



# ELĪNA PINTO

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## EXPERTISE

EU & International affairs  
Security, Defence, Crisis  
response and resilience  
Human Rights, Rule of Law,  
Civil Society, Democratisation  
Asylum, migration, mobile EU  
citizens  
Sustainability & Green policies  
Public Governance & Reform  
Communication & Outreach

## EDUCATION

### MA Law

University of Latvia, Riga  
1999-2004

### European Law & Politics

Université Nancy II & University  
of Latvia Certificate, Riga  
2001-2002

### E.MA Human Rights and Democratisation

Global Campus of Human  
Rights, Venice/Strasbourg  
2004-2005

### Public Policy Innovation

London School of Economics,  
UK, Executive Education, 2022

### Sustainable Finance

University of Luxembourg,  
Executive Education, 2023

## PROFILE

Progressive green politician and mature public policy professional with a solid track record in national, EU and international public service, public value advocacy and political engagement.

Experience in EU and international negotiations, worked in support of senior decision-makers on strategic policy advice and coordination. Skilled in policy and legal analysis and drafting. Management experience of teams, projects & budgets.

A passionate European & structural optimist. Love outdoors and chorus singing.

## POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Spitzenkandidat nominee for EGP & National Lead candidate for the EP elections (Progresīvie, Latvia, G/EFA) 2024

Co-chair of the Supervisory Council, Co-chair of Jelgava Regional Section (Progresīvie, Latvia) 2023-2024

Candidate for the elections of the President of Latvia 2023

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Strategic policy advice and coordination

Cabinet of the President of Latvia, Advisor to the President on Sustainability and Modern State 2019 - 2020

EEAS Corporate Board, Advisor to DSG on Crisis management, defence, human rights and inter-institutional relations 2010- 2012

Council Secretariat, DGE, Policy assistant to DG for foreign policy and politico-military affairs 2007- 2009

## LANGUAGES

Latvian (mother tongue)  
French (professional)  
English (professional)  
Portuguese (intermediate)  
Luxembourgish  
(conversational)  
German (basic)  
Ukrainian (basic)  
Russian (professional)

## PUBLICATIONS KEYNOTES

Steering responses to climate change from the centre of government: A stocktaking, OECD Publishing, Paris, 2023

Public sector – sustainability inspector, investor or innovator?, keynote, Sustainable business shapers forum “Ilgbūtība”, Riga, 2022

Rethinking economy – The wellbeing economy for women’s economic empowerment, keynote, Novatore Impact Summit, Riga, 2022

Poverty – Invisible, Inaudible, Inevitable? Opened, delfi.lv, 2018

European Environmental Law – Air and Water Legislation, Monography, Eurofaculty Publishing, Riga, 2003

## Advocacy & Stakeholder engagement

EC Representation in Luxembourg, Team Leader Communication and Outreach	2023-2024
President, Board Member, European Latvian Association	2013-2022
NGO Representative at the National Tripartite Council of Latvia	2017-2019 2021-2023
Ombudman’s Office of Latvia, Human Rights Director	2006-2007

## Public policy and legal analysis & monitoring

OECD Public Governance Directorate, Policy Consultant on Sustainability & Governance Reform	2022-2023
EU@UN representation in Geneva/New York, Human Rights Policy assistant	2005-2006
EU/IOM Election Observer (Sub-Saharan Africa)	2006-2010
EC DG T, Translation and terminology	2012-2018
Riga Regional Court, Sworn Notary’s Office, Paralegal	2000-2003

## CIVIL SOCIETY & VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Firefighting Corps, Trainee, Engures BUB unit, Latvia	2023-2024
Advisory Board, NOVATORE Impact Summit for Women’s Economic Empowerment, Riga, Latvia	2021-2022
Good-will ambassador for the European Anti-Poverty Network Latvia	2018
Juror, “Innovation in Politics Awards”, Innovation in Politics Institute, Vienna, Austria	2018-2024
Board Member, Europeans Throughout the World	2020-2024
Board Member, European Movement Latvia	2015-2022