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Nationality:

Latvian

Academic qualifications:

- 1999 – 2001: Master of Social Sciences – Faculty of Economics, University of Latvia
- 1993 – 1994: Specialist in International Relations – Institute of International Relations, University of Latvia
- 1984 – 1989: Engineer-Chemist, diploma of MA equivalent – Riga Technical University

Professional experience in the European Institutions:

- Since 16/01/2024: Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (EAC)
- 03/2011 – 01/2024: Deputy Director-General for Implementation, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO)
 - 02 - 09/2023: Acting Director-General, Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO)

Professional experience before joining the European Institutions:

- 08/2007 – 02/2011: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary – Permanent Representative of Latvia to the EU – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (MFA)
- 08/2006 – 08/2007: Undersecretary of State for EU Affairs (MFA)
- 01/2005 – 08/2006: Director of EU Department (MFA)
- 08/2004 – 01/2005: Director of First Bilateral (Europe) Department (MFA)
- 07/2000 – 08/2004, 01/2004 – 10/2004: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Norway/Republic of Iceland (MFA)
- 01/1998 – 07/2000: Head of Division/Deputy Director of the Department of Foreign Economic Relations (MFA)
- 09/1994 – 01/2008: Trade Attache/Second Secretary at the Latvian Embassy in the USA (MFA)
- 01/1994 – 09/1994: Desk Officer, Americas and Australia Division (MFA)
- 09/1992 – 08/1993: Teacher, Olaine Secondary School
- 07/1987 – 01/1994: Junior Researcher, Institute of Microbiology, Latvian Academy of Sciences

Language Skills:

- Latvian (mother tongue)
- English
- French
- Russian
- Norwegian