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Professional Experience:

Director of the *Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities*, The Hague, the Netherlands. 2011-

Chairperson of the Management Board of the *EU Fundamental Rights Agency*. Elected December 2009 (until June 2012).

Director of the *Latvian Centre for Human Rights*, Riga, Latvia.
Organization work fields: human rights in closed institutions, human rights and law enforcement, civil liberties and fundamental freedoms, minority rights, linguistic rights, citizenship, undocumented migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, anti-discrimination, racism and other forms of intolerance. Position held November 2002 - February 2011.

First Vice-President of the *Advisory Committee of the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities*. June 2006-June 2010.

Member of the Management Board and Executive Board of the *EU Fundamental Rights Agency* (appointed from Latvia). 2007-

Vice-Chairperson of the *Management Board of the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia*. 2004-2007.

Memberships

Member of Scientific Committee of Institute of Minorities Rights, Euracademy, Bozen/Bolzano.

Member of Advisory Council of Doctoral Programme in Post-Soviet Studies, University of Latvia.

Board Member of Migration Policy Group, Brussels.

Board member of European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg.