

PERSONAL  
INFORMATION

# Elīna Pinto

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POLITICAL AND CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT

## PROGRESĪVE:

Member, vice-chair of the party strategic council (*dome*), candidate at the elections of the President of Latvia (2023)

### Civic engagement:

European Latvian Association (board member and president, 2014-2022), civil society delegate at the National Tripartite Council for social dialogue (2017-2019, 2022-2023), at the National Council for Diaspora (2018-2022), at the Consultative Council of the National Board for Public Media Broadcasters (2018-2019), at the strategic council of the Society Integration Foundation (2019), #esiLV-movement of expat professionals, scientists and entrepreneurs for sustainable development of Latvia (co-founder, board member), European Movement International – Latvia (board member, 2015-2022), Europeans Throughout the World (board member, 2019-now)

### Volunteering:

Engure Association of Volunteer Firefighters and Lifesavers (member, since 2023), European Policy Innovation Award (jury member, since 2018), European Anti-poverty network goodwill envoy for European Minimum Income in Latvia (2018)

### Conference speaker:

wellbeing economy, political innovation, public governance

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

Since 04/2023	<b>Communication and Outreach Team Leader</b> Representation of European Commission in Luxembourg, Luxembourg
03/2022 – 04/2023	<b>Public governance expert-consultant</b> OECD, Public Governance directorate, Paris, France
07/2019 – 02/2020	<b>Advisor to the President of Latvia, Sustainability and Modern State</b> Chancellery of the President of Latvia, Office of the President, Riga, Latvia
01/2012– 03/2019	<b>Translator</b> European Commission, Luxembourg
02/2011– 01/2012	<b>Advisor to the Deputy Secretary General</b> European External Action Service, DSG for crisis management and defence, human rights and inter-institutional relations, Brussels, Belgium
02/2008–02/2011	<b>Advisor to the Director General for external relations and politico-military affairs</b> General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Brussels, Belgium
01/2007– 04/2010	<b>International Election Observer</b> European Commission / International Organisation for Migration, Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda, Togo
02/2006–02/2008	<b>Lawyer linguist</b> European Court of Justice, Luxembourg (freelance)

- 03/2007–02/2008 **Director of the Human Rights Department, human rights councillor**  
Office of the Ombudsman of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
- 01/2006–02/2007 **Junior human rights councillor**  
Delegation of the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU to the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, and New York, USA (fellowship)
- 10/2003–09/2004 **Translation and terminology assistant**  
General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Brussels, Belgium
- 10/2003–02/2004 **Research assistant**  
University of Latvia Faculty of Law and Eurofaculty, Riga, Latvia
- 02/2001–09/2003 **Legal advisor**  
Sworn notary's office, Riga, Latvia

## EDUCATION

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- 01/2023 – 04/2023 **Sustainable Finance – Executive Certificate**  
University of Luxembourg Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, Luxembourg
- 03/2022 – 07/2022 **Public Policy Innovation – Executive Certificate**  
London School of Economics, London, UK
- 09/2004–09/2005 **European Master's degree in Human Rights and Democratisation**  
European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy, and University of Strasbourg, France
- 09/1999–07/2004 **LLM in Law**  
University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Riga, Latvia
- 09/2002–06/2003 **Inter-university diploma in EU Law and Politics**  
University of Latvia (Latvia), Sciences Po Aix (France) and Université Nancy-II (France)
- 09/1997–06/1998 **Deerfield Academy**  
Massachusetts, USA (Scholarship of excellence)
- 09/1987–06/1999 **Jelgava State Gymnasium**  
Jelgava, Latvia

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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- Mother tongue** Latvian
- Foreign languages** English (fluent), French (fluent), Russian (proficient), Portuguese (conversational), Luxembourgish (basic), German (basic)