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Education

2017-till now Post-doctoral research at Baltic Studies Centre.
Title of the research: "Innovations in Non-timber Forest Products: Towards Rural Development and Sustainability"

2008-2012 PhD degree in Sociology, University of Latvia, Latvia.
Dissertation title „Education Agent Interpretation of Equality.” Advisor – prof. Brigita Zepa

2006-2008 M.A. Sociology, University of Latvia, Latvia
Master thesis title „Teacher - pupil communication models in comprehensive schools. Case study.” Advisor – prof. Brigita Zepa

2002-2006 B.A. Sociology, University of Latvia

Research interests

- 1) Lots of my academic work is concerned with analysis of sustainable food practices in Latvia.
- 2) I am deeply involved in micro analysis of various practices in educational institutions. My research mainly concerns primary and secondary education. However it also covers topics as charter schools and private education institutions and educational initiatives, higher and preschool education, lifelong learning, senior education and education policy.
- 3) From methodological point of view I am interested in qualitative methods and discourse analysis. Mainly I am exploring possibilities and restrictions when using Critical Discourse Analysis. .

Professional experience

2012/10- Baltic Studies Centre
Researcher working with international studies addressing food sustainability.

2016/05- Institute of Horticulture, Latvia University of Agriculture
Researcher involved in analysis of social innovation among fruit-growers.

2016/01-2016/07 Institute of philosophy and sociology, University of Latvia
Researcher involved in a comparative study analysing rural education.

2010/08-2012/10 Researcher in Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, University of Latvia
Direct research, research management and coordination. Research interests: Education, education curriculum and structure, identity, regions and regional development.

- 2008/08-2010/08 Project manager in „The Matter”
Development of advertisement and marketing. Project coordination, management and administration. Campaign strategy development and presentation.
- 2006/06-2008/08 Researcher and Managing director in „Factum Interactive”
Staff coordination, client management, direct research and development of methodological solutions, presentation of research results and research proposals.
- 2005/03-2007/06 Researcher and Project manager in „Baltic Institute of Social Sciences”
Direct research, project management. Data processing and analysis. Presentation of research results.

Teaching

- 2008–2013 „Sociology of youth and education”
From year 2008 I have been giving lecture course „Sociology of youth and education”. This course is meant for third year bachelor students. Main aim of lecture course is to introduce students to two fields of sociology – sociology of education and sociology of youth. It is expected that during lectures students will develop understanding about theories that explain both education and youth; will learn main topics concerning both fields and will gain understanding on fields both theoretical and empirical development.
- 2010–2014 „Marketing Research”
From year 2010 I give “Marketing Research” lectures to second year bachelor students. During course students are expected to acquire knowledge about characteristics of marketing research and about its tasks and goals. Students should develop understanding about marketing research as an instrument to gather information and main data gathering methods that are used by marketing researchers. Furthermore it is expected that student will develop understanding in marketing research role in business organization and planning.
- 2011–2016 „Marketing Research”
From year 2011 I am giving lecture course „Marketing Research” to first and second year master students of Sociology. Lecture course is in-depth insight into marketing research. It is expected that during this course students will develop advanced understanding about connections between marketing research and marketing and market activity planning and supervising.
- 2012 “Qualitative research methods”
From year 2012 I am co-leading lecture course “Qualitative research methods”. Course is meant for 2nd year bachelor students of sociology. During lecture course students are introduced to qualitative data gathering and analysis methods. In lectures main methodological challenges are discussed and several practical examples are conducted.

