



Normunds POPENS

Nationality:

Latvian

Academic qualifications:

- 1999 – 2001: Master of Social Sciences – Faculty of Economics, University of Latvia.
- 1993 – 1994: Specialist in International Relations – Institute of International Relations, University of Latvia.
- 1984 – 1989: Engineer-Chemist, diploma of MA equivalent – Riga Technical University.

Professional experience in the European Institutions:

- 01/03/2011 - to date: Deputy Director-General for Implementation - Directorate-General Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO).

Professional experience before joining the European Institutions:

- August 2007 – February 2011: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary – Permanent Representative of Latvia to the EU – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (MFA).
- August 2006 – August 2007: Undersecretary of State for EU Affairs (MFA).
- January 2005 – August 2006: Director of EU Department (MFA).
- August 2004 – January 2005: Director of First Bilateral (Europe) Department (MFA).
- July 2000 – August 2004/January 2004 – October 2004: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Norway/Republic of Iceland (MFA).
- January 1998 – July 2000: Head of Division/Deputy Director of the Department of Foreign Economic Relations (MFA).
- September 1994 – January 2008: Trade Attache/Second Secretary at the Latvian Embassy in the USA (MFA).
- January 1994 –September 1994: Desk Officer, Americas and Australia Division (MFA).
- September 1992 – August 1993: Teacher, Olaine Secondary School.
- July 1987 – January 1994: Junior Researcher, Institute of Microbiology, Latvian Academy of Sciences.

Other professional activities:

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Language Skills:

- Latvian (mother tongue)
- English, Russian
- French, Norwegian.