

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**ANDŽEJS VIĻUMSONS**



**PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Since Sep 2016

- Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee, Permanent Representation of Latvia to the EU;

Aug 2013- Aug 2016

- Counsellor (External Relations, Asia - Oceania), Deputy Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee, Chair of RELEX Working group during Latvia's Presidency of the Council of the EU, Permanent Representation of Latvia to the EU;

Sep 2011- Aug 2013

- Director, Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Jun 2007 – Jul 2011

- Deputy Permanent Representative of Latvia to NATO

Oct 2003 – Jun 2007

- Director, Defence Policy and Planning Department, Ministry of Defence of Latvia

Nov 2000 – Sept 2003

- 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary, Politico – Military Affairs, Embassy of Latvia, Washington D.C., USA

Jan 1999 – Nov 2000

- Head, NATO Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Dec 1996 – Jan 1999

- Senior Desk Officer, Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Jan 1996 – Dec 1996

- Political columnist & Parliamentary correspondent, Latvian daily *Neatkarīgā Rīta Avīze*

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

Jun 1999

- M.A. Political Science, University of Latvia

Sept- Dec 2005

- *International Defense Management Course*, Defense Resource Management Institute, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, USA

Spring- Autumn 2014

- Comprehensive training by European Institute of Public Administration on EU Affairs (Decision-making process, Institutional framework and Legislative System, Management of meetings, negotiations and public speaking, etc.)

## **LANGUAGES**

Latvian, English, Russian, French (intermediate), German (intermediate)

## **HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**

- *The Order of Viesturs (Vesthardus Rex)*, Third class, The Republic of Latvia, May 2007;
- Office of the Secretary of Defense medal „*For exceptional public service*”, United States of America, July 2003;
- Member of the Advisory Council of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (2004 - 2007);
- Co-founder of the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation (LATO) in 1999.