

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**Margret Bjork Sigurdardottir**



Nationality: Icelandic

EEA/EU lawyer and project manager trained in negotiations and public communication and specialised in the field of food and veterinary law.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 - **EFTA Surveillance Authority**, Brussels, Belgium  
*Legal Officer* <https://www.eftasurv.int/>  
Current Position *Internal Market Affairs Directorate*
- Responsible for surveillance of the incorporation and application of EEA law in the food and veterinary field in the EEA EFTA.
- 2022 – 2023 **The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries**, Reykjavik, Iceland.  
*Special Advisor* <https://www.stjornarradid.is/raduneyti/matvaelaraduneytid/>  
*Department of Food and Aquaculture*
- Advising the Minister on policy and legal issues in the food and veterinary field
  - Policy and legal work concerning the EEA Agreement
- 2016 - 2022 **The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Secretariat**,  
*Senior Officer* Brussels, Belgium. <http://www.efta.int>  
*Internal Market Division*
- Responsible for all policy and legal work concerning food and veterinary matters as regards the EEA Agreement. Managed the EEA EFTA-UK separation in the SPS field. Was secretary to the SPS negotiation team for the EEA EFTA-UK negotiations.
- 2010 - 2016 **The Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority**, Selfoss, Iceland.  
*Senior Officer* <http://www.mast.is>

*Office of Administration and Coordination*

- Advising on EEA legal matters and the application of EEA legislation in the food and veterinary field. Managing international projects and international collaboration. Participated in Iceland's ascension negotiations with the EU.

*Project Manager*

**Icelandic Web of Science**, <http://www.visindavefur.is>

Science Communication and Project Management.

- Science communication to the public and media relations. Managing a European research project under the Horizon 2020 programme.

2004 May – Aug

*Research Assistant*

**Institut für Vogelforschung**, Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

<http://www.ifv.terramare.de>

Analytical and laboratory work.

2003 May-Aug

2002 May-Aug

*Research Assistant*

**The Icelandic Agricultural Research Institute**, Reykjavik, Iceland.

(The Icelandic Agricultural Research Institute is now a part of the University of Agriculture).

<http://www.rala.is>

Environmental research.

TEACHING POSITIONS

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2015 Aug-Dec

*Lecturer*

**The Agricultural University of Iceland**, Hvanneyri, Iceland.

<http://www.lbhi.is>

Part-time lecturer in Legal Theory, Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare at the Faculty of Environmental Sciences.

2007-2012

*Lecturer*

**University of Iceland**, Reykjavik, Iceland.

<http://www.hi.is>

Part-time lecturer in Legal Theory, Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare at the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences.

2005 - 2010

**University of Iceland**, Reykjavik, Iceland.

2006 - 2008

**Iceland University of Education**, Reykjavík, Iceland.

*Lecturer* (Is now the School of Education within the University of Iceland).  
*Researcher* [http://www.hi.is/en/school\\_of\\_education/school\\_of\\_education](http://www.hi.is/en/school_of_education/school_of_education)  
 Part-time lecturer and researcher in Zoology, Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare.

## EDUCATION

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2016      **University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland**  
**Executive Diploma in Public Administration**

2011      **University of Reykjavik, Reykjavík, Iceland**  
**Law Department**  
**M.L. – Master of Law with a focus on International Law**

2005      **University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland**  
*College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine*  
*Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Science*  
**M.Sc. – Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare**

2004      **University of Iceland, Reykjavik.**  
**B.Sc. – Biology**

## OFFICIAL AVOCATION

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*Chair*      **Gender Equality Group, EFTA Secretariat**  
 Chair of the Gender Equality Group from 2018-2019.

*Member*      **The Icelandic Lawyer's Association**  
**The Icelandic Biology Society**  
**The Icelandic Animal Welfare Society**

2010-2011      **Committee Establishing a New Animal Welfare Legislation**  
*Committee Member* Appointed by the Minister for Fisheries and Agriculture.

2007 – 2014      **The Council for Animal Welfare**  
*Council Member* Appointed by the Minister for the Environment in 2007.  
 Re-appointed for three terms until the Council was disbanded.

2008 - 2012 <i>Board Member</i>	<b>The Icelandic Animal Welfare Society</b>
2008 - 2011 <i>Secretary</i>	<b>The Nordic Animal Welfare Council</b> Secretary to the Nordic Animal Welfare Council during Iceland's three-year term in its presidency.
2007 - 2008 <i>Secretary</i>	<b>The Res Extensa Society</b> <a href="http://www.resextensa.org/">http://www.resextensa.org/</a> A society with the aim of promoting science and critical thinking
2003 – 2004 <i>Board Member</i>	<b>The Icelandic Biology Society</b> Student representative on the board of the Icelandic Biology Society.
2003 – 2004	<b>Student Representative at Biology Department Faculty Meetings, University of Iceland</b> Represented students at the Departmental Meetings advocating and protecting their rights and interests.
2002 – 2004	<b>Student Body Elections, University of Iceland.</b> Was involved in student politics and represented my party (Röskva) in the student elections 2003 – 2004.