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Your partner for ADR



Experience matters.

We have successfully administered more than 2,500 arbitration and mediation proceedings since 1975. Our Board consists of distinguished arbitration practitioners, a Supreme Court judge and academics with extensive practice and expertise in ADR. Our Secretariat boasts practitioners with vast ADR experience and know-how.

Flexibility matters.

The Vienna Rules are flexible. The 2021 Vienna Rules combine our well-tried provisions with recent market developments. This allows parties to tailor the proceedings to the needs of their specific dispute.

Costs matter.

VIAC offers an accurate cost calculator to ensure predictability and manage expectations. Arbitrators' fees are competitive but fair and arbitrators are remunerated for managing complex cases efficiently.

Sustainability matters.

Our case management is predominantly digitalised. The VIAC Portal ensures that all data is stored securely. Counsel, arbitrators and the Secretariat communicate via the VIAC Portal.

Diversity matters.

VIAC took the ERA-pledge and lives it. We are continuously improving our regional and gender statistics and tirelessly encourage our users to consider equal representation.

Personality matters.

Our cases are guaranteed individual attention. Parties, counsels and arbitrators are supported by their designated case manager. Complex issues can be elevated quickly to the Secretary General or the Board.

VIAC Board in 2022

In 2022, after a three year term, Günther Horvath stepped down as VIAC's President. The VIAC Board elected Nikolaus Pitkowicz (former Vice-President) as its new President, Patrizia Netal as VIAC's first female Vice-President and Franz Schwarz was re-elected as Vice-President. This trio will lead VIAC for the period 2023 to 2025. Günther Horvath will continue to serve on the VIAC Board as an Honorary President.

While Nathalie Voser and Georg Kathrein stepped down as VIAC Board members at the end of December 2022, we welcomed a number of new members who took up office as of 1 January 2023.

7 Board meetings

40+ Board decisions



Diana Akicol, Veronika Korom, Martin Hauser, Karl Pörnbacher and August Reinisch are excellent additions to the VIAC Board.

They bring invaluable experience to VIAC, especially on the mediation and investment arbitration front.



Nikolaus Pitkowicz
VIAC President



The legacy of Günther Horvath's presidency will live on at VIAC. We are tremendously grateful to Günther for his hard work and dedication to VIAC during his term as President, and indeed for many years before. It is a pleasure to work alongside him to continue to improve VIAC's offering.



Niamh Leinwather
VIAC Secretary General

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Patrizia Netal

Vice-President
Partner | KNOETZL



Nikolaus Pitkowitz

President
Partner | Pitkowitz & Partners



Franz Schwarz

Vice President
Partner | Wilmerhale



Anton Baier

Honorary President



Günther J. Horvath

Honorary President



Diana Akikol

Partner | Walder Wyss Ltd.



Claudia Annacker

Partner | Dechert LLP



Martin Hauser

International Commercial Mediator



Veronika Korom

Professor | ESSEC Business School



Paul Oberhammer

Professor | University of Vienna



Alexander Petsche

Partner | Baker McKenzie



Karl Pörnbacher

Partner | Hogan Lovells



Dietmar Prager

Partner | Debevoise & Plimpton



Lucia Raimanova

Partner | Allen & Overy



August Reinisch

Professor | University of Vienna



Stefan Riegler

Partner | Wolf Theiss



Friedrich R ffler

Professor | University of Vienna



Erich Schwarzenbacher

Judge | Austrian Supreme Court



Irene Welser

Partner | CERHA HEMPEL



VIAC Advisory Boards in 2022

The VIAC Board invited many new members to its three Advisory Boards for the 2023 to 2025 year term. These serve as an important sounding board and platform for thought-exchange about the promotion and development of ADR solutions at VIAC.

1

International Advisory Board

The International Advisory Board provides valuable input on an international level, in particular by measuring our decisions against international arbitration standards. The International Advisory Board currently consists of 43 international dispute resolution experts.



2

Domestic Advisory Board

The Domestic Advisory Board aims at contributing to the development and promotion of arbitration in Austria. Special attention is also given to education in arbitration. The Domestic Advisory Board currently consists of 24 arbitration experts.



3

Mediation Advisory Board

The Mediation Advisory Board discusses national and international mediation issues and aims at strengthening mediation at VIAC in general. The Mediation Advisory Board currently consists of 16 mediation experts.



Scan the QR-Codes to
find out more about
the Advisory Boards

VIAC Secretariat in 2022

In January 2022, Niamh Leinwather succeeded Alice Fremuth-Wolf as VIAC Secretary General.

In December 2022, Anna Förstel-Cherng was appointed as Deputy Secretary General for the period from December 2022 until February 2024 while Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler is on extended leave.

We are pleased to be under this new female leadership and are confident that the expertise and experience that both Niamh and Anna boast, will allow them to continue to adapt VIAC to the ever evolving and demanding global needs in the ADR realm.

Jessica Puhr is one of three Case Managers. Jessica is also responsible for our increased presence on social media and the rebranding of VIAC's resources. Veronika Macha supports the case management, in particular on sanctions related issues. Veronika's work also had a significant impact on the growth of mediation at VIAC.

