

# Andris PIEBALGS

## **Personal details**

- Latvian
- Born September 17, 1957, Valmiera, Latvia
- Married
- 3 children.

## **Current duties**

- Since November 2004: Commissioner for Energy

## **Political career**

- Since November 2004: Member of European Commission
- 1994 – 1995: Minister of Finance Latvia
- 1993 – 1994: Member of Parliament of Latvia, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee
- 1990 – 1993: Minister of Education of Latvia

## **Professional career**

- 2004: Head of Cabinet of the Member of European Commission, Kalniete
- 2003 – 2004: Deputy Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, responsible for Latvia's relations with the European Union
- 1998 – 2003: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the European Union
- 1995 – 1997: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the Republic of Estonia
- 1988 – 1990: Desk officer, Head of Department, Ministry of Education of Latvia
- 1980 – 1988: Teacher, Headmaster, Secondary School No1, Valmiera

## **Education**

- 1980: Graduated in Physics from the University of Latvia
- 1975: Graduated in High School

## **Languages**

- Latvian: mother tongue
- English, German, French, Russian: thorough knowledge
- Estonian: basic knowledge