Participation in Professional organizations

- 2005– Member of Latvian Sociological Association (LSA). Board member since year 2011.
- 2006–2010 Member of European Sociological Association (ESA)
- 2013– Member of The European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS)

2017– Convener of the ESRS research study group “Alternative food supply networks in Central and Eastern Europe”

Language skills

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| Latvian | Mother tongue |
| English | Fluent speaking, reading and writing |
| Russian | Fluent speaking, reading and writing |
| French | Basic skills |
| German | Basic skills |

Publications

Articles

- 2018 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. 2018. Benefitting from the global, protecting the local: The nested markets of wild product trade. *Journal of Rural studies*, in press.
- 2017 **Grivins, M.**, Keech, D., Kunda, I. and Tisenkopfs T. 2017. Bricolage for Self-Sufficiency: An Analysis of Alternative Food Networks. *Sociologia Ruralis* 57(3): 340-356.
- 2016 Agarin, T., **Grivins, M.** 2016. Chasing the green buck? Environmental activism in post-communist Baltic States. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. In Press. Available online 17 June 2016.
- 2016 **Grivins, M.** 2016. A comparative study of the legal and grey wild product supply chains. *Journal of Rural Studies*. 45, June 2016, Pages 66-75.
- 2016 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T., Stojanovic, Z., Ristic, B. 2016. A comparative analysis of the social performance of global and local berry supply chains. *Sustainability*. 8, 532; doi:10.3390/su8060532.
- 2015 **Grivins, M.** 2015. “Nauda zemē mētājas”: meža melleņu sektora attīstības daudzdimensionālās izpausmes. *Latvijas Universitātes raksti*, 808: 52-76.
- 2015 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. 2015. A discursive analysis of oppositional interpretations of the agro-food system: A case study of Latvia. *Journal of Rural Studies*, Volume 39, June 2015, Pages 111–121
- 2014 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. 2014. New urban food initiatives: a step towards the recognition of diversity. *Spanish Journal of Rural Development*, Vol. V (Special 1): 65-78, 2014
- 2014 **Grīviņš, M.** (2012). „Nauda seko skolēnam”: sociālo pakalpojumu organizācija reģionā. Ad locum: vieta, identitāte un rīcībspēja. (ed.) Zobena, A.
- 2013 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. (2013). Emerging Urban Food Discourses and Policies in Latvia. *In: Rural resilience and vulnerability: The rural as locus of solidarity and conflict in times of crisis*. Conference proceedings. 223-234. http://www.florenceesrs2013.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/ESRS2013_eProceedings.pdf
- 2013 **Grivins, M.** (2013). Construction of Pupil Identities at School. *Social theory, empirics, policy and practice*. No.7, ISSN 1648-2425, 38-52.
- 2013 **Grivins, M.** (2013). Pupil Grouping: Education Agent Interaction Influence on Education Results. *Multidisciplinary Journal of Educational Research*, 3(2), 46-71 . doi: 1 0.4471 /remie.201 3. 1 0
- 2013 **Grīviņš, M.** (2013). „Novirzes no tehnoloģizācijas izglītības diskursā” „Identitātes. Kopienas. Diskursi”, red. Bela, B., Zepa, B., LU Akadēmiskais apgāds, 93-110
- 2012 **Grīviņš, M.** (2012). „Implementation of Per Capita Education Funding in

- the Baltic States”, *Baltic Journal of European Studies*, Tallinn University of Technology (ISSN 2228-0588), Vol. 2, No. 2 (12)
- 2011 **Grīviņš, M.** (2011). Izglītības pētījumi un politika Latvijā: kritisks izvērtējums. *LU Akadēmiskie raksti. Socioloģija*. (ed.) Bela, B., Rīga, Zinātne, 102-119
- 2011 **Grīviņš, M.** (2011). Starptautiska augstākā izglītība starptautisko organizāciju skatījumā. *Augstskolas reģionos: zināšanu un prakses mijiedarbe*. (ed.) Tisenkopfs, T., Bela, B., Kunda, I., Rīga, Zinātne, 148-176
- 2006 **Grīviņš, M.** (2006). Patērniecības un identitātes mijiedarbes problemātika. *Agora. 5.sēj.: Patērniecība Latvijā: tendences un alternatīvas*. Rīga, LU Akadēmiskais apgāds, 269, 45-52

