Jørgen Abild Andersen, Director General Telecom Danish Business Authority Ministry of Business and Growth



Jørgen Abild Andersen is among the World's most experienced government officials within the ICT area.

In January 2012 he took up a new position as Director-General Telecom at the Danish Business Authority – an agency under the Ministry of Business and Growth. His responsibilities include telecom issues as well as overall coordination of international related issues at the Authority.

As national regulator for the telecom area since 1991, Mr Abild Andersen has been responsible for implementing the liberalisation of the Danish telecoms market.

Prior to this he worked for the Danish General Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs, where he was Legal Counsel and Deputy

Permanent Secretary from 1984 to 1991. During that period, he played a key role in the restructuring and privatisation of the Danish telecoms sector and in the establishment of competition within mobile communications.

With the establishment of the National IT and Telecom Agency in 2002, the portfolio of Jørgen Abild Andersen was extended to cover the whole policy range within the ICT area. His policy responsibilities from 2002 to 2011 included among others privacy, trust and security in the Information Society, eBusiness, eGovernment, eSkills, green ICTs, the national digital signature as well as broadband, DNS and radio spectrum. One of the results of the work was the establishment of an internationally acclaimed open e-business infrastructure, which now serves as a model for the development of a similar infrastructure to be used at the pan-European level.

Mr Abild Andersen gained a Masters of Law from the University of Copenhagen in 1975. He started his professional career as a civil servant in the Ministry of Public Works and for a three-year period he served as Private Secretary to the Minister.

From 2003 to 2004 he was chairing the European Commission's Radio Spectrum Policy Group. In 2005, Mr. Abild Andersen served as Chair for European Regulators Group (ERG) and the Independent Regulators Group (IRG). From 2006 to 2010 he was Denmark's representative at the European Commission's i2010 High Level Group. And he is currently presenting his country at the Digital Agenda High Level Group. In October 2009 he was elected as Chair of OECD's Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP).

Mr. Abild Andersen is married. His wife is a surgeon. Together they have one daughter who is working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

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