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Baiba Rivza

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EDUCATION:

Institutions: LATVIA ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE, Faculty of Agricultural
Economics, Jelgava, Latvia

Years: 1968-1973
1973-1976
1987 – 1989

Degrees or Diplomas: Agricultural Economics
Candidate of Economics Sciences
Doctor of Economics Sciences
Dr. habilitus econ.

Language Skills: (1 to 5 for competence; 5=best)

Language	Reading	Spoken	Written
English	5	5	4
Russian	5	5	5
Latvian	5	5	5

Membership of Academic and Professional Bodies:

International bodies:

Member of Regional Scientific Committee for Europe and North America in the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge
Member of Committee of Sciences and Education at European Council (Strasbourg)
Member of European Commission Sub-Committee for Higher Education
Member of the Advisory Group in the 6th EU Framework Programme for Research (FP6)
Member of the Steering committee of the European Agricultural, Food and Environmental academies association (1999 – 2003)
Corresponding member of the Russia Academy of Agriculture Sciences
Corresponding member of the Academy dei Georgofili, Italy

Latvian bodies:

Member of Strategically analysis committee of Latvia
Full member of the Academy of Sciences of Latvia, member of Senatus
President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of Latvia
Chairperson of the Governing board of Euro faculty in Baltic countries (Baltic Sea states)
Member of Latvia Science Council
Member of National innovation program Managerial council
Chairperson of the Doctoral degree defence committee in Economics
Member of work group on conception output for development of regional higher education institutions
Member of committee on State's language development projects evaluation

Other skills:

Computer literate

Present Position:

Chairperson of the Council of Higher Education of Latvia
Professor of Latvia University of Agriculture

Years within the company:

The Council of Higher Education of Latvia – 7 years
Latvia University of Agriculture – 25 years

Key Qualifications:

The last 25 years she was working with the problems of higher education. She has taken several assignments for the European Council, in the capacity of expert, for example, The European Legislative Reform Programme for Higher Education. She was a national co-ordinator of the TEMPUS programs and is familiar with Socrates/Erasmus students' and teachers' mobility program as a professor and as a Latvia representative in Brussels and Strasbourg. All these activities have made her familiar with procedures, general policies and routines for projects. She has experience in project identification, formulation, monitoring and evaluation, troubleshooting, training and other types of services. She has leading the preparing of the National Concept of the Development of Higher Education and the institutions of Higher Education of the Republic of Latvia. She takes part in preparing of the model of higher education financing and universities reform program in Latvia.

Papers presented in 45 international conferences, 35 – outside Latvia (including 3 world congresses). She had delivered lectures in International summer school in the Netherlands and in University of Cork (Ireland). She took part in an experience exchange in Universities of USA, Sweden, Norway, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Germany, Finland, Denmark and Poland. As a chairperson of Council of Higher Education of Latvia, she is working a lot with Bologna process realisation in the higher education space of Baltic States.

Number of publications: 252, including monographs 4, publications in international issues – 45.

Others:

International women club Zonta president, district 21 (Sweden, Latvia)
director board vice president

Numerous international projects, numerous publications