Reports

- 2016 **Grivins, M.** (2016). Project’s “Rural Depopulation and the Governance of Education. Comparative Study of Latvia and Norway” Case study reports.
- 2016 **Grivins, M.,** Supule, I. (2016). WP3 - Guidelines for case studies. Riga. “Rural Depopulation and the Governance of Education. Comparative Study of Latvia and Norway” Project.
- 2015 Koopmans, M., Mettepeningen, E., Keech, D., Reed, M., Kunda, I., Tisenkopfs, T., Belshaw, A., Michels, M., Meiberga, U., Curry, N., **Grivins, M.**, Huylenbroeck, Van, G. (2015). An Exploration of Multi-Functional in Urban Food Initiatives. DELIVERABLE 6.4. FINAL REPORT WP6. Supurbfood Project.
- 2015 **Grīviņš, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T., Stojanovič, Ž., Jankovič, I., Bojan, R., Gligorič, M. (2015). WP4 Food chain comparative report: Berry sectors in Latvia and Serbia.
- 2015 Sandija Zēverte-Rivža, **Miķelis Grīviņš**, Ilona Kunda, Sandra Šūmane, and Talis Tisenkopfs. (2015). Study on Investment in Agricultural Research: Review for Latvia. Baltic Studies Centre. February 2014, Latvia. Available from: <http://www.impresa-project.eu>
- 2015 Tisenkopfs, T., **Grīviņš, M.**, Kunda, I., Šūmane, S. (2015). National Report: Lithuania. Food and nutrition security debate.
- 2015 Tisenkopfs, T., **Grīviņš, M.**, Kunda, I., Šūmane, S. (2015). National Report: Latvia. Food and nutrition security debate.
- 2015 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. (2015). Global and Local Wild Blueberry Supply Chains: National-level Report of Latvia.
- 2014 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. (2014). Global and Local food chain Assessment: a MULTIdimensional performance-based approach (GLAMUR). National Report – Latvia.
- 2014 Šūmane, S., **Grīviņš, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T. (2014). AKIS and advisory services in Latvia. Report for the AKIS inventory (WP3) of the PRO AKIS project. <http://www.proakis.eu/sites/www.proakis.eu/files/Country%20Report%20Latvia%2020%2006%2014.pdf>
- 2013 **Grivins, M.**, Tisenkopfs, T., Kunda, I. (2013). Towards sustainable modes of urban and peri - urban food provisioning. National Report: Greater Riga Region (Latvia). http://politika.lv/article_files/2452/original/WP2_GreaterRigaRegion%28Latvia%29_SupurbFood.pdf?1377264100
- 2007 Žabko, O., et al. (2007). Optimāla nodarbinātību veicinoša nodokļu un pabalstu sistēma. Rīga, Silca Printi, 228
- 2006 Zepa, B., et al. (2006). Integrācijas prakse un perspektīvas. Rīga, Silca

