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PREFACE



We are pleased to present VIAC's Annual Report for the year 2021. The past year was characterised by change at VIAC on many levels.

First, VIAC developed and launched the VIAC Portal, an online case management platform for parties, arbitrators and the Secretariat. The VIAC Portal is hosted on HighQ, a cloud-based file sharing and collaboration software. The platform is used for all VIAC cases initiated since March 2021. The VIAC Portal is one of VIAC's pillars in its efforts to promote greener and more sustainable proceedings.

Second, VIAC drafted and implemented a new version of the Vienna Rules and Vienna Mediation Rules, and for the very first time VIAC introduced a stand-alone set of investment rules, the Vienna Investment Arbitration and Mediation Rules. Those rules are jointly referred to as the VIAC Rules 2021, which entered into force on 1 July 2021.

Third, the VIAC Secretariat saw several team members leave and welcomed new members in 2021. Three legal team members left (some temporarily), and two new case managers joined. Former Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf departed VIAC at the end of 2021 for new adventures. We thank Alice for her extraordinary commitment to VIAC for ten full years.

Fourth, as far as events were concerned, 2021 was still strongly influenced