

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Svens Henkuzens

Place of birth: Riga, Latvia

Nationality: Latvian

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/07/2025 - PRESENT, Ministry of Health, Deputy State Secretary for Health Policy

01/01/2022 – Stockholm, Sweden,

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Targeted Country

Support Officer Develop ECDC internal policy for indicator-based health system performance analysis.

- Maintain dialogue with countries regarding support needs in infectious disease prevention and control.
- Design and implement targeted support measures to reduce inequalities in the field of infectious diseases.
- Develop and maintain structured cooperation mechanisms with international partners, including needs assessments, budget and resource planning, mobilization of funding and/or procurement, as well as monitoring and evaluation of project impact.

05/2021 – 12/2021, Deputy Director, Health Inspectorate

Supervised the following operational areas of the Health Inspectorate:

- Enforcement of pharmaceutical legislation on the circulation and advertising of medicinal products and active substances intended for human use.
- Monitoring of public health determinants.
- Administrative and financial management.

11/2015 – 06/05/2021, Riga, Latvia

Director, State Agency of Medicines

- Planned, managed, and coordinated the daily operations and strategic development of the Agency, implementing the Ministry of Health's policy in pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and human-derived medicinal products.
- Served concurrently as a Management Board member of the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

02/2019 – 06/05/2021

Management Board Member, Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA) Network

- The Management Board oversees and coordinates the collaboration of 27 national human and veterinary medicines agencies.
- Co-led the development of the HMA/EMA joint 2020–2025 strategy.

09/2015 – 11/2015

Deputy Director, State Agency of Medicines

- Planned, managed, and coordinated the Agency's daily operations in pharmaceutical licensing and supervision.

01/2014 – 2015, Brussels, Belgium

Health Attaché, Permanent Representation of Latvia to the European Union

- Represented Latvia's interests in the EU Council Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices.
- 01/2015 – 07/2015: Chaired the EU Council Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices.

2013 – 2014, Riga, Latvia

Senior Officer for European Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Health

- Policy planning in the field of pharmaceuticals and medical devices at international level.

2012 – 2013, Riga, Latvia

Senior Officer, Department of Health Care Organization, Ministry of Health

- Policy planning in the field of healthcare organization.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

MSC. Healthcare Policy, Innovation and Management

Institution: Maastricht University

Location: Maastricht, Netherlands

BSC. European Public Health

Institution: Maastricht University

Location: Maastricht, Netherlands

International Law (Erasmus)

Institution: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Location: Thessaloniki, Greece

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native language: Latvian

English: C1

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Certificate of Recognition – Cabinet of Ministers of Latvia, for contribution to Latvia's Presidency of the Council of the EU.