Printi, 248

2006 Zepa, B., et al. (2006). Dzimumu līdztiesības aspekti darba tirgū. Rīga, 256

Conference proceedings

- 2017 Grivins, M., Tisenkopfs, T., Silvasti, T. and Tikka, V., (2017). "Cultural turn in school meals: Reassembling food and nutritional security of schoolgoers". XXVII European Society For Rural Sociology Congress Krakow, Poland, July 24-27 2017. On-line proceedings, pp.278-279. Presentation paper. Available in: <http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl/congress-proceedings>
- 2017 Grivins, M., Adamsone-Fiskovica, A., Tisenkopfs, T., (2017). "Socio-organisational strategies of farmers: comparison of milk and grain sectors in Latvia". XXVII European Society For Rural Sociology Congress Krakow, Poland, July 24-27 2017. On-line proceedings, pp.290-291. Presentation paper. Available in: <http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl/congress-proceedings>
- 2017 Adamsone-Fiskovica, A., Tisenkopfs, T., Grivins, M., (2017). "Formats, outcomes and impacts of knowledge exchange in demonstration activities". XXVII European Society For Rural Sociology Congress Krakow, Poland, July 24-27 2017. On-line proceedings, pp.160-161. Presentation paper. Available in: <http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl/congress-proceedings>
- 2017 Tisenkopfs, T., Sumane, S., Adamsone-Fiskovica, A., Grivins, M., (2017). "Small farms typology and contribution to food and nutritional security". XXVII European Society For Rural Sociology Congress Krakow, Poland, July 24-27 2017. On-line proceedings, pp.235-236. Presentation paper. Available in: <http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl/congress-proceedings>
- 2017 Thorsoe, M., Noe, E., Aubert, P-M., Tayeb Ben Cherif, O., Treyer, S., Maye, D., Vigani, M., Kirwan, J., Grivins, M., Adamsone-Fiskovica, A., Tisenkopfs, T., (2017). "Farming strategies in a continuously evolving European dairy market – a comparative case study of five different EU countries". XXVII European Society For Rural Sociology Congress Krakow, Poland, July 24-27 2017. On-line proceedings, pp.304-305. Presentation paper. Available in: <http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl/congress-proceedings>
- 2017 Grīviņš, M. un A. Ādamsone-Fiskoviča (2017). Diverse conditions faced and strategies used by farmers: case analysis of two agricultural sectors in Latvia. University of Latvia. 75th conference. Social sciences.
- 2016 Grivins, M., Kunda, I., Tisenkopfs, T. (2016). "Competing school food agendas and green public food procurement". 12th European IFSA Symposium, Harper Adams University, UK. Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 July 2016. Presentation paper. Available in: <http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/events/ifsa-conference/papers/5/5.9%20Grivins.pdf>
- 2015 Grivins, M., Keech, D., Kunda, I., Tisenkopfs, T., 2015. Bricolage for Self-Sufficiency: an Analysis of Alternative Food Initiatives' Structure. XXVI European Society for Rural Sociology Congress. On-line Proceedings. pp. 59.-60.
- 2013 Grivins, M., Tisenkopfs, T., 2013. Emerging Urban Food Discourses and Policies in Latvia. 25th ESRS Congress Proceedings, pp.223.-224.

Presentations in conferences and other public events

- 2018/05 Science Café "Be green, clean or die! Don't die, be Smart!". University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, May 17th.

- Grivins Mikelis "Three arguments for sustainability".
- 2018/04 FOOD URBANISM - A SUSTAINABLE CITY, TOIDU-URBANISM - JÄTKUSUUTLIK LINN. International conference, 18-20.april, Tartu, Estonia
Keynote paper: Grivins, Mikelis "Fragmentation and integration - contradictory drivers of the sustainability transition"
- 2018/03 "Eiropas Savienības zinātniskie pētījumu lauku attīstības un politikas atbalstam" ("Use of EU research schemes to support rural development and policy making"), Sigulda, Latvia. March 29, 2018. Conference organized by Baltic Studies Centre and Ministry of Agriculture.
Grivins, Mikelis, "Finansējums un līgumi piensaimniecības un graudkopības nozarē" (Funding and contracts in the dairy and grain sectors).
- 2017/10 Scientific and practical conference "Alternative food supply networks in Central and Eastern Europe: Towards new grounds for interpretation and collaboration", Riga, October 13-14 2017:
Keynote paper: Grivins, Mikelis "Wild thing, you make our hearts sing".
- 2017/07 XXVII European Society For Rural Sociology Congress Krakow, Poland, July 24-27 2017:
Grivins, Mikelis, Anda Adamsone-Fiskovica and Talis Tisenkopfs "Socio-organizational strategies of farmers: comparison of dairy and grain sectors in Latvia".
Mikelis Grivins, Talis Tisenkopfs, Tiina Silvasti, Ville Tikka A cultural turn in school meals: reassembling food and nutritional security of schoolgoers
Talis Tisenkopfs, Sandra Šūmane, Anda Aamsone-Fiskovica, Mikelis Grivins "Small farm development strategies and role in food and nutrition security"
Martin Hvarregaard Thorsøe, Egon Noe, Pierre-Marie Aubert, Olia Tayeb Ben Cherif, Sébastien Treyer, Damian Maye, Mauro Vigani, James Kirwan, Mikelis Grivins, Anda Adamsone-Fiskovica, Talis Tisenkopfs "How different farming systems respond to the continuously evolving European dairy market – a comparative case study of four different EU countries"
Anda Adamsone-Fiskovica, Talis Tisenkopfs, Mikelis Grivins "Formats, outcomes and impacts of knowledge exchange in demonstration activities"
- 2017/03 University of Latvia. 75th conference. Social sciences. Socioloģijas nodaļas un Valsts pētījumu programmas SUSTINNO kopīgā sekcija "Attīstība un inovācijas izpēte Latvijā". Piektdiena, 10.marts. Ziņojums: Grīviņš, M. un A. Ādamsone-Fiskoviča (2017). Diverse conditions faced and strategies used by farmers: case analysis of two agricultural sectors in Latvia.
- 2016/07 12th European IFSA Symposium, Harper Adams University, UK. Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 July 2016.
Grivins, M., Kunda, I., Tisenkopfs, T. (2016). "Competing school food agendas and green public food procurement"
- 2016/02 University of Latvia. 74th conference. Social sciences. "Jaunākie socioloģiskie pētījumi Latvijā", 2016, 12th of February
Grivins, M., Kunda, I. (2016) „Reconciliation of priorities: the contention of governance fields regulating school food procurement"
- 2015/11 Latvijas Kultūras akadēmijas Starptautiskā zinātniskā konference "Kultūras Krustpunkti IX", 2015. gada 12.–14. novembris. Meža melleņu ekonomika: no kultūras prakses līdz mūsdienu industrijai.
- 2015/09 Second International Conference on Agriculture in an Urbanizing Society – "Reconnecting Agriculture and Food Chains to Societal Needs". 14-17

