



Maira Dzelzkalēja-Burmistre

● WORK EXPERIENCE

2009 – CURRENT

VICE-CHAIRMAN – NGO FARMERS PARLIAMENT (Biedrība “Zemnieku saeima”)

Strategic planning and management of everyday process in the organization and office. Coordination of activities with the organization board and council. Expertise and policy dialogue on agriculture, taxation, agri-environment, rural development etc. issues in Latvia and EU.

Former Chair of the COPA-COGECA WP Agricultural and Rural development, LV expert in WP Agro-Environment, Former Chairperson of the Civil Dialogue Group “Direct Payments and Greening”. Expertise in the development of farmers organisations’ and cooperatives.

Latvia

2007 – CURRENT

BOARDMEMBER – “AGITIS” Ltd

Building – up agriculture advisory company, which provide advice and assistance to farms in preparation of project application for EU grants, investments plans. Rural tourism - management of restaurant, hotel “Rozmalas” and cultural site - Ribbes mill.

Latvia

2019 – CURRENT

PROJECT MANAGER – FARM VILCINI-1

Responsible for investments and development projects on the husband’s farm.

2005 – 2007

DIRECTOR, AGRO-ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT – “AC LATVIA” Ltd

Building – up Danish Advisory service owned company in Latvia. Development of services, recruitment of employee, client conjunction.

Latvia

2005 – 2006

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT – “AGITO” Ltd

Agriculture and agri-environmental expertise in company.

2000 – 2005

HEAD OF THE BUREAU – FARMER’S PARLIAMENT (NGO)

Planning of organization strategy and development. Work with press and media. Representation of the organization in various governmental institution committees and working groups related to agriculture policy.

1997 – 2000

HEAD OF AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT – LATVIAN AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND TRAINING CENTRE

Management of department

Work planning and development of new advisory tools in animal husbandry, plant production and horticulture sectors. Planning of regional advisors training, implementation of on-farm demonstrations.

1995 – 1997

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST – LATVIAN AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY AND TRAINING CENTRE

Implementation of demonstrations, organization of advisor and farmers' training activities.

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

09/1990 – 06/1995 – Latvia

BSC AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE – Latvia University of Agriculture

09/1995 – 06/1997 – Latvia

MSC ECONOMIC SCIENCE – Latvia University of Agriculture

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): LATVIAN

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
RUSSIAN	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

PROJECTS

Projects

- Agriculture policy expert in LIFE GOODWATER IP, project of European Union LIFE programme.
- Agriculture researcher in LIVERUR, SmartAgriHubs, DESIRA, CONSOLE, projects of H2020 programme.
- Agriculture policy expert in "Baltic Slurry Acidification" and "Manure Standards" "WATERDRIVE", projects of Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020.
- Agriculture policy expert in "NutrInflow" project of Central Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020.
- Agriculture expert in "GreenAgri" project of Central Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020.
- Senior expert on promotion and marketing of local and regional products Leonardo TOI: "SmartFarmer (2013-2015); Marlo (2013-2015); Farm Inc (2013-2015); Elma-TP (2013-2015); "ProudFarmer" (2008-2010)
- Senior Expert on sustainable agriculture and policy development, Baltic Sea Region program 2007 – 2013 project Baltic Compass, 2009 – 2012, prolonged with project Baltic Compact, 2013 – 2014.
- EU and Jordan Twinning [Project [JO10/AP/AG/12] "Capacity building for Ministry of Agriculture. EU third countries markets, fruits and vegetables". Jordan, Amman, 27- 28.09 2010
- Project manager/EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism Project "Promotion of Renewable Energy Production and Application in Latvia through Technology Transfer and Knowledge Integration Activities", April 2009 – March 2010.
- Project coordinator in Latvia from August 2009/ European Commission project "CAP measures are profitable for everyone in Estonia and Latvia" (06.2009-09.2009).
- Project manager /Latvian Environmental Protection Fund Project „Promotion of Legislation Requirements on Pollution to Farmers", 2007.
- Agriculture economy expert/ EU CARDS, Technical assistance to Sisac-Moslavina region for development of Agriculture strategy. 2006-2007. Agricultural development strategy prior EU accession period.
- Project manager/ EU PHARE small project program/ "EU environmental requirements – new challenge and possibility for Latvian farmers", 2004.
- Project coordinator/ NUTEC Sweden, "Development of sustainable Agriculture and industry in the Baltic States".
- Project coordinator in Latvia for LOK (Denmark) in 2000 and 2001.
- Project coordinator for Union "Farmers Parliament" in connection with the Latvian – Danish Project on "Assistance to the preparation for the European community programme for agriculture and rural development (SAPARD) In Latvia", 2000-2001.
- Project coordinator for the Dutch government financed Abava valley project "EUROGRASSLAND" from 1998 to 2000.
- Project coordinator in Latvia for the project "Utilisation of sewage sludge in Latvia", funded by Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) in the period 1998 to 2000.
- Project coordinator for Swede Agri AB in the Swedish funded project, BAAP I and BAAP II projects from 1997 to 2000.
- Environmental specialist / Project Assistant for the Danish Agricultural Advisory Centre in the Danish funded project "The Environment-Agricultural Project, Baltic States, 1994 -1997.
- Project Manager at farm "Vilcini-1", 2018-Present.Is responsible for investments and development projects on the husband's farm.

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills

Perfect team and organisation leading skills.
Sustainable agriculture and rural development.
Farmers NGO development and management.
Plant production technologies and economics.
Environmental management.
Project management.

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

Perfect communication and presentation skills gained through my work experience.
Excellent contact skills with youngsters as gained through my experience as agriculture trainer.

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

Job-related skills

Mentoring skills