

CV CURRICULUM VITAE

Björn Söder

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| Title | Member of Parliament |
| Born | 1976 |
| Member of party | The Sweden Democrats |
| Constituency | Skåne County North and East |
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Personal

Björn Söder has been a member of the Riksdag for the Sweden Democrats since September 2010. He is currently a member of the Committee on Defence, the War Delegation, the Riksdag delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and deputy member of the Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs. He is also the head of the Swedish delegation to the OSCE.

Björn Söder was the Secretary-General of the Sweden Democrats 2005-2015 and has previously been party group leader 2010-2014 and Second Deputy Speaker 2014-2018. Between 2006 and 2010, Björn Söder served as group leader for the Skåne Regional Council and a member of Helsingborg Municipal Council. He has been a member of the Sweden Democrats' Executive Committee between 2001 and 2015 and was a member of the National Board for 22 years between 2001 and 2023. Furthermore, he has been a member of the Police Board in Skåne. Since the election 2014 he has been member of Kristianstad Municipal Council. Björn Söder has a special interest in security, defence, foreign policy and migration policy and has worked with these issues with strong commitment in the Riksdag.

In May 2021 he was awarded the highest civilian award of the Republic of Armenia, the prestigious Medal of Mkhitar Gosh, by the president of the Republic of Armenia for his outstanding contribution to the strengthening and development of friendly ties between the Republic of Armenia and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Before becoming a member of the Riksdag, Björn Söder worked in the food industry, among other things on a project at Skånemejerier (Skåne dairies) to review and develop control programmes and as a technical management assistant at Unilever. Björn Söder has a M.Sc. in Chemical Engineering from Lund Technical University. He completed his national military service as a ranger with the rank of second lieutenant.

Björn Söder was born in Helsingborg and lives in Kristianstad with his two children.

Assignments

Political assignments in the Swedish Parliament

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| 2024- | Chair of the Sweden-Central Asia Friendship Group of the Swedish Riksdag |
| 2023- | Chair of the Sweden-Poland Friendship Group of the Swedish Riksdag |
| 2023- | Chair of the Sweden-Armenia Friendship Group of the Swedish Riksdag |
| 2022- | Deputy member of the Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs |
| 2022- | Member of the Committee on Defence |
| 2022- | Deputy member of Committee on Foreign Affairs |
| 2022- | Head of the Swedish delegation to the OSCE |
| 2020-2022 | Member of The Riksdag Steering group for bilateral democracy-promoting cooperation |
| 2018- | Member of The Riksdag Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly |
| 2018-2022 | Deputy member of Committee on European Union Affairs |
| 2018-2020 | Alternate member of The Riksdag Board |
| 2014-2022 | Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs |
| 2014- | Member of the Swedish delegation to the OSCE |
| 2014-2018 | Second Deputy Speaker |
| 2012-2013 | Member of the Committee on Education |
| 2011-2018 | Deputy member of the Committee on Justice |
| 2010-2022 | Deputy member of the Committee on Defence |
| 2010-2014 | Deputy member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs |
| 2010-2014 | Party Group Leader |
| 2010- | Member of the War Delegation |
| 2010- | Member of the Riksdag |

Political assignments outside the Swedish Parliament and the Government

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| 2023- | Member of the Committee on evaluation of Sweden's engagement in Afghanistan during 2001-2021 (UD 2022:02) |
| 2023- | Chair of Hepatica Foundation |
| 2023- | Vice Chair of the Board of Kristianstad Airport AB |
| 2023- | Member of the Export Control Council (ECC) |
| 2022- | Chair of Conservatives & Reformists on the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly |
| 2019-2022 | Vice Chair of Conservatives & Reformists on the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly |
| 2019- | Member of the Board of Kristianstad Airport AB |
| 2018-2019 | Member of the Skåne Regional Council |
| 2017-2023 | Chair of the Sweden Democrats in Kristianstad |
| 2017-2023 | District Deputy Chair of the Sweden Democrats in Skåne Region |
| 2014- | Member of Kristianstad Municipal Council |
| 2010-2012 | Member of the Police Board in Skåne |
| 2006-2010 | Group Leader of the Skåne Regional Council |
| 2006-2014 | Member of the Skåne Regional Council |
| 2006-2010 | Member of the Skåne Regional Board |
| 2006-2010 | Member of Helsingborg Municipal Council |
| 2005-2015 | Secretary-General of the Sweden Democrats |
| 2005-2009 | Member of the General Synod of the Church of Sweden |
| 2003-2005 | Deputy Party Chair of the Sweden Democrats |

2002-2005 District Chair of the southern district of the Sweden Democrats
2001-2015 Member of the Executive Committee of the Sweden Democrats
2001-2023 Member of the National Board of the Sweden Democrats
2001-2009 Member of the Lund Diocesan Assembly, Church of Sweden
2001-2005 Deputy Member of the General Synod of the Church of Sweden
1998-2002 Member of Höör Municipal Council
1998-2000 Secretary-General of Swedish Democratic Youth
1997-1998 Deputy member of the National Board of the Sweden Democrats

Employment

2004-2009 Technical management assistant, Unilever AB
2004 Project, Skånemejerier AB
2000-2006 Web production/Copartner, BMJ Aktiv HB

Education

2004 M.Sc. in Chemical Engineering, Lund Technical University
1998 National military service, second lieutenant

Award

2021 Awarded the prestigious Mkhitar Gosh Medal by the President of the Republic of Armenia