



BIOGRAPHIE

Dalia Grybauskaitė

EDUCATION

1983 – Graduated political economy from Saint Petersburg (then Leningrad) State University

1992 – Special program for senior executives at Georgetown University in Washington (Pew Economic Freedom Program)

1993 – Doctor of Social Science (DSSc)

2013 – Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, at Georgetown University

WORK EXPERIENCE

1991 – Ministry of International Economic Relations of the Republic of Lithuania: Director of the European Department

1993–1994 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania: Director of the Economic Relations Department, responsible for economic diplomacy and development assistance; Chief Negotiator for Lithuania's Free Trade Agreement with the European Union

1994 – Lithuanian Mission to the EU: Minister Plenipotentiary

1995 – Deputy Chief Negotiator for Lithuania's Association Agreement with the European Union

1996–1999 Lithuanian Embassy in the United States of America: Minister Plenipotentiary

1999–2000 Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania: Vice-Minister, Chief Negotiator for Lithuania with the IMF and World Bank

2001–2004 Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania: Minister of Finance

2004–2009 EU Commission: Commissioner for Financial Programming and the Budgets. Elected Commissioner of the Year in 2005

2009–2019 President of the Republic of Lithuania, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Lithuania

2014–2019 Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders – a network of current and former women prime ministers and presidents enhancing global cooperation, mediation, gender equality, and women empowerment

2019 – Member of the Council of Women World Leaders

2019 – Leader for UN Women’s campaign “Generation Equality”

2019 – Member of the Board of Trustees of “Friends of Europe”

2020 – Co-chair of the UN High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (FACTI)

2020 – Chair of the Council of Patrons for the Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University

2020 – Member of the World Leadership Alliance – Club de Madrid

Languages: Lithuanian (native), English, Polish, Russian, French (basic)

STATE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

In 2003, Dalia Grybauskaitė received the Cross of Commander of the Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas.

On inauguration day, July 12, 2009, the President was awarded the Order of Vytautas the Great with the Golden Chain.

In 2011, she received the following state decorations: Latvia's Order of Three Stars, First Class, and the Chain; the Royal Norwegian Grand Cross of St. Olav; and the Icelandic Order of the Falcon, Grand Cross Star.

In 2011, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) presented Dalia Grybauskaitė with the Ceres Medal in recognition of her efforts to improve the social, cultural and economic development of Lithuania and for her support to policies that foster general welfare. It is the highest FAO award presented to women leaders who have made an important contribution to strengthening the role of women in the democratic process, promoting social and economic wellbeing, and advancing global food security.

In 2012, the President was awarded the Cross of Recognition by Latvia, Xirka Ġieħ ir-Repubblika by Malta, and Monaco's Grand Officer of the Order of Saint-Charles.

On May 9, 2013, President Dalia Grybauskaitė was presented the prestigious International Charlemagne Prize in the German city of Aachen.

In 2013, Dalia Grybauskaitė received the Grand Cross of the Order of the White Rose of Finland with Collar, the Collar of the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana (Estonia), the Grand Cross Special Class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Order of Queen Tamar (Georgia).

On November 7, 2014, the President accepted the Golden Victoria award presented to the Baltic States for the promotion of European ideas.

On March 21, 2015, she received Ukraine’s Person of the Year 2014 award.

In 2015, the President was awarded the Order of the Republic (Moldova), the Royal Order of the Seraphim (Sweden), and the Collar pro Merito Melitensi by the Order of Malta.

On 29 February 2016, President Borut Pahor of Slovenia awarded Dalia Grybauskaitė with the Order for Exceptional Merits in recognition of Lithuania's special contribution to advancing Slovenian sovereignty.

On 18 May 2016, she received the Order of the Star of Romania (Collar).

On 5 September 2017, she was presented with the Peregrinatio Lourdensis medal by the Sovereign Order of Malta.

On 12 January 2018, the President was awarded the Medal of the Baltic Assembly for upholding the unity and cooperation of the Baltic States.

On 13 June 2018, the President received the Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherlands Lion.

On 7 December 2018, the President received the Order of Liberty for special merits and a civil society award for her committed support to the people of Ukraine.

On 21 February 2019, the President received the Order of the White Eagle, the highest state award of Poland.

On 2 October 2019, in Warsaw, Dalia Grybauskaitė was presented with the Knight of Freedom Award for her exceptional personal contribution to strengthening the security and defensibility of Lithuania, the Baltic States and Poland as well as for her strong stand with respect to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.