Sophie Tesarik joined us as a new Legal Counsel in September 2022. Sophie's experience in investment arbitration will be a great asset going forward as we seek to branch out into this field. Sophie succeeded Silvia Freisehner who left VIAC after over three years as a Case Manager. We are grateful to Silvia's hard work and dedication to VIAC. She will be missed. Vladyslava Donchyk joined us through the "Safe Harbour Initiative" in September 2022. We are pleased to have been in a position to contribute to this important initiative and grateful that Vladyslava has become a fully-fledged member of the VIAC team. The faces in our Secretariat remained unchanged. Susanne Schindler and Beatrix Wendt provide constant invaluable support for all of our workstreams.

We are looking forward to welcoming Klaudia Sood back from maternity leave from January 2023. Klaudia will continue in her Case Management role. Ema Potocnik will focus her expertise on developing the VIAC CAN programme.



7 | Secretariat



Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler

Deputy Secretary General



Niamh Leinwather

Secretary General



Anna Förstel-Cherng

Deputy Secretary General



Silvia Freisehner

Legal Counsel



Veronika Macha

Legal Counsel



Jessica Puhr

Legal Counsel



Klaudia Sood

Legal Counsel



Sophie Tesarik

Legal Counsel



Ema Potocnik

Legal Counsel



Vladyslava Donchyk

Intern



Susanne Schindler

Senior Assistant



Beatrix Wendt

Assistant

In memoriam: Werner Melis

We mourned the loss of VIAC's founder, friend and valued colleague who passed away on 21 September 2022 at the age of 87 after a short illness.

During the Cold War, Werner Melis recognised the potential for Austria to take on its role as a neutral forum for disputes, given its natural location as a doorway between East and West. He spearheaded the necessary legislative changes to open the way for an international dispute resolution centre at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber – and the VIAC was born. From 1975, he served as its Secretary General and for 25 years thereafter, its President.

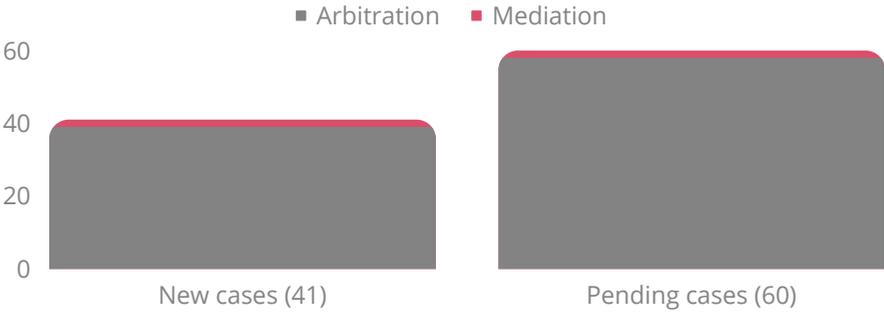
When Werner stepped down as President, he maintained his close ties to VIAC as our first Honorary President. He did so until the end of his days, diligently attending Board meetings up until the summer of 2022.

It is thanks to Werner's tireless efforts that VIAC has developed into the premier international arbitration institution in Central and Eastern Europe and has gained the trust of the international arbitration community. For this, the Austrian arbitration community must, and no doubt will, be forever grateful.



