



Curriculum vitae

Rihards Kols

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2024 Nov – Present

Member of the European Parliament

Member of Committee on Foreign Affairs | Committee on International Trade | Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute Member of Committee on Industry, Research and Energy | Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee | Delegation for relations with the United States | Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

2014 – 2024
(re-elected in 2022)

Member of the Parliament | Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

2018 – 2024

Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee

2022 Nov – 2024

Head of the Delegation to the OSCE

2016 – 2024

Representative of the Parliament to the OECD

2022 Nov – Present

Member of Advisory Board

Latvian Institute of International Affairs

2023 – Present

Senior Fellow

The European Leadership Network

2018 – Present

Millennium Fellow

Atlantic Council

2017 Dec – Present

Deputy Chairman

Political party "National Alliance"

2016 – Present

Guardisman

National Guard of the Republic of Latvia

2015 – Present

Member of the Board

European Movement in Latvia, NGO

2014 Nov – 2015 July

Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

Office of Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

2019 – 2023

West-Russia Contact group, Member

The European Leadership Network

2014 – 2022

Chairman of the Board, Founder

NGO "Latvijas karogs"

- 2014 – 2016 **Member of the Council, Founder**
NGO “Youth Competence Centre”
- 2014 Jan – 2014 Nov **Parliamentary Secretary**
The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia
- 2012 – 2014 **General secretary, Founder**
Association of Latvian Students in the United Kingdom
- 2011 – 2012 **Project Manager**
International NGO “World NGO Day”
- 2010 – 2011 **International Affairs Consultant and Analyst**
Latvian British Chamber of Commerce
- 2011 – 2012 **Intern, Russia and Eurasia Programme**
Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs)
- 2004 – 2007 **Legal assistant**
Grīnvalds & Partneri Law Firm

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2009 – 2010 **Master of Arts in Diplomatic studies with Merit, specializing in Foreign Policy Analysis**
University of Westminster – Diplomatic Academy of London (United Kingdom)
- 2003 – 2008 **Professional Baccalaureate in Legal Studies, specializing in Civil Law**
School of Business Administration “Turība” (Latvia)

HONOURS

- 2023 Dec The Order of Merit – 3rd Class, Ukraine
- 2023 Dec The Order of the Oak Crown of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg – Commander, Luxembourg
- 2023 April The Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana – 3rd Class, Estonia
- 2022 April The Medal of Gratitude, Armenia

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue Latvian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages