



## Haarder, Bertel (V)

**Former Member of the Folketing,  
The Liberal Party**

Former Minister

Bertel Geismar Haarder, born September 7th 1944 in Rønshoved, son of high school principal Hans Haarder and Agnete Haarder. Married to Birgitte, née Præstholm. The couple has four children.

### Member period

Member of the Folketing for The Liberal Party in Zealand greater constituency, 15. September 2011 – 1. November 2022.

Member of the Folketing for The Liberal Party in Greater Copenhagen greater constituency, 13. November 2007 – 15. September 2011.

Member of the Folketing for The Liberal Party in Vestsjælland County constituency, 8. February 2005 – 13. November 2007.

Member of the Folketing for The Liberal Party in Copenhagen County constituency, 15. February 1977 – 30. September 1999.

Member of the Folketing for The Liberal Party in North Jutland County constituency, 9. January 1975 – 15. February 1977.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Greve nomination district, 2009-2021.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Taastrup nomination district, 2007-2009.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Kalundborg nomination district, 2002-2006.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Lyngby nomination district, 1977-1999.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Gladsaxe nomination district, 1975-1977.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Sæby nomination district, 1974-1975.

Candidate for The Liberal Party in Thisted nomination district, 1973-1974.

### Parliamentary career

Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, 2020-2022.

President of the Nordic Council, 2020-2021.

Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee, 2019-2020.

Chairman of the Danish delegation to the Nordic Council, 2019-2022.

Spokesman on the Faroe Islands, 2019-2022.

Spokesman on culture, 2017-2020.

Spokesman on Nordic cooperation, 2016-2022.

Minister for Culture and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs, 28. June 2015 – 28. November 2016.

Member of the Presidium of the Folketing, 30. September 2011 – 18. June 2015.

Chairman of the Danish delegation to the Nordic Council, 2011-2015.

Vice-chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, 2011-2015.

Spokesman on Nordic cooperation, 2011-2014.

President of the Nordic Council, 2011.

Minister for the Interior and Health, 23. February 2010 – 3. October 2011.

Minister of Education and Minister for Nordic Cooperation, 23. November 2007 – 23. February 2010.

Minister for Education and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs, 18. February 2005 – 23. November 2007.

Minister for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs and Minister for Development Cooperation,

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2. August 2004 – 18. February 2005.

Minister for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs, 1. January 2003 – 2. August 2004.

Minister for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs and Minister without Portfolio (Minister for European Affairs), 27. November 2001 – 1. January 2003.

Vice-chairman and foreign affairs spokesman of the European Parliament's Liberal Group, ELDR, 1999-2001.

Member of the European Parliament (vice-chairman of the European Parliament 1997-1999), 1994-2001.

Minister for Education and Research, 10. September 1987 – 25. January 1993.

Minister for Education, 10. September 1982 – 10. September 1987.

Spokesman on culture, 1979-1982.

Spokesman on finance, 1977-1982.

Spokesman on education and research, 1977-1982.

Former spokesman on social services, spokesman on ecclesiastical affairs etc.

## **Education**

Graduate in political science, subject of thesis Grundtvig's view of freedom, Aarhus University, 1970.

Scholarship studies in the USA, 1964-1965.

Matriculated, Sønderborg State School, 1964.

## **Employment**

Lecturer, Aalborg Teacher Training College, 1973-1975.

Teacher, Haderslev State Teacher Training College, 1971-1973.

Teacher, Askov High School, 1968-1973.

## **Affiliations**

Chairman of the board of the Royal Danish Theatre.

Member of the Board of Fregatten Jylland (frigate).

Member of the Board of Den Gamle By (open-air museum) in Aarhus.

## **Publications**

Author of Bertels Bedste – sange og fortællinger fra Borgen (The Best of Bertel – songs and narratives from the Danish Parliament), »Op mod strømmen - med højskolen i ryggen« (Against the tide – backed by the Danish folk high school), 2012, »Den bløde kynisme« (Soft Cynicism), 1997, »Lille land, hvad nu?« (Little Country – What Now?), 1994, »Slip friheden løs« (Release Freedom), 1990, »Grænser for politik« (Limits to Politics), 1990, »Midt i en klynketid« (In a Time of Whining), 1980, »Danskerne år 2002« (The Danes in the Year 2002), 1977, »Den organiserede arbejdsløshed« (Organised Unemployment), 1975, »Institutionernes Tyranni« (The Tyranny of the Institutions), 1974 and »Statskollektivism og Spildproduktion«, (State Collectivism and Surplus Production), 1973.

Co-author of the Liberal Party's EU programme, 2001, The human rights report of the European Parliament, 1998-1999, »Ny-liberalismen – og dens rødder« (New Liberalism – and its Roots), 1982, »Kampen om gymnasiet« (The Struggle for the Upper Secondary School), 1982 and the Liberal Party's policy programme, 1979.

## **Awards**

Order of the White Rose (Finland), 2020

Großes Goldenes Ehrenzeichen mit dem Stern (Austria), 2020

Grand Cross, Order of the Falcon (Iceland), 2017

Grand Cross, Order of the Dannebrog (Denmark), 2017

Commander, First Class, Order of the Polar Star (Sweden), 2015

Æreshåndværker (honorary award) awarded by Håndværkerforeningen i København (an association of SMEs in Copenhagen), 2015

Jon Sigurdsson-prisen (Icelandic freedom award), 2014

Grand Cross, Order of Merit (Norway), 2014

Carl Hammerichs Mindelegat (Norway), 2014

Den Berlingske Fonds Hæderspris (honorary award), 2013

Letterstedts Fortjenstmedalje (Sweden), 2013

*The biography is no longer updated from November 2nd 2022.*

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