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Delegations will find attached a letter dated 21 September 2021 from Ms Lelde LĪCE-LĪCĪTE, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the European Union addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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**Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen**  
**Secretary-General**  
**General Secretariat of the Council of the EU**  
**Rue de la Loi 175**  
**1048 Bruxelles**

Dear Mr Tranholm-Mikkelsen,

With reference to the letter SGS 21/001865 of 19 April 2021 regarding the Latvian member of the European Court of Auditors I would like to inform you that the Government of Latvia has decided to propose Mr Mihails Kozlovs as the candidate for this post.

*Encl. Mr Kozlov's Curriculum Vitae (2 pages) and personal data (1 page).*

Yours Sincerely,

Leide Līce-Līcīte  
Permanent Representative

### MIHAILS KOZLOVS

An independent, qualified and motivated professional with over 20 years of in-depth experience in EU and national economic policy making, EU budget, public finances, auditing and sound financial management, 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 solid educational base and proven achievement track record.

#### Education

Postgraduate university diploma in "Audit of public organisations and policies", University of Lorraine, France

Executive MBA, City University London, Cass Business School, with distinction

Master in Social Sciences, University of Latvia

Bachelor in Social Sciences, Riga Technical University

Eurofaculty, University of Latvia

#### Professional experience

##### **Since May 2016:**

Member of the European Court of Auditors

- o Currently works in Chamber IV – "Regulation of Markets and competitive economy". Reporting Member for audits/reviews on EU financing for Euronews, Ethical frameworks in the EU institutions, Control of state aid to financial institutions, EU space assets, EU anti-money laundering, Remarks of the Court on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework, and Chapter 4 "Competitiveness for growth and jobs" of the 2018, 2019 and 2020 annual reports.  
Member of the Audit Quality Control Committee and alternate member of the Administrative Committee. Worked at the Strategic Foresight Advisory Panel in charge of the Court's Strategy for 2021-2025. Representative of the Court on the Conciliation Committee of the Tripartite Agreement between the Court, Commission and EIB on audit arrangements, also responsible for negotiating the renewed Tripartite Agreement.
- o From May 2016 to February 2018, worked in Chamber V – "Financing and administering the Union". Reporting Member for the review of the multiannual financial framework, the opinion on the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the performance audit plan for EFSI and public participation in EU law-making, and Chapter 2 "Budgetary and financial management" of the 2016 and 2017 annual reports.  
Alternate member of the ECA's Ethics Committee from October 2016 to June 2017.

##### **April 2012 – April 2016:**

Deputy Director (Economics, Finance, EU Budget – ECOFIN), Adviser, Chairman of the EU Council of Ministers working party on the European Fund for Strategic Investment and of the Financial Counsellors working party during the Latvian Presidency of the EU, Latvian Ministry of Finance and Permanent Representation to the EU, Brussels

**October 2010 – April 2012:**

Adviser to Executive Board Director (representing Finland, Norway and Latvia) at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London

**May 2003 – October 2010:**

Counsellor (economics, finance, EU budget, taxation) at the Latvian Permanent Representation to the EU, Brussels

**January 2002 – May 2003:**

Director in the EU Integration Department, Ministry of Finance, Riga

**February 2001 – January 2002:**

Head of EU Integration Unit, Ministry of Finance, Riga

**January 2000 – April 2000:**

Trainee at the European Commission, Directorate for Economic and Financial Affairs, Brussels

**June 1996 – December 1999:**

Various entry-level positions in the private and public sectors and the academic world

**Language skills**

**English** – fluent; **French** – good working level, **German** – basic to intermediate, **Latvian** and **Russian** – native.

**Achievements, acknowledgments**

Recognition by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia, November 2015

Recognition by the Prime Minister for personal contribution to the successful Latvian Presidency of the EU in 2015 and to the introduction of the euro in Latvia in 2014

Recognition by the Minister of Foreign Affairs: contribution to the introduction of the euro in Latvia in 2014

Certificate of merit from the Minister of Finance: outstanding representation and promotion of Latvian economic and financial interests in the EU, 2008.

Sports: Latvian ex-champion in water-skiing

**Publications**

“Sixth edition of the ECA Award – for research on EU added value and public sector auditing”; *ECA Journal* 03/2020

“Auditing the ethical framework of EU institutions: easier said than done”; *ECA Journal* 02/2019

“Future EU budget decision-making enters the crucial stage”; *ECA Journal* 11/2017

“Professor Mario Monti at the European Court of Auditors: Results of the work of the High Level Group on Own Resources (HLGOR)”; *ECA Journal* 04/2017

“European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI): the negotiation process”; *Latvian Interests in the EU*, November 2015 (in Latvian)