Statistics in 2022

1 Cases



New and pending cases



Aggregated amount in dispute

56 % English

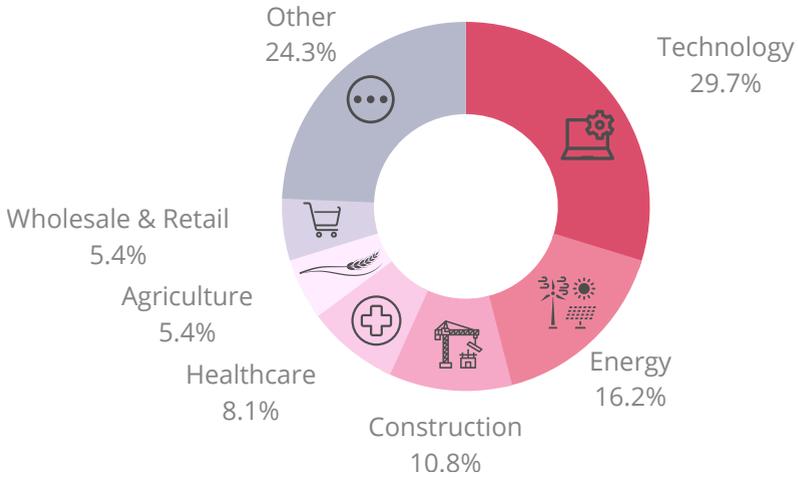
36 % German

8 % Other

Language of Proceedings

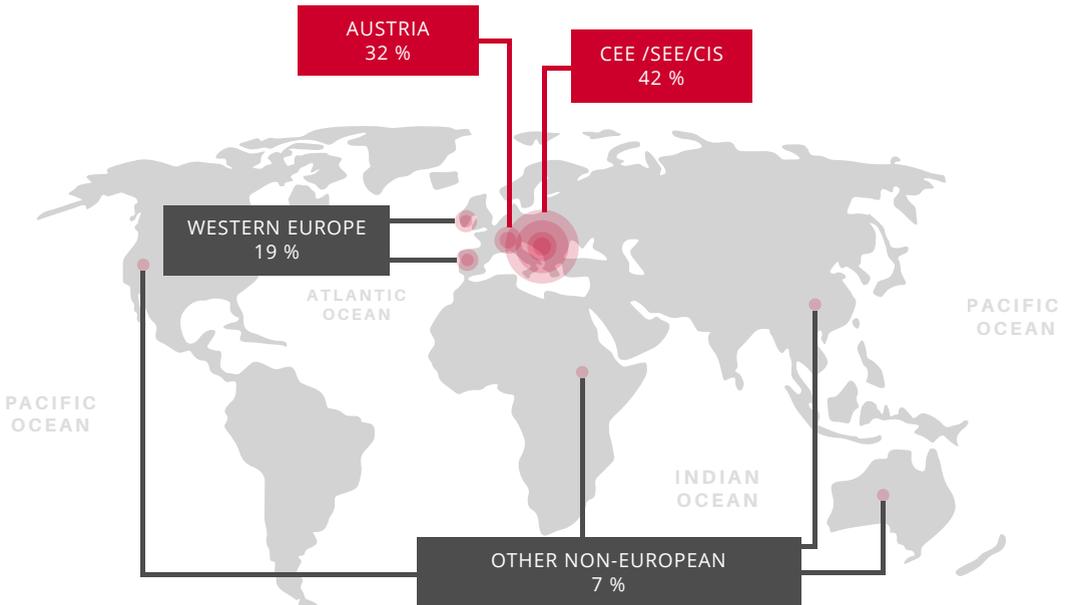


Average Duration of Proceedings closed in 2022



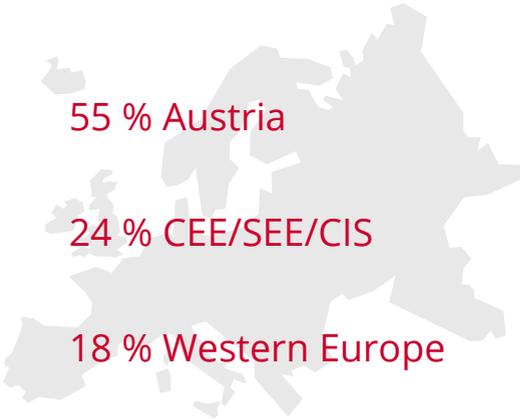
Nature of disputes

2 Parties

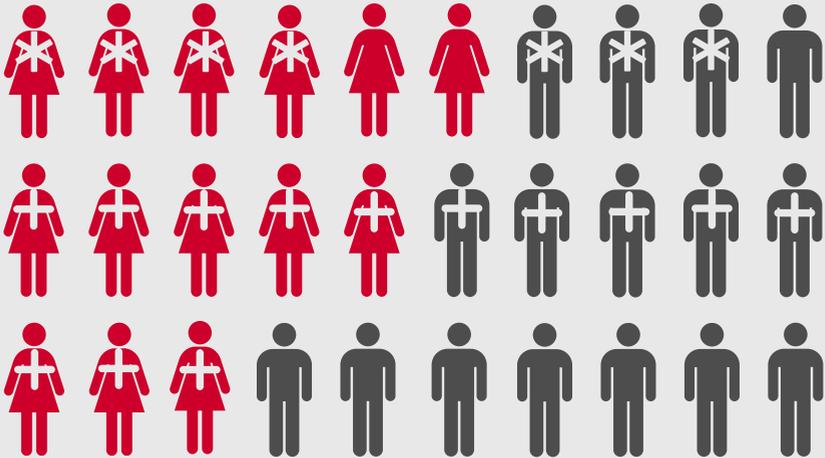


Origin of parties

3 Arbitrators



Nationality of arbitrators



* Chair
+ Sole arbitrator

Gender of arbitrators

Promoting Diversity in Arbitration

The Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge is an initiative that addresses the concerning underrepresentation of women on arbitral tribunals. The initiative aims to promote diversity and inclusion by increasing the number of female arbitrators based on equal qualifications within the international dispute resolution community.

The Pledge offers concrete and actionable steps for achieving its aim. One of the key steps is to ensure that wherever possible lists of potential arbitrators or tribunal chairs provided to or considered by parties, counsel, in-house counsel or otherwise include a fair representation of female candidates.

VIAC was one of the first institutions to take the ERA pledge and we encourage you to do the same.

We are dedicated to achieving gender parity in every aspect of our work. We actively encourage arbitrators and parties to consider gender parity when nominating arbitrators. The majority of Board appointed arbitrators in 2022 were women. If you need inspiration for arbitrator nominations, you can find a list of arbitrators on our website. We encourage female arbitrators to e-mail VIAC to receive a copy of the "Questionnaire".

