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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - LV nominee

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 20 November 2015 from Mr Juris ŠTĀLMEISTARS, Acting Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the EU, addressed to General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.



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Brussels 20 November, 2015

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
Rue de la Loi 175
1040 Brussels
Belgium

Subject: proposal for a member of the Court of Auditors for Latvia

Dear Sirs,

Further to your letter of 25 June 2015 notifying us that the term of office of Mr. Igors Ludboržs as a member of the Court of Auditors would expire on 6 May 2016, we had launched and completed the national procedures in order to select a candidate.

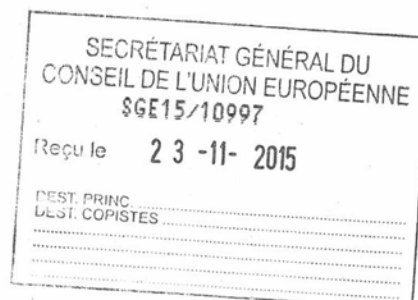
I am pleased to inform you that on 16 November 2015 the Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia has decided to put forward the candidature of Mr. Mihails Kozlovs for a position of a Court of Auditors member for Latvia.

I enclose Mr. Kozlovs' CV as well as the contact information sheet.

Sincerely yours,


Juris Stālmeisters
Acting Permanent Representative

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MIHAILS KOZLOVS

An independent, qualified and motivated professional with over 15 years of in-depth experience in EU and national economic policy making, EU budget, public finances, public management, institutional relations, development banking, diplomacy, representation, communication as well as people, change and project management, with rich network at all levels in the EU institutions, complemented by a top-rated executive MBA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy Director (Economics, Finance, EU Budget - ECOFIN), Advisor	<i>As of April 2012</i>
Ministry of Finance of Latvia and Latvian Permanent Representation to the EU	<i>Brussels</i>

- Advising to Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Permanent Representative.
- Leading complex multi-stakeholder top level negotiations on the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and financial assistance to Ukraine.
- Strategic agenda setting and substantial preparation of the monthly meetings of the EU Ministers of Finance (ECOFIN).
- Contribution to design and implementation of the euro accession strategy for Latvia.

Adviser to Executive Board Director (representing Finland, Norway & Latvia)	<i>Oct 2010 – Apr 2012</i>
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	London

- Appraisal of strategic and operational policy proposals against Board objectives. Work in the Budget & Administrative and Financial & Operations Board committees.
- Performance and value added appraisal of the Bank's projects against its mandate. Work in the Audit Committee.
- Full analysis of investment projects.

Counsellor (economics, finance, EU budget, taxation)	<i>May 2003 – Oct 2010</i>
Latvian Permanent Representation to the EU	Brussels

- Providing ex-ante and on-the-spot direct policy and procedural advice to the national delegation for the European Council, ECOFIN Council, Economic and Financial Committee and Committee of Permanent Representatives on the ECOFIN files.

Director , EU Integration Department, Ministry of Finance, Riga	<i>Jan 2002 – May 2003</i>
Head of Unit , EU Integration Unit, Ministry of Finance, Riga	<i>Feb 2001 – Jan 2002</i>

Trainee	<i>Jan 2000 – Apr 2000</i>
European Commission, Directorate for Economic & Financial Affairs	Brussels

Various entry level positions in the private and public sectors, and the academic world	<i>Jun 1996 – Dec 1999</i>
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EDUCATION

Executive MBA , City University London, Cass Business School, London.	<i>2011-2014</i>
Graduated with distinction	

Master in Social Sciences at University of Latvia.	<i>1997-1999</i>
Economics, international economics, business administration, accounting	

Bachelor in Social Sciences at Riga Technical University.	<i>1994-1997</i>
Economics, international economics, business administration, accounting	

Eurofaculty courses at University of Latvia	<i>1996 - 1997</i>
Tailor-made courses in economics, finance and law	

For a list of training at work and extracurricular activities please refer to Annex A to the CV

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English – fluent; **French** – good working level, **German** – now passive, **Latvian** and **Russian** – native.

ACHIEVEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Accolade by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia, November 2015.

Accolades by the Prime Minister for personal contribution 1) to the successful Latvian Presidency in the EU, 2015, and 2) to the introduction of euro in Latvia, 2014.

Personal congratulation at the public ECOFIN session by Commission VP Katainen and President Hoyer for key contribution to establishment of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, June 2015.

Accolade by the Minister of Foreign Affairs: contribution to the euro introduction in Latvia, 2014.

Sign of Honour by the Minister of Finance: outstanding representation & promotion of the Latvian interests in the EU in economics/finance, 2008.

Sports: Latvian ex-champion in water-skiing.

PUBLICATIONS

Kozlovs M, “European Strategic Investment Fund (ESFI): the negotiation process”; *Latvian Interests in the EU*, November 2015 (in Latvian)

General overview of training at work and extracurricular activities during last 10 years

Broad area	Type of training	Organisers
Macroeconomics, economic policy	Conferences & seminars in several European capitals on economic and fiscal policy in the EU and EMU, policy co-ordination, EU social model, regional economic issues.	Organised by EC, respective MoFs and Central Banks.
Internal Market of the EU: the four freedoms	A series of seminars in several European capitals on freedom of establishment in the EU with special emphasis on financial sector legislation, freedom of capital movement in selected Member States and jurisprudence in the area of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services.	Organised by the European Commission (EC), respective Ministries of Finance (MoF) and Financial Sector Supervisory Authorities.
Taxation	Conferences & seminars in several European capitals on EU topical issues in the field of direct, excise and value added tax as well as tax fraud prevention.	Organised by EC, OECD, respective MoFs and NGOs.
State Aid	Conferences and training in several European capitals on EU state aid issues.	Organised by EC, respective MoFs, academic institutions.
EU budget	Study visits and seminars in several European capitals on running annual EU budgets, own resources, multiannual financial perspectives, performance based budgeting as well as programme implementation (PHARE).	Organised by EC, respective MoFs.
Negotiation and presentation skills	Training in several European capitals on negotiation (especially in the EU institutions) and on delivering winning presentations and handling tough questions.	Organised by respective governments and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) contractors.
Management and integrity	Training in several European capitals on performance evaluation of civil servants, communication strategies in	Organised by respective governments and EBRD contractors.

	the public sector and integrity issues.	
Banking	Introduction to banking from the EBRD perspective.	Organised by EBRD contractors.
Project management	Training in several European capitals on EU Phare project cycle, public-private partnerships, EU loans to TEN-T projects, technical co-operation funds.	Organised by EC, European Investment Bank (EIB) and EBRD.
EU external policy	EU external lending as an instrument of foreign policy.	Organised by EIB.
Soft skills	A number of advanced training courses to enhance the soft skills such as presentation, media handling, interviews, people management, influencing&persuading.	In-house training by the EBRD contractors. Professional development modules at Cass Business School delivered by outside consultants and coaches.
EU decision making	Training modules on EU decision making, including after the Lisbon Treaty, two weeks training for the Presidency	EC, Council, EIPA