

PERSONAL  
INFORMATION

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Date of birth 17/01/1952

Nationality Latvian

WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 1998 - present **President**  
Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1995 - 1998 **Vice-President**  
Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1993 - 1995 **Director**  
Price Statistics Department, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1988 - 1993 **Head**  
Trade and Price Statistics Section, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1985 - 1988 **Head**  
Trade Statistics Section, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1978 - 1985 **Chief Economist and Deputy Head**  
Summary Section, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1976 - 1978 **Chief Economist**  
Summary Section, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1975 - 1976 **Economist**  
Regional Statistics Section, Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1974 - 1975 **Senior Accountant**  
Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia (CSB)
  
- 1972 - 1973 **Assistant**  
Political Economy Department of the Latvian State University

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- 2017 - present **Lecturer at Turība University, "Statistical Research Methods"**
  
- 1999 - 2006 **Lecturer at Turība University, "Quantitative Methods in Economics"**

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

07.2018 – 06.2020	Member of the European Statistical System (ESS) Partnership Group
2016 - 2019	Member of the Statistical Commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Rapporteur of the Commission
2016 - present	Chair of the National Statistical Council
2016 - 2019	Co-chair of the Eurostat High-Level Group on Quality in Statistics
01/2015 - 06/2015	Chairman of meetings of the Working Party on Statistics of the EU Council during the Latvian presidency of the Council
2014 - present	Member of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
2009 - present	Member of the European Statistical System Committee, representation of the national statistical institution of Latvia
2008 - 2012	Member of the Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics
2005 - 2009	Member of the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
2004 - 2009	Member of the Eurostat Statistical Programme Committee
2004 - 2008	Vice-President of the International Association for Official Statistics of the International Statistical Institute
1999 - present	Member of the Conference of European Statisticians of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
1999 - present	Member of the Board of Latvian Association of Statisticians

## EDUCATION

2002 - 2006	<p>Doctoral Studies</p> <p>University of Latvia, Faculty of Economics and Management.</p>
1970 - 1975	<p>Diploma for higher education in economics, statistics</p> <p>Higher academic education equivalent to a Master's degree – economist statistician.</p> <p>Latvian State University, Faculty of Economics</p>

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Latvian

Other language	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	B2
Russian	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION**

**Honours and  
awards**

- Honorary member of the University of Latvia (2020)
- Certificate of Gratitude from the Latvian Academy of Sciences (2019)
- Certificate of Gratitude from the Cabinet of Ministers for significant contribution in ensuring Latvia's successful accession to the OECD (2016)
- Award of the Cabinet of Ministers for continuous and highly professional work and innovative approach to the development of the national statistical system (2015)
- Certificate of Appreciation of the Ministry of Economics for contribution in ensuring the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2015)
- Certificate of Gratitude of Prime Minister Valdis Dombrovskis for extensive contribution in the development of the state's statistical institution (2012)
- The Cross of Recognition for merits in the development of the state statistical administration, extensive personal contribution in the formation of statistical standards and methodology, thus facilitating the inclusion of the Latvian statistical system in the EU statistical system (2010)

**Courses**

- Courses within the project "Top-Level Manager Development Programme" (2017–2018)
- "New Data Sources – Big Data" course at the Latvian School of Public Administration (2015)
- "Process Management. Process Measuring, Analysis and Optimisation." course at Latvian School of Public Administration (2015)
- "Improvement of Managing Skills" course at Latvian School of Public Administration (2014)
- European statistician training course "Added Value Through Strategic Management" (2000)
- "Economic Indicators" labour statistics training course of the United States Department of Labour (1997)
- "International Statistical System" course of the International Statistical Institute for leading statisticians (1996)
- "Management Changes and Development" programme of the Swedish consulting company OMNIA (1995)
- "Production and Analysis of Price Indices" training course of the Bureau of Labour Statistics of the United States Department of Labour (1995)

**Publications,  
reports**

- Conference of the University of Latvia – paper "New Data Sources, New Methods, New Statistical Products" (02/2020)
- Conference of the University of Latvia – paper "New Opportunities and Challenges in the Use of Statistical Data" (02/2019)
- Conference of the University of Latvia – paper "Recent Developments in Statistical Data Production and Quality of Data" (02/2018)
- Conference of the University of Latvia – report "Challenges and Development Trends in Official Statistics" (02/2017)
- Conference of European Statistics Stakeholders in Budapest – report "Use of Statistical Information and Challenges in the Presentation of Statistical Information Presentation" (10/2016)
- Conference of the University of Latvia – report "Courses of Development of Statistical Work Processes and Methods" (02/2014)
- Conference of the University of Latvia – report "The Increasing Importance of

- Statistical Data in the Analysis of Business Development” (01/2014)
- Conference of the University of Latvia – report “Quality and Methodology in Official Statistics” (02/2010)
  - 57<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the Conference of European Statisticians in Geneva (Switzerland) – report “Experience of Statistics Latvia in Labour Market Forecasting” (06/2009)
  - Report for the High-Level Seminar in Cairo (Egypt) on European Statistics Code of Practice and the UN Principles of Official Statistics within the framework of the project “Institutional Capacity Building for the Central Agency for Public Mobilisation and Statistics (CAPMAS) and Developing the Legal Framework for Statistics in Egypt” (03/2009)
  - Eurostat/Statistics Netherlands Conference in Hague (the Netherlands) on the Recommendations for Further Development of the European Statistical System prepared by Task Forces funded by DGINS in 2006, report (01/2009)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Governing Board of UNESCO Institute for Statistics in Montreal (Canada); report (11/2008)
  - Forum of the Conference of European Statisticians in Skopje (Macedonia) on Human Resources Management and Training in the Statistical System; report on the experience of Statistics Latvia (09/2008)
  - UNSD/Eurostat/World Bank/Statistics Norway International Conference “Climate Change and Official Statistics” in Oslo (Norway); report (04/2008)
  - “Statistical Challenges” meeting of the Eurostat Task Force in Brussels (Belgium); proposals for further development of the European Statistical System (07/2007)
  - Conference of the International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS) of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) in Ottawa (Canada); report (09/2006)
  - Eurostat Conference “Knowledge Economy – Challenges for Measurement” in Luxembourg (12/2005)
  - 91<sup>st</sup> DGINS Conference in Copenhagen (Denmark); report “The Challenge of Communicating Statistics” (05/2005)
  - Scientific papers of the University of Latvia – publication “Statistical and Management Problems”; publication “Analysis of Interests of Informal Data Users” (2005)
  - Scientific papers of the Latvian Statistical Institute – publication “Efficient Training System – a Precondition for Improvement of Official Statistics” (2005)
  - OECD Forum on Key Indicators in Palermo (Italy) within the framework of the “Statistics, Knowledge and Policy” conference; report (11/2004)
  - Conference “Development of Official Statistics: The Role in Market Society and the Process of Transition” in Zagreb (Croatia); report on the Latvian experience during the transition process (05/2004)
  - Eurostat Forum “The Role of Statistics in the EU Enlargement Process” in Brussels (Belgium); report (02/2003)
  - 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the International Statistical Institute in Seoul (Korea); report “How to Improve the Efficiency of Technical Co-operation Activities of Statistics” (08/2001)
  - 87<sup>th</sup> DGINS Conference “Strategic Planning in the Context of Enlargement” in Madrid (Spain); report “Integration of Candidate Countries in the Current Decision-Making Process. A New Model for Working Together in the ESS” (06/2001)
  - Conference of European Statisticians in Geneva (Switzerland); report “Collection of Statistics in Small Countries – Experience of Latvia” (06/2001)