To further raise awareness about gender parity and the underrepresentation of women in arbitration, we launched two campaigns in 2022:

- **Our Equal Pay Day Campaign** raised awareness about gender pay disparity in dispute resolution.
- The **International Women's Day Campaign** shared some inspiration and tips from female arbitration practitioners in order to #breakthebias.



Sign the ERA-
Pledge here



Sanctions

The Russian aggression against Ukraine had an unprecedented impact on the world and also on the arbitration community.

As a reaction to the invasion, sanctions packages were adopted promptly, in a manner that is unprecedented in the history of the EU. However, the intricacies of arbitration were forgotten on occasion resulting in uncertainty within the arbitral community, not to mention within arbitral institutions. There was ambiguity as to whether arbitral institutions could legally administer disputes with certain listed legal entities/persons.

in particular, the interpretation of Art 5 aa of Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014 (as amended on 15 March 2022, cf Council Regulation (EU) 2022/428) concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, and the related question of its impact on arbitration proceedings with sanctioned parties became increasingly troublesome.

Art 5 aa of Regulation (EU) No. 2022/428 foresaw an "absolute transaction prohibition" (directly or indirectly) with listed legal entities/persons as per Annex XIX. The intention was clear. However, the term "transaction" was not defined. Thus, it was unclear if "any transaction" could also encompass an arbitration procedure with the legal entities/persons listed in Annex XIX.



We sought clarification of this provision on a national level – the relevant Ministries as well as the Austrian National Bank. In parallel, we reached out to colleagues at other European institutions. What ensued was a joint effort by VIAC with the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (“SCC”), the Arbitration Institute of Finland Chamber of Commerce (“FAI”), the Chamber of Arbitration (“CAM”), the German Arbitration Institute (“DIS”) and the Swiss Arbitration Centre to highlight these concerns to the legislator. As a result of the joint efforts of these European arbitration institutions, the Council of the European Union passed its “maintenance and alignment” package, which introduced a number of clarifications to existing measures. Pursuant to Art. 5aa para 3 (g) of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, the prohibition in paragraph 1 shall not apply to:

“transactions which are strictly necessary to ensure access to judicial, administrative or arbitral proceedings in a Member State, as well as for the recognition or enforcement of a judgment or an arbitration award rendered in a Member State and if such transactions are consistent with the objectives of this Regulation and Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.”



VIAC Legal Tech Think Tank

The VIAC Legal Tech Think Tank (VIAC LTTT) is a groundbreaking initiative by VIAC to address the growing impact of digital transformation and innovation in the tech sector in ADR.

As the tech industry continues to experience rapid digital transformation and innovation, new product areas such as cryptocurrency, blockchain, and AI are giving rise to new types of commercial disputes. In addition, increased government regulation of big tech companies is expected to lead to a rise in tech-related investor-State disputes. We want to be fit for the future. It is vital for our growth to gather the expertise and knowledge of thought leaders in the sector to steer the institution in the right direction.

We need to understand how we can provide the best, cutting edge service. Through this initiative, VIAC brings together experts from the tech sector and ADR to brainstorm and collaborate on innovative solutions to emerging challenges. The project enables us to stay ahead of the curve and consider how we can continue to provide effective and efficient dispute resolution services in a rapidly evolving digital ecosystem. The VIAC LTTT was officially kicked off on 25 October 2022.



International arbitration and the technology sector - at their very best - they are expeditious and forward thinking. In theory a dream team. However, the reality is different. Why this is and how we as an institution can change it, is what VIAC's LTTT is all about.



Niamh Leinwather
VIAC Secretary General

Our VIAC LTTT members include **Michel Leclerc**, **Aija Lejniece**, **Matthias Lehmann**, **Eliane Fischer**, **Duarte G. Henriques**, **Ema Vidak Friedman**, **Sean McCarthy**, **Sophie Nappert**, **David Tebel**, **Maud Piers** and **Dominik Loidl**, supported by VIAC's Secretariat, VIAC's Secretary General **Niamh Leinwather**, **Ema Potocnik**, **Jessica Puhr** and **Vladyslava Donchyk**, as well as VIAC's President **Nikolaus Pitkowitz**.



Michel Leclerc

Partner | Parallel
Avocats



Aija Lejniece

Independent Counsel
& Arbitrator



Matthias Lehmann

Professor | University of
Vienna



Eliane Fischer

Partner | rothorn
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**Duarte G.
Henriques**

Founding Member |
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**Ema Vidak
Friedman**

Independent Arbitrator
and Counsel



Sean McCarthy

International Commercial
and Investment Arbitration
Lawyer



Sophie Nappert

Independent Arbitrator



David Tebel

Partner | rothorn
legal



Maud Piers

Associate Professor |
Gent University



Dominik Loidl

Associate | Brauneis
Rechtsanwälte



VIAC Community Ambassador Network

The VIAC Community Ambassador Network (VIAC CAN) is an exciting new initiative, which seeks to establish a network of dispute resolution practitioners in CEE and SEE. The project aims to promote ADR and VIAC in the region. This initiative is a testament to our commitment to CEE/SEE/CIS and to promoting an environment that values and respects diversity and inclusivity.

