

Short biography of Heiða Björg Hilmisdóttir

vice president for ECAD, European Cities Action Network for Drug Free Societies **Reykjavík City Councillor**



Heiða Björg Hilmisdóttir was born 21 February 1971. Ms. Hilmisdóttir has been Vice Chairman of the Social Democratic Alliance from 2017, and has been the party's representative in the Reykjavík City Council since 2015 where she is in executive board for the city, chair of the Reykjavík Violence Prevention Committee and chair of the Reykjavík Welfare Council.

She is also the vice president for the Icelandic Association of Local Authorities and has a seat in policy Committee in The Council of European Municipalities and regions and in the Presidency of Party of European Socialists, that holds strategic discussion on progressive priorities for the future of Europe.

Hilmisdóttir earned her master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Iceland in 2005. She has a MS degree in Food and Nutrition from Gothenburg University, Sweden. She is married to Hrannar Björn Arnarson and they have four children.

Hilmisdóttir was the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at the National University Hospital from 2000-2015. She was the President of the MS-society of Iceland, President of the Nordic MS Societies; President of the National Federation of Social Democratic Women in Iceland, President of The Icelandic Food and Nutrition Association. And has served on numerous committees and boards in association with her work and in her political career. Hilmisdóttir is a published author of two books.