

BIOGRAPHY



Dalia Grybauskaitė was born in Vilnius on 1 March 1956. She studied at Vilnius Salomėja Nėris Secondary School.

In 1983, she graduated political economy from the then Leningrad University.

In 1988, she defended her Ph. D. thesis at Moscow Academy of Public Sciences. She holds the academic qualification of Doctor of Social Sciences.

In 1991, she completed a special six-month course for senior executives at Georgetown University in Washington.

In 1983, she worked as scientific secretary at the society "Žinija" under the Academy of Sciences.

She was Head of the Agriculture Division at Vilnius High Party School in 1983-1984, and later, from 1985 to June 1990 - a lecturer at the Department of Political Economy.

In August 1990-1991, she was scientific secretary at the Lithuanian Institute of Economics under the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Lithuania.

In 1991, she became a program director in Prime Minister's office. The same year, she was appointed Director of the European Department at the Ministry of International Economic Relations.

In 1993, she served as Director of the Economic Relations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 1994, she was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Lithuanian Mission to the EU.

From 1996-1999, Dalia Grybauskaitė acted as Minister Plenipotentiary at the Lithuanian Embassy in the US.

She served as deputy finance minister from 1999 to 2000, deputy foreign minister from 2000 to 2001, and finance minister from 2001 to 2004.

In 2004, Dalia Grybauskaitė was appointed EU commissioner responsible for financial programming and budget.

In November 2005, she was elected Commissioner of the Year for her efforts to reform the EU budget.

Dalia Grybauskaitė serves as the president of Lithuania since July 12, 2009.

State Decorations and Awards

In 2003 Dalia Grybauskaitė received the Cross of Commander of the Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas.

On inauguration day, July 12, 2009, the President was awarded the Order of Vytautas the Great with the Golden Chain.

In 2011, she received the following state decorations: Latvia's Order of Three Stars, First Class, and the Chain; the Royal Norwegian Grand Cross of St. Olav; and the Icelandic Order of the Falcon, Grand Cross Star.

In 2011, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations presented Dalia Grybauskaitė with the Ceres Medal.

In 2012, the President was awarded the Cross of Recognition by Latvia, Xirka Ġieħ ir-Repubblika by Malta, and Monaco's Grand Officer of the Order of Saint-Charles.

The President speaks four foreign languages: English, Russian, Polish, basic French.

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