29 Ambassadors

22 Countries

2 Continents

Through this network, we will be able to better understand the specific needs of each market and tailor our offering accordingly. The project operates under the motto "VIAC CAN – and so CAN you". This motto reflects the belief that by working together we can build a stronger and more effective network of practitioners promoting ADR and VIAC in the region, and thereby meet the users' needs.

More information is available at www.viac-can.eu.

The response to our call for applicants for VIAC CAN Ambassadors in October 2022 was overwhelming, with 29 Ambassadors identified in 22 countries. This demonstrates the keen interest and enthusiasm among professionals in these regions. The selected Ambassadors will play a vital role in the network, serving as key representatives and advocates for VIAC in their respective countries. The project was officially launched in February 2023 and is led by VIAC CAN Director, Ema Potocnik and VIAC CAN Coordinator, Vladyslava Donchyk.



At VIAC CAN, we are well aware that diversity drives progress. VIAC CAN (and) will always hold space for diversity, inclusion and equity.



Ema Potočnik
VIAC CAN Director



Enisa Halili
Albania, Kosovo



Jola Gjuzi
Albania, Kosovo



Ilma Kasumagić
Bosnia & Herzegovina



Ricardo Gardini de Andrade
Brazil



Pencho Stanchev
Bulgaria



Otakar Hájek
Czech Republic



Toni Nogolica
Croatia



Agis Chr. Georgiades
Cyprus



Ben Steinbrück
Germany



Manuela Grosu
Hungary



Sarolta Édua Szabó
Hungary



Sup-Joon Byun
Republic of Korea



Natalia Alenkina
Kyrgyz Republic



Ieva Rimavičienė
Lithuania



Albertas Šekštelo
Lithuania



Sorin Dolea
Moldova



Aneta Spaic
Montenegro



**Ilija Mitrev
Penushliki**
North Macedonia



Martyna Darczuk
Poland



Marek Jeżewski
Poland



Violeta Saranciuc
Romania



Sofia-Elena Cozac
Romania



Sonja Otenhajmer
Serbia



Milica Savić
Serbia



Ľudovít Mičinský
Slovakia



Leyla Orak Çelikboya
Turkiye



Dođuhan Uygun
Turkiye



Victoria Ivasechko
Ukraine



Oksana Karel
Ukraine



We are proud of our Ambassadors!
The Network boasts some of the
best practitioners and academics
in CEE / SEE and beyond.

Niamh Leinwather
VIAC Secretary General

Event Highlights

VIAC at the Vienna Arbitration Days

On 25 February 2022, the Vienna Arbitration Days, Austria's leading arbitration conference co-organised by VIAC, took place on the innovative and interactive Remo platform. With a record-breaking number of attendees, the 2022 Vienna Arbitration Days focused on Shareholder and Corporate Disputes. The keynote speech was delivered by Bernard Hanotiau and addressed the interesting and complex topic of "Multiparty – Multicontract arbitrations relating to M&A Transactions".



The 2022 VAD started with a number of kick-off presentations, which introduced the conference topics. The first kick-off presentation discussed "Joinder & Multiparty Arbitration, Res Judicata & Lis Pendens" and included Lucia Raimanova (Allen & Overy), Michael Bühler (Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe) and Galina Zukova (ZUKOVA Legal) as speakers – most memorable the Mozart Kugeln / Sachertorte case as presented by Lucia Raimanova! The topic of the second kick-off presentation was "Corporate & Shareholder Disputes in Commercial Arbitration, Private Clients, Private Foundations" and featured Werner Jähnel (Lalive), Michael Nueber (Gasser Partner) and Friedrich Rüdfler (University of Vienna). The final topic to get the audience thinking was "Shareholder and Corporate Claims in Investment Arbitration" and Claudia Annacker (Dechert LLP), Yas Banifatemi (Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes) and David Gaukrodger (OECD) shared their thoughts.

During the break the Austrian Yearbook on International Arbitration was presented and VIAC's newly appointed Secretary General, Niamh Leinwather addressed the audience briefly outlining her plans for VIAC in her new role as Secretary General.

The traditional World-Café concluded the conference. The attendees were virtually separated into different rooms to discuss these topics in detail in smaller groups.

VIAC at the Paris Arbitration Week

As part of the 2022 Paris Arbitration Week, Jeantet organised a conference on "The impact of Russian sanctions on international commercial arbitration: from arbitrability to enforcement". The panel was composed of Crina Baltag (Associate Professor, Stockholm University), David Lasfargue (Jeantet), Niamh Leinwather (Secretary General, VIAC), Evgenyia Rubinina (Enyo Law), Jacques-Alexandre Genet (Archipel) and was moderated by Ioana Knoll-Tudor (Jeantet). The panelists discussed a wide variety of issues related to sanctions starting with the origin of economic sanctions and an overview of their effect on international arbitration. The current sanctions and counter sanctions relevant for arbitration were addressed as well as how arbitral institutions deal with these issues on a daily basis, in particular faced with some legal ambiguities. Russia's "anti-sanctions" reforms of its Commercial Procedure Code as well as the impact of sanctions on enforcement rounded out the lively discussion.