- September, Rome, Italy.
 Mikelis Grivins, Talis Tisenkopfs, Zaklina Stojanovic, Bojan Ristic.
 "Comparative analysis of social performance of global and local berry supply chains".
 Talis Tisenkopfs, Mikelis Grivins, Ilona Kunda, Sandra Sumane. "Food security challenges and responses: A comparative analysis of Latvia and Lithuania".
 Talis Tisenkopfs, Mikelis Grivins, Ilona Kunda. "Bricolage, urban agriculture and multilingual trajectories of city development".
- 2015/08 ESRS 26th congress "Places of Possibility? Rural Societies in Neoliberal World", Aberdeen, Scotland, 18-21 August 2015.
 Mikelis Grivins, Daniel Keech, Ilona Kunda and Talis Tisenkopfs –
 "Bricolage for self-sufficiency: an analysis of alternative food initiatives structure".
- 2015/02 Latvijas Universitātes 73. konference. Sociālās zinātnes. Socioloģija
 "Ilgstpējīga attīstība Latvijā un socioloģijā", 2015.gada 13.februārī
 Ziņojums: „Latvijas meža melleņu īsās un garās pārtikas ķēdes”
- 2014/09 Grīviņš, M. (2014). Pirmie secinājumi par melleņu ķēdēm Latvijā. Rīga Food 2014. ietvaros Pašvaldību Savienības organizēta pašvaldību konference. Ķīpsalas starptautiskā izstāžu zāle. 5. septembris.
- 2013/07 ESRS 25th congress "Rural resilience and vulnerability: The rural as locus of solidarity and conflict in time of crisis", Florence, 29 July – 1 August 2013
 Mikelis Grivins & Talis Tisenkops - Emerging Urban Food Discourses and Policies in Latvia
- 2012/06 „Youth in Latvia, Europe, Globe: Opportunities and Risks” International conference, Riga, 1-2 June 2012, University of Latvia. Paper „Identities Available and Identities Chosen by Pupils at School”
- 2012/03 Participation in Welfare Ministry organized conference on ageing:
 „Sabiedrības novecošana – izaicinājumi un iespējas”, 23rd of March, 2012.
 Given Report: „Seniors kā students”
- 2012/02 70 Conference of University of Latvia. Plenary Session of Faculty of Social Sciences. Session is oriented on discussing society’s ability to overcome crisis: „Krīzes izdzīvošanas māksla”, 14th of February, 2012. Given Report: „Individuālās rīcībspējas stratēģijas krīzes apstākļos”
- 2012/02 70 Conference of University of Latvia. Session: "Nacionālā identitāte - teorētiskie izaicinājumi un izpētes metodes". 17th of February, 2012.
 Given Report: „Makro un mikro izglītības plānošanas līmeņu vājās saiknes”
- 2011/10 Baltic Readings. „Nacionālās skolas socioloģijā Baltijas valstīs 1991.g.- 2011.g.”.
 Given Report: „Skolēnu grupēšana: izglītības aģentu interakcijas ietekme uz izglītības rezultātu”
- 2011/10 3rd United Worlds Latvian Scientist Congress and 4th Letonika Congress. Section „Nacionālā identitāte un rīcībspēja”. 25th of October, 2011.
 Given Report: „Novadu izglītības plānošana – rīcība pret pārmaiņām”
- 2011/02 69th Conference of University of Latvia. Section „Jaunākie socioloģiskie pētījumi Latvijā”. 18th of February, 2011.
 Given Report: „Vispārējās izglītības finansējuma ietekme uz izglītības procesiem”

