy portfolio, advising on topics including employment, equal opportunities, environment, energy, climate change and sustainable development.

2005-2007

Swedish Socialists and Democrats (S&D) delegation in the European Parliament, Political Adviser

2004-2005

Swedish Security Service, Stockholm, Analyst

2002-2004

Swedish Socialists and Democrats (S&D) delegation in the European Parliament, Information officer and researcher

2001-2002

South Sweden European Office, Brussels, Coordinator

2000-2001

Central Sweden Brussels Representative Office, Information officer (paid internship)

Education

1999-2000: **University of Uppsala**, Sweden, Bachelor's degree in Political Science, covering European and international politics, administrative law and research methods.

1994-1999: **University of Örebro**, Sweden, Bachelor's degree in Arts

Languages

Swedish: mother tongue

English: proficient

French: basic/independent level