



Mindaugas Maciulevičius

Born on July 17, 1980 in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Educated in Kaunas Jesuit Gymnasium, Kaunas University of Technology Faculty of Mechanics – Bachelor of Transport Engineering, at the moment studying for Master's Degree in Agricultural Management at Aleksandras Stulginskis University, specialising in agricultural cooperatives.

Since 2009 until now – director of agricultural cooperative "Lietuviško ūkio kokybė", one of its founding members, member of the board. The cooperative was established to bridge a gap between farmers and consumers, establishing farmers' markets in largest cities and developing short supply chains. It was the first initiative of its kind in Lithuania, still viable and successful, appreciated by consumers and farmers.

2008–2009 – Senior specialist of cooperation in the Chamber of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

2006–2008 – Representative of Lithuanian national radio and television in Ireland

2000-2008 – Different managerial positions in Ireland

Since 2010 – member of European Economic and Social Committee, delegated by the Chamber of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania, representing the interests of farmers and rural communities of Lithuania. Member of NAT, TEN, INT and CCMI sections at the EESC. Since 2012 – a member of the EESC Bureau. Currently - Vice president of Group III, responsible for agriculture, agricultural cooperatives and rural communities. Member of EESC Space policy project (Satellite technology), BEI project (EIB opportunities to extend EIB investments)

Social activities:

- Vice President of Lithuanian Association of Agricultural Cooperatives "Kooperacijos Kelias"
- Lithuanian Coordinator of joint activities of Baltic Farmers' NGOs in Brussels
- Member of regional Jonava Farmers' Union

- While staying in Ireland, was involved in the activities of Lithuanian community and Lithuanian business association in Ireland. Some projects involved knowledge sharing in agriculture and rural development among Irish and Lithuanian partners.

Awards and honours:

- In 2013: memorial badge for contributions to Lithuanian Presidency of the EU Council
- In 2009: elected as the Person of the year by the Lithuanian Radio
- Awarded with Vilnius City Saint Christopher statue
- Awarded with Silver badge for merits issued by the Lithuanian Department of Ethnic Minorities and Emigration

Married to wife Skirmantė with two children – son Jurgis and daughter Agota.

Speaks fluent English, fluent Russian, basics of German

Specialises in: cooperation of farmers and the importance of cooperation for rural development and agriculture, the role of cooperatives in rural areas and development of short supply chains, building a bridge between farmers and consumers, social entrepreneurship, innovative agricultural technologies, bioeconomy, bioenergy, renewable energy, sustainable food production, healthy food, international trade in agricultural produce, small business, satellite technologies.