Guest lectures

- 2018/04 Wageningen University and Research, lecture at Rural Sociology Group,

- Wageningen, Netherlands. April 30, 2018. Grivins, M. "Wild product gathering in Northern Europe"
- 2018/04 Erasmus University, lecture at International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Hague, Netherlands. April 26, 2018. Grivins, M. "The North remembers - wild product foraging in Europe"

Other academic activity

- 2017 Organiser of the conference "Scientific and practical conference "Alternative food supply networks in Central and Eastern Europe: Towards new grounds for interpretation and collaboration"". Conference took place in Riga, Latvia. October 13-14 2017

Academic mobility

- 2018/04 Stay at Wageningen University and Research Rural Sociology Group.

Projects

- 2017-2021 **Agricultural knowledge: linking farmers, advisors and researchers to boost innovation (Agrilink)**
Horizon 2020. Call: H2020-RUR-2016-2. Topic: RUR-14-2016
AgriLink aims to stimulate sustainability transitions in European agriculture through better understanding the roles played by farm advice in farmer decision-making. To this end, AgriLink will analyse and improve the role of farmer advice in 8 innovation areas that combine challenges identified in the "Strategic Approach to EU Agricultural Research & Innovation". AgriLink builds on the premise that the full range of advice-providing organisations need to be included in the assessment of service provision and innovation adoption.
- 2017-2019 **Peer-to-peer Learning: Accessing Innovation through Demonstration (PLAID)**
Horizon 2020. Call: H2020-RUR-2016-1. Topic: RUR-11-2016.
The project will identify, compile and make publicly accessible the topics, locations, best practices and innovative approaches to demonstration on commercial farms in the EU28, Switzerland and Norway. PLAID will enable access to demonstration activities by creating a searchable georeferenced inventory and map covering all 30 countries; developing 'virtual' (on-line) demonstration approaches with commercial farmers; assessing governance, commissioning, financing, topic selection, access (particularly gender), mediation techniques and impact in 24 longitudinal case studies; and comparing the impact of different governance models and financing mechanisms on learning processes and accessibility. PLAID will produce recommendations for governance and best practice in both real and virtual demonstration settings, using these to develop indicators and decision support tools for farmers, advisors, commercial companies, charities, educators, policy makers and researchers.
- 2016-2020 **Small farms, small food businesses and sustainable food security (SALSA)**
Horizon 2020. Call: H2020-SFS-2015-2. Topic: SFS-18-2015-2.
SALSA will assess the role of small farms and small food businesses in delivering a sustainable and secure supply of affordable, nutritious and culturally adequate food. SALSA will identify the mechanisms which, at different scales, can strengthen the role of small farms in food systems and thereby support sustainable food and nutrition security (FNS). By

considering a gradient of 30 reference regions in Europe and in Africa, we will obtain a differentiated understanding of the role of small farms and small food businesses in very differently structured food systems and situations.

