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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014–Present
(re-elected in 2022) **Member of the Parliament**
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- 2018–Present **Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee**
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- 2022/11 - Present **Head of the Delegation to the OSCE**
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- 11/2022–Present **Member of Advisory Board**
Latvian Institute of International Affairs
- 2023–Present **Senior Fellow**
The European Leadership Network
- 2018–Present **Millennium Fellow**
Atlantic Council
- 05/12/2017–Present **Deputy Chairman**
Political party “National Alliance”
- 2016–Present **Representative of the Parliament to the OECD**
Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- 2016–Present **Guardsman**
National Guard of the Republic of Latvia
- 2015–Present **Member of the Board**
European Movement in Latvia, NGO
- 11/2014–07/2015 **Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister**
Office of Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia
- 2019 - 2023 **West-Russia Contact group, Member**

The European Leadership Network

- 2014–2022 **Chairman of the Board, Founder**
NGO “Latvijas karogs”
- 2014–2016 **Member of the Council, Founder**
NGO “Youth Competence Centre”
- 01/2014–11/2014 **Parliamentary Secretary**
The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia
- 2012–2014 **General secretary, Founder**
Association of Latvian Students in the United Kingdom
- 2011–2012 **Project Manager**
International NGO “World NGO Day”
- 2010–2011 **International Affairs Consultant and Analyst**
Latvian British Chamber of Commerce
- 2011–2012 **Intern, Russia and Eurasia Programme**
Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs)
- 2004–2007 **Legal assistant**
GRĪNVALDS & PARTNERI" law office

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2009–2010 **Master of Arts in Diplomatic studies with Merit, specializing in Foreign Policy Analysis**
University of Westminster – Diplomatic Academy of London (United Kingdom)
- 2003–2008 **Professional Baccalaureate in Legal Studies, specializing in Civil Law**
School of Business Administration “Turība” (Latvia)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Latvian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

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