A few days later, still in Paris, L'Association Française d'Arbitrage (AFA), The Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (CEPANI), together with the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI) and VIAC invited attendees of the Paris Arbitration Week to a morning debate on "Default in Arbitration". This breakfast event marked the first ever joint event for these four arbitration institutions. Despite the early 8am start, the event was well attended by a lively and engaged audience. The panelists, Niamh Leinwather (VIAC), Camilla Perera-de Wit (NAI), Charles Kaplan (AFA) and Benoît Kohl (CEPANI) under the expert moderation of Marc Henry (AFA) discussed the role of the institution at each stage of the arbitration to ensure that the proceedings can still proceed if a party defaults. The overarching emphasis was to set a proper balance between ensuring that the defaulting party has sufficient opportunity to present its case while preventing undue delay of the arbitration proceedings and ensuring an award that is sound in facts and law is rendered.

Virtual VIAC Series

The first webinar in the virtual VIAC series took place on 19 April 2022. "50 shades of funding – how to establish the right relationship?" tackled the issue of third-party funding from an institutional, funders' and counsel's point of view. Alice Fremuth-Wolf (Nivalion), Mick Smith (Burford Capital), David Probst (UNCITRAL) and Sabine Konrad (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP) offered participants a broad overview of the topic and insights into practice.

The second webinar in the virtual VIAC series took place on 31 May 2022. "The ABC of Legal Tech" was spear-headed by Sophie Nappert (Independent Arbitrator) and Aija Lejniece (Independent Arbitrator) and provided an overview of current topics in legal tech and how disputes might be resolved in this area. Given the significant webinar fatigue in the industry, VIAC was delighted with the outstanding attendance of over 80 participants. The interest in this topic inspired the launch of the VIAC Tech Think Tank. The webinar was recorded and can be found on our website.

VIAC and GAR Live Vienna

The fourth annual GAR Live Vienna took place on 23 May 2022 at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber in the stunning Christoph Leitl rooftop Lounge. For the fourth time running, it attracted delegates from Europe and beyond. The conference was co-chaired by Niamh Leinwather (VIAC), Filip Boras (YAAP), Stefan Riegler (Wolf Theiss, Arb|Aut) and Alice Fremuth Wolf (Arb|Aut). The welcome address was given by the Austrian Minister of Justice, Alma Zadic who is a former arbitration lawyer. This was followed by a phenomenal keynote address on "International Law: Ordering a Disordered World" by Catherine Amirfar (Debevoise & Plimpton), which left a significant impact on the audience and the set the scene for a great day of discussion.

The first panel was the classic GAR Live Inquisition entitled "Is there such a thing as a 'bad' challenge?". The discussion replicated a US senate committee hearing with a succession of witnesses being grilled by a panel of GAR Live inquisitors. Inspired by cases such as *Halliburton v Chubb*, disclosure practices and differing approaches were discussed. The panel was moderated by Niamh Leinwather (VIAC) and Alice Fremuth-Wold (Arb|Aut) and featured Johanna Wirth (Hengeler Mueller) and Philipp Peters (Peters Ortner Partners) as inquisitors and James Menz (Rothorn Legal), Gisela Knuts (Roschier), Veronika Korom (Queritius) and Louis Flannery (Mishcon de Reya) as witnesses.



The second panel concerned itself with the practical meaning of confidentiality, specifically "Is confidentiality on the decline in international commercial arbitration?" The panel was moderated by Filip Boras (YAAP) and featured Oliver M. Brupbacher (Kellerhals Carrard), Alexander Krause (ANDRITZ AG), Shannon Lazzarini (UniCredit), Marija Scekcic (WilmerHaler) and Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler (VIAC) as panellists.

The conference was closed with the traditional GAR Live Debate. "This house believes that when a problem with the award is identified remission of cases to the tribunal is what parties want and need." was debated. Stefan Riegler (Arb|Aut) functioned as moderator, Veit Öhlberger (DORDA) as sole arbitrator and Gaëlle Filhol (Betto Perben Pradel Filhol), Marieke van Hooijdonk (Allen & Overy), Daniela Karollus-Bruner (CMS) and Gabrielle Nater-Bass (Homburger) as debaters. The all-female debaters provided the audience with great laughs with their passionate and impressive debating style.

Each and every panel lived up to the high standard set by the Catherine Amirfar's astounding Keynote and the day of lively discussion was concluded with a toast to Alice Fremuth-Wolf as outgoing Secretary General of VIAC.

VIAC at the Exporttag

VIAC was represented with its own stand at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber's official Export Day on 28 June 2022. The event is the largest trade fair on exports in Austria and provides an exclusive opportunity to network with all of the relevant stakeholders. The topic was "Challenges. Perspectives. Opportunities".

VIAC was represented by Niamh Leinwater and members of the VIAC Board and enjoyed a day of insightful conversations and information exchange.



