



Professor Baiba Rivza

Foreign Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences since 2007

Professor of Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LLU); ex-minister of Latvia Ministry of Education and Science; President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of Latvia; Full member of the Academy of Sciences of Latvia, member of the Presidium; Foreign member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Science, of the Academia dei Georgofili and of the Lithuania Academy of Sciences.

Directions of scientific activity: bio economy, support politics and good practice of entrepreneurship in rural areas, market research, animal welfare.

Expert from the European Academy of Sciences Academic Advisory Board (EASAC). Coauthor of Research „Circular economy: a commentary from the perspectives of the natural and social sciences” (EASAC). Leader of Latvia Nation Research Program EKOSOC-LV.

Place and date of birth: Ventspils, December 1, 1949. **Education:** Latvia academy of Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Economics, Jelgava, Latvia (1968–1973; 1973–1976; 1987–1989). **Degrees or Diplomas:** Agricultural Economics, Candidate of Economical Sciences, Doctor of Economical Sciences, (Dr.hab. economics).

Membership of Academic and Professional Bodies:

Member of the Advisory Group in the 6th EU Framework Programme for Research (FP6) (*Food safety and quality*);

Member of the Steering Committee of the European Agricultural, Food and Environmental Academies Association (1999 – 2003);

Member of Regional Scientific Committee for Europe and North America in the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge;

Member of Committee of Sciences and Education at European Council (Strasbourg);

Member of European Commission Sub-Committee for Higher Education;

Corresponding Member of the Russia Academy of Agriculture Sciences;

Corresponding Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry;

Foreign Member of the Academy dei Georgofili, Italy;

Foreign member of the Lithuania Academy of Sciences;

Full Member of the Academy of Sciences of Latvia, Member of Senates;

President of the Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of Latvia;
Chairperson of the Governing board of Euro Faculty in Baltic countries (Baltic Sea States);
Member of Latvia Science Council;
Member of National Innovation Program Managerial Council;
Chairperson of the Doctoral Degree Defense Committee in Economics;
Member of work group on conception output for development of regional higher education institutions;
Member of Committee on State's language development projects evaluation;
Member of the 9th Latvian parliament (2006–2010), Union of Greens and Farmers parliamentary group.

B. Rivza is working with regional rural development problems (types of regions, specially supported areas, entrepreneurship development). She is working with Latvia accession of to EU and its impact on land and environment. She has taken several assignments for the European Council, in the capacity of expert making her familiar with procedures and general policies and routines for projects. She has experience in project identification, formulation, monitoring and evolution, troubleshooting, training and other types of services.

Participated in variety of projects, notable is *cross – border* project management and evaluating experience (Microcredit, Interreg). Has delivered lectures in International summer school in the Netherlands and in University of Cork (Ireland). Take an experience change in Universities of USA, Sweden, Norway, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Germany, Finland, Denmark, Poland and Italy.

Number of publications: more than 300, including 5 monographs.

Awards: Certificate of Recognition of the Ministry of Education and Science (1998); Acknowledgement of the Ministry of Environmental protection and Regional Development (1999); Certificate of Recognition of the Cabinet of Ministers; Officer of the Order of the Three Stars (2000 and 2017); The Grand Medal of the Latvian Academy of Sciences (2017).

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