

# From 1 February the Patent Office will be headed by Agris Batalauskis

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Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice Jānis Bordāns has appointed Agris Batalauskis Director of the Patent Office, who prior to this appointment served as Director of the Project Department of the Ministry of Justice. A. Batalauskis will take up his new position on February 1, 2022.

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Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice Jānis Bordāns said: "Agris Batalauskis has gained invaluable management experience by implementing several important projects internationally. Such experience is an essential precondition for ensuring the further successful work and development of the Patent Office."

A. Batalauskis stated: "My priorities are the development of the institution's processes and the modernization and strengthening of the intellectual property rights protection system in Latvia. To do this, it is necessary to strengthen the capacity of employees, which is the main precondition for the successful development of the institution in the future."

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A. Batalauskis has a Master's Degree of Social Sciences in Law and his previous work and professional experience in leading positions in the field of justice have been highly valued. Since 2015, A. Batalauskis has worked as Director of the Project Department of the Ministry of Justice. He has also been Deputy Director of the European Affairs Department. On the part of the Ministry of Justice, he has been responsible for supervising and implementing many strategically important development projects, which has resulted not only in the successful implementation of reforms in the field of justice, but also has significantly contributed to the international visibility of the Ministry of Justice.

Up to now, A. Batalauskis has also successfully represented the interests of the area of justice at various international forums, including the working groups of the Council of the European Union, the European Commission, and the Council of Europe, and contributed to attracting additional foreign financing for the development in the area of justice.

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