VIAC's Energy Conference

The VIAC Energy Conference “Navigating through crises – speeding up the energy transition” was organised together with the Energy Community on 4 October 2022. After welcoming remarks by Günther Horvath (VIAC) and Dirk Buschle (Energy Community), Daniel Bilak (Kinstellar, UkraineInvest founder) held a profoundly moving Keynote speech highlighting the torture and horrific scenes in the Ukraine.

During the first panel, moderated by Smaranda Miron (Energy Community), panellists discussed the long road to justice and how this is reflected in the current energy crisis. The panellists included Irina Paliashvili (Ukrainian Legal Group), Ivan Horodysky (Dnistriansky Center for Law and Politics), Jonathan Gimblett (Convington) and Alan Riley (Atlantic Council).

The second panel included Patricia Nacimiento (Herbert Smith Freehills) and Amandine Van Den Bergh (Client Earth) and was moderated by Aleksandra Bujaroska (Environmental Expert). The topic was ways to fight climate change and its challenges.

The first panel of the afternoon was moderated by Franz Schwarz (WilmerHale) and addressed the current energy prices situation and potential disputes arising therefrom, as well as a general overview of energy disputes. Panellists included Leonardo Sempertegui (OPEC), Christoph Riechmann (Frontier Economics) and Sara Nadeau-Seguín (Teynier Pic).

Finally, Johannes Koepf (Baker Botts) moderated a discussion on different efficient dispute management tools while talking about how to protect investments. The panellists included Crina Baltag (Stockholm University), Enikő Horvath (Dechert LLP) and Courtney Lotfi (Jones Day).

The event was concluded with a musical interlude. Friedrich Jergitsch (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) played two special pieces on the piano for Günther Horvath's (then VIAC President) to mark the occasion of his 70th birthday. It was truly a special event – not solely for the exceptional Keynote speech and the high-quality panel discussions but also because VIAC had the opportunity to honour Günther Horvath on this special occasion.



FEBRUARY

- 03.02.2022 Lecture series, "International Commercial Contracts and Dispute Resolution", webinar
- 23.02.2022 VIAC and WU Wien event, "Willem C. Vis Moot meets VIAC", webinar
- 25.02.2022 Winter School of the Austrian Arbitration Academy, "Arbitration Rules in Practice", Vienna
- 25.02.2022 Vienna Arbitration Days 2022, "Shareholder and Corporate Disputes", Vienna
- 02.03.2022 Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, "The 3rd Austrian Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot", Vienna

MARCH

- 04.03.2022 GIAS Arbitration Month - Careers in Arbitration Day, webinar
- 04.03.2022 Columbia Arbitration Day 2022, "Rethinking International Arbitration: Towards Transformation and Reform", webinar
- 07.03.2022 KPMG - Hungarian Arbitration Association Event, "Mixed modes of ADR processes for resolving commercial disputes: pros and cons", Budapest
- 11.03.2022 AWAK, "Grundlagenseminar der Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit", Vienna
- 13.03.2022 The 3rd Dublin Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot, Dublin
- 24.03.2022 ABA International Law Section, "International Arbitration Skills Masterclass", webinar
- 31.03.2022 Joint Conference AFA - CEPANI - NAI - VIAC, "Default in Arbitration", Paris
- 31.03.2022 8th Harvard International Arbitration Conference, "Clash of Cultures? Civil & Common Law Traditions in International Arbitration" webinar

APRIL

- 01.04.2022 ArbAUT, ASA and LIS, "Die 8. Dreiländerkonferenz", Zurich
- 02.04.2022 2nd Bucerius Conference, "Investment Law & Arbitration", Hamburg
- 04.04.2022 VIAC-GIZ-UNCITRAL event, "Legal Reform in the Western Balkans (LRWB) - Kick-off event, New Directions of ISDS Reform in the Western Balkans: Dispute Prevention and Mediation", Vienna
- 12.04.2022 AIAC-VIAC Joint Event, "A Meeting of Arbitral Institutions: AIAC & VIAC", Vienna
- 19.04.2022 Virtual VIAC Series, "50 shades of funding - how to establish the right relationship?", webinar
- 26.04.2022 Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, "Streitbeilegung in Österreich", Vienna
- 28.04.2022 AIA Event, "Head-to-head interview with arbitral institutions: recent trends and future prospects", webinar



25 | Events

MAY

- 03.05.2022 Debate, "Implications of Sanctions on International Arbitration", hybrid, webinar and Milan
- 04.05.2022 Arb|Aut Forum, "Strengthening The Legal Framework For Arbitration in Austria", Vienna
- 06.05.2022 IP Disputes Conference IPDC2022 - Zeiler Floyd Zadkovich, "Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property", Vienna
- 10.05.2022 BGS' Institute of Arbitration, "Meet the Titans", webinar
- 12.05.2022 Lecture on "Careers in Arbitration", WU Wien, Vienna
- 16.05.2022 "Litigation & Arbitration", WU Wien, Vienna
- 19.05.2022 Joint event GHG Czernich-University of Vienna-Arb|Aut, "Schiedsverfahren im Versicherungsrecht, Vienna
- 19.05.2022 YAAP Round Table, "Construction Arbitration", Vienna
- 23.05.2022 GAR Live Vienna 2022, Vienna
- 31.05.2022 Virtual VIAC Series, "The ABC of Legal Tech", webinar

