



**COUNCIL OF
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Appointment of the Permanent Representative of Latvia to the EU

The Council of the European Union has been informed of the appointment by the Latvian Government of Ambassador **Eduards STIPRAIS** as Permanent Representative of Latvia to the European Union.

Ambassador Eduards STIPRAIS took up his duties on 21 December 2004.

(His curriculum vitae is attached).

P R E S S

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Eduards STIPRAIS

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 February 1969

PLACE OF BIRTH Riga, Latvia

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Mrs. Zanda GRAUZE

EDUCATION:

1993 - University of Latvia, Faculty of Economics, (main subject - planning of the national economy); Diploma of the MA equivalent

1987 - Riga Secondary School No 84

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Since 21 December 2004 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Brussels

May - December 2004 Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union

April 2003 - April 2004 Ambassador, Deputy Head of Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Brussels

December 1999 - April 2003 Deputy Chief Negotiator - Head of Secretariat of the Delegation for EU Accession Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

May 1998 - December 1999 Head of the Task Force for Preparation of EU Accession Negotiations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

October 1995 - May 1998 First Secretary, Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Brussels

March - October 1995 Second Secretary, Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union, Brussels

April - July 1995 Advisor on Secondment to OECD/EU SIGMA Programme, Paris

July 1994 - March 1995 Deputy Director, Department of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

October 1993 - July 1994 Head of the EC/EFTA Relations Division, Department of International Economic Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

February 1993 - October 1993 EC Desk Officer, Department of International Economic Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

February 1992 - February 1993 Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Trade

October 1991 - February 1992 Trainee, Department of Foreign Economic Relations, Council of Ministers

May - July 1991 Trainee, Ministry of Social Maintenance

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Secretary of the Latvian delegation for the negotiations on the Europe Agreement, 1994-1995

Secretary of the Latvian delegation for the negotiations on the Agreement on Free Trade and Trade Related Matters with the EU, 1993 – 1994

MILITARY SERVICE: June 1988 - August 1989

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Latvian - mother tongue

English - excellent

Russian - excellent

French - good

Spanish - basic

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Member, political party “Latvijas Ceļš” since 1993

Senior Member, “Lettonia” students’ fraternity since 1992

Member, the European Movement in Latvia since 1999