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Sarmite Elerte

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Education

1983 – 1988 State Institute of Cinematography, cinema critic
1975 – 1980 University of Latvia, journalist

Employment history

1992 – 2008 Editor-in-chief of daily newspaper *Diena*
1990 – 1992 Managing editor of newspaper *Diena*
1990 Head of the Press center of the Parliament of Latvia
1988 – 1990 Head of the Information center of Latvian Popular Front
1983 – 1988 Head of the department of Cinema, weekly newspaper *Literatura un
Maksa*
1978 – 1983 layout department, newspaper *Literatura un Maksla*

NGO activities

- Board chair of “Baltic Black Sea Alliance”
- Founding member of the European Council on Foreign Relations