JUNE

- 09.06.2022 Italian Arbitration Day, "The Reform of Italian Arbitration Law: An International Perspective", Rome
- 09.06.2022 University of Innsbruck, "Gastvortrag - Arbitration zwischen den Welten - VIAC als Brücke zwischen West und Ost", webinar
- 10.06.2022 Baker McKenzie-NYU-VIAC Event, "Debating Evidence", Vienna
- 12.06.2022 11th Baltic Arbitration Days, Riga
- 16.06.2022 China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), "Innovation and Development of Maritime and Commercial Arbitration in the New Era", Beijing
- 23.06.2022 Joint event Swiss Arbitration Academy-University of Lucerne-the University of Neuchâtel, "The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Arbitration", webinar
- 28.06.2022 Export Day 2022, "Challenges.Perspectives.Opportunities", Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vienna

JULY

- 05.07.2022 9th ELSA Vienna Law School visit at VIAC, Vienna
- 07.07.2022 The Legal 500, "2nd edition of the Commercial Arbitration Summit", Frankfurt am Main
- 09.07.2022 ELSA Vienna Dispute Resolution Summer Law School 2022, "Planning a Future Career in Dispute Resolution: The Art of Advocacy", Vienna
- 16.07.2022 IBA-VIAC, "Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition 'CDRC'", Vienna
- 25.07.2022 Austrian Arbitration Academy, "Arbitration Summer Program", Lake Wolfgang

AUGUST

- 26.08.2022 Yonsai Arbitration Day, "War and Arbitration", webinar



SEPTEMBER

- 06.09.2022 KOFAIR - Visit of delegation at VIAC, Vienna
- 18.09.2022 ICCA 2022, "Arbitration's Age of Enlightenment?", Edinburgh
- 26.09.2022 Certificate in International Commercial and Investment Arbitration, Rome
- 29.09.2022 Joint conference VIAC-TOBB Uyum-FISAUM, "Current Issues in Alternative Dispute Resolutions in International Trade", Ankara and Istanbul
- 30.09.2022 Balkan Arbitration Conference 2022, "Choosing an arbitral institution and rules", Tirana

OCTOBER

- 04.10.2022 Joint conference with the Energy Community, "4th Dispute Resolution Forum, "Navigating through crises – speeding up the energy transition", Vienna
- 06.10.2022 Joint conference YRAP-YAAP-VIAC, "Arbitration and Technology. Technology and Arbitration - Views from Eastern Europe", Bucharest
- 10.10.2022 ISTAW - Istanbul Arbitration Week, "Efficiency in international arbitration from an institution's perspective", Istanbul

NOVEMBER

- 09.11.2022 CIArb Congress 2022 and virtual Alexander Lecture 2022, "Resolving Intractable Inter-States Disputes: A Sisyphean Struggle?", London
- 10.11.2022 Kyiv Arbitration Days 2022, "After the war: The legal battles", webinar
- 17.11.2022 The Young Practitioners of Arbitration Ireland (YPAI), "Young Practitioners' Annual Seminar", Dublin
- 18.11.2022 10th Annual Dublin International Arbitration Day, "Efficiency in Arbitration", Dublin
- 18.11.2022 The Swiss Chamber of Business Mediation and Weblaw AG, "Recht in der Mediation", webinar
- 22.11.2022 Business Circle networking event with Advantage Austria, Sarajevo
- 23.11.2022 Sarajevo Arbitration Day, "Making Sense of a Changing World: Energy and Construction Dispute Resolution in a Sustainable Future", Sarajevo
- 24.11.2022 "Gemeinsame Schiedsverfahrenskultur in der DACH-Region?", Basel

DECEMBER

- 01.12.2022 30th Croatian Arbitration Days, Zagreb
- 07.12.2022 KPMG Legal Conference 2022, "Financing legal disputes in the CEE in the middle of global challenges", Budapest



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VIAC Explanatory Notes Investment Rules (2022)

Wolf Theiss Podcast, "Digital proceedings in international arbitration. Lessons learned and future impacts for state courts" (03/2022)

Filip & Company Podcast, "The Importance of greener arbitration" (04/2022)

Deutscher AnwaltSpiegel, Patrizia Netal/Florian Haugeneder, "Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules - Eine Chance für Small Investments" (09/2022)

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1

Connecting with our users:

People are our most important asset. We are thankful for our network within the arbitration community but we aim at reaching further. In 2023, we want to get to know **you**.

2

Improving our services:

They say "feedback is a gift" and it truly is. We want to hear from you so that we can improve our ADR offering to better serve you.

3

Promoting investment arbitration and mediation:

Our investment arbitration rules, mediation and Arb-Med-Arb rules have enormous potential and we aim to showcase their advantages.



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