- 2016-2019 **Advancement of non-technological innovation performance and innovation capacity in the fruit growing and processing sectors in selected Baltic Sea countries (Innofruit)**
The Project is funded under the EU Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020
The project aims at developing the fruit growing potential in the Baltic Sea Region to secure the availability of healthy, high quality fruit and fruit products through research driven innovations, thereby increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of the fruit chain in Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden.
- 2016-2017 **Rural Depopulation and the Governance of Education. Comparative Study of Latvia and Norway**
The Project is funded by EEA and Norway Grants.
The project aims to explore and compare different models of education governance, and evaluate their efficiency in adequately ensuring the education needs of children and needs of communities in shrinking rural areas.
- 2015-2019 **Sustainable finance for sustainable agriculture and fisheries (SUFISA)**
Horizon 2020. Call: H2020-SFS-2014-2. Topic: SFS-19-2014.
SUFISA aims to identify practices and policies that support the sustainability of primary producers in a context of complex policy requirements, market imperfections and globalization. Knowledge on market conditions and other driving forces exists, but in a fragmented way: relevant producer groups and regions have not yet been analyzed or framework conditions and driving forces have changed in the mean time. Moreover, little information is available on cross-linkages between various drivers and future opportunities and threats will need to be integrated for an encompassing analysis.
- 2015 **IMPRESA - The Impact of Research on EU Agriculture**
National expert.
- 2014-2018 **Assessment of the impact of drivers of change on Europe's food and nutrition security (TRANSMANGO)**
This project is granted by the EU under 7th Framework Programme, Grant agreement no: 613532.
TRANSMANGO aims to obtain a comprehensive picture of the effects of the global drivers of change (climate, economic concentration and market structure, financial power, resource competition, marginalization, property rules, geo-political shifts, consumer preferences, consumption patterns and nutritional transition) on European and global food demand and on raw material production (and, consequently, on food flows).
- 2013-2016 **Global and Local food chain Assessment: a MULTIdimensional performance-based approach (GLAMUR)**
This project is granted by the EU under 7th Framework Programme, Grant agreement no: 311778.
General objective of the project is to integrate advancement in scientific knowledge about the impact of food chains with application of knowledge to practice to increase food chains sustainability through public policies

- and private strategies.*
- 2013 **Prospects for Farmers' Support: Advisory Services in European AKIS (PROAKIS)**
National expert evaluating Advisory Services in Latvia
- 2012-2013 **Expert assessing national rural development plan.**
- 2012–2015 **Towards sustainable modes of urban and peri-urban food provisioning (SUPURBFOOD)**
This project is granted by the EU under 7th Framework Programme, Grant agreement no: 312126.
Until recently, short food supply chains and multifunctional agriculture were considered to be part of the rural development realm. This project looks at these topics from the perspective of urban rather than rural development. Short food supply chains have been advocated as a means to reduce the environmental impact of the agro-food system. However, to improve the ecological performance of the agro-food system other flows (e.g. nutrients, water, and urban waste) need to be considered as well. In the current context these aspects are usually treated separately. This project is treating them in an integrated manner. Research is carried out in seven European city-regions (Rotterdam (NL), Rome (IT), Ghent (BE), Vigo (ES), Bristol (UK), Zürich (CH) and Riga (LV)) in collaboration with a diverse group of SMEs and identifies innovate modes of urban and peri-urban food provisioning, nutrient, water and waste management, and multifunctional use of urban and peri-urban space.
- 2011 **Promoting the utilization of the research potential of local universities for regional development in Latvia**
The Project is funded by EEA and Norway Grants.
In 2009, together with four regional universities in Liepaja, Daugavpils, Valmiera, and Jelgava, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute began to implement a large-scale project funded by the Norwegian Financial Instrument entitled "Promoting the Utilisation of the Research Potential of Local Universities for Regional Development in Latvia."
- 2010–2012 **Projects "National identity and capability" sub-project „Regional identity and capability"**
Project funded by states research programme „National Identity".