

Curriculum Vitae

KRIŠJĀNIS KARIŅŠ

Political activities

- 2014 - Member of the European Parliament
- European People`s Party (EPP) Coordinator for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
 - EPP Group's Coordinator in Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector Committee
 - Member of the Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy
 - Substitute of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
 - Substitute of the Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect
 - Member of the delegation for relations with the United States
 - Head of the Latvian delegation to the EPP
- 2009 - 2014 Member of the European Parliament
- Member of the Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy
 - Substitute of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
 - Substitute of the Special Committee on the Economic Crisis
 - Vice President of the EPP Working Group on Economy and Environment
 - Head of the Latvian delegation to the EPP
- 2007 – 2008 Chairman of the New Era political party
- 2004 – 2006 Minister of Economy of Latvia
- 2002 – 2009 Member of Parliament, Latvia
Chairman of the New Era parliamentary group for a number of years
Worked on the following committees: Economics, Farming, Environment, and Regional Affairs; Budget and Taxation; Budget Control, and European Affairs

Entrepreneurial activities

- 1999 – 2000 President of *Formula SIA*
Automotive and office supply wholesale and retail
- 1994 – 2002 President and co-founder of *PK SIA*
Frozen foods manufacturing and distribution

Education

- 1990 – 1996 PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, specialization in linguistics
Worked on natural language processing
- 1987 – 1988 B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, specialization in linguistics
Summa Cum Laude; member of the Phi Beta Kappa association
- 1984 – 1986 St. John`s College B.A. studies in mathematics, philosophy, and literature

Other

Married, has four children
Full fluency in Latvian, English, and German; good command of Russian and French