

## Short biography of Valdur Lahtvee



Valdur Lahtvee, environmental researcher and consultant, former MP and former Director of Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre, has graduated as Dipl. Engineer on Forestry and has worked for more than 30 years on different positions for environment protection as legislator, law enforcer, manager of non-governmental organizations and think-tanks, consultant and researcher, senior civil servant within Ministry of Environment as well as of Environmental Manager of National Power Company.

Valdur Lahtvee has broad and high level experience on global environmental, sustainability and development issues, he has carried out numerous research projects as well practical implementation of integration of sustainability and environment considerations into the sector policies at national and European level. He is registered Environmental Auditor, licensed Environmental Impact Assessor and has lectured in Tallinn University and Tallinn Technical University.

Valdur Lahtvee has served as Vice-Chairman of Environment and Sustainable Development Committee of EURELECTRIC; Member of National Commission of Sustainable Development, Member of National Expert Panel on Climate Change, Member of National Ozone Secretariat, Member of Advisory Board of National Climate and Energy Agency, Vice-Chairman of Friends of the Earth Europe, Board Member of Friends of the Earth International and Chairman of Coalition Clean Baltic.

Currently he is Member of Estonian National Club of Rome and Member of Steering Committee of Green Budget Europe. He is also active at several professional associations like Estonian Association for Environmental Management, Estonian Association of Environmental Impact Assessors and is a member of Advisory Board of Sci-Ci Journal Oil-Shale. He has been awarded by the President of Republic of Estonia for his contribution to the Society with Orden of White Cross. When serving as Chairman of the Coalition Clean Baltic, CCB at his leadership was awarded prestigious Nordic Council's Environmental Prize on 2004. He has published more than 40 scientific and popular articles on sustainable consumption and production, environment management and use of fiscal instruments for sustainable development.

Valdur Lahtvee has been founder of Estonian Green Party (on 1988 and reanimation in 1996) and has been since autumn 1989, when Estonian Greens were accepted as member of Federation of European Green Party, serving as main contact hub between Estonian Greens and European Greens, contributing both to national and European green policy making.