

Ingrida Udre

Present position:	Speaker of the Parliament (8 th Saeima) of the Republic of Latvia
Nationality:	Latvian
Date and place of birth	14 November 1958, Riga

Education and professional upgrading:

1977 – 1984	Bachelor's degree in economics University of Latvia Riga, Latvia
1991 – 1992	External economic relations and international law study programme Institute of International Affairs University of Latvia Riga, Latvia
1991	Courses in market economics Umeo Summer University Umeo University, Sweden
1994 – 1996	Master's degree in economics Faculty of Economics University of Latvia Riga, Latvia
1993	Certified as sworn auditor (chartered accountant)

Professional training courses:

1990–1997	Various training courses in finance and international law Sweden, Portugal, Belgium, France, Latvia
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Language skills:

Latvian	Native
Russian	Fluent
English	Fluent
French	Basic

German	Basic
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Work experience:

2002	<p>Member of the 8th Saeima of the Republic of Latvia</p> <p>Member of the Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee of the Saeima</p> <p>Member of the Saeima Committee on Supervising the Prevention and Combating of Corruption, Contraband and Organised Crime</p> <p>Member of the Saeima Subcommittee on the Future Development of Latvia, chairperson</p> <p>Member of the Defence and Internal Affairs Committee of the Saeima</p> <p>Member of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima</p>
1998 – 2002	<p>Member of the 7th Saeima of the Republic of Latvia</p> <p>Member of the Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee of the Saeima, vice chairperson</p> <p>Member of the Audit Committee of the Saeima, chairperson</p> <p>Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima</p> <p>Member of the National Security Committee of the Saeima</p>
1999	Minister of Economy
1993–1997	Senior Audit Manager Coopers & Lybrand Latvia SIA and subsequently at PricewaterhouseCoopers (till 11.07.1998)

Additional work experience:

1996 – 1999	Lecturer Institute of Accountancy University of Latvia Lecturer Association of Sworn Auditors of the Republic of Latvia
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Social activities:

2004	Board honorary member Nongovernmental organization “DIA+LOGS”, resources and support centre for those affected by HIV
2003	Board member Latvian Basketball League
2003	Board member Latvian Volleyball Federation
2000	Member Foundation of the former President of the Republic of Latvia Guntis Ulmanis
1994	Member Association of Sworn Auditors of the Republic of Latvia

Administrative activities:

2003	Substitute Vice-president of the Twelve Plus Group of the Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Internal auditor of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Chairperson of the national group of the Republic of Latvia of the Inter- Parliamentary Union
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Political affiliation:

2003	Vice chairperson of the Centrist Party <i>Latvia's Farmers Union</i>
2002	Member of the Centrist Party <i>Latvia's Farmers Union</i> Chairperson of the <i>Union of Greens and Farmers</i>

Awards and decorations:

2003	Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Portugal
2004	Grand Cross of the Republic of Italy

Family:

Spouse Sons	Gordon Latimir Aksels and Emils
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Hobbies:

Tennis Opera and Ballet	Skiing	Basketball	Literature and Art
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