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One of the founders and Chairperson of the Board of the foundation “Cluster Experts Baltic Sea Region” (CEBSR): [www.balticexperts.eu](http://www.balticexperts.eu)

**The foundation was established in 2010.**

**Activities:** working out cluster studies, providing of experts’, training, organizing and consulting services:

- cluster training activities;
- participation in the Nordic – Baltic mobility programme;
- providing expertise on the implementation of the EU Small Business Act in Latvia;
- providing expertise on the business support services in Latvia;
- partnership with similar organizations in Latvia and other countries;
- preparation and implementation of research and cooperation projects;
- organizing summer schools, seminars and conferences.

**Other positions:** Expert of Scientific Council of Latvia (in Economics); Lead Researcher at the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (Daugavpils University, Latvia); External Expert in the COST Association

**THE QUALIFICATION AND ACTIVITIES,  
WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE CEBSR CURRICULA**

**Education:** Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Economics

2009 Doctoral Degree (Dr.oec.) in Regional Economics

Doctoral Paper Title: „*The Role of Clusters in the Development of Regional Competitiveness*”

Supervisor: Prof. Anastasiya Vilcinya

**Life-long education:**

- 2008, 2010 – studies in the Oslo Summer School of Comparative Social Sciences at the University of Oslo (Norway);
- 2015 – studies in the Training School on Spatial Econometrics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria);
- since 2019 – studies at the Professional Master's Studies Programme “Translation” (Sub-programme “Written Translation”, EN/LV/RU) at the Faculty of Humanities of University of Latvia (Latvia).

**Research interests:** development of territories, sustainable development, industrial clusters, cultural challenges for international business, technological and human development, economic terminology, research design and methodology, methods of empirical data analysis.

**Project activities:**

- 2005-2006 – the research project “The Role of Clusters of Enterprises in the Development of Regional Competitiveness” (Doctoral grant D62 of the Latvian Council of Science);
- 2005-2006 – the research project “The Role of Clusters of Enterprises in the Development of Regional Competitiveness” (grant of the Daugavpils University);

- 2014-2016 - scientific research project „Rethinking Territory Development in Global Comparative Researches (Rethink Development)” (scholarship of the Marie Curie FP7-PEOPLE-2011-COFUND program - NEWFELPRO (The new International Fellowship Mobility Programme for Experienced Researchers in Croatia), Grant Agreement No 10);
- 2015-2017 – Erasmus+ project “European Region Entrepreneurship Connection – EFEB Network”;
- 2017-2020 – Erasmus+ Lifelong Learning Programme’s KA2 Strategic Partnership’s for Vocational Education and Training EUROKEY project No. 2017-1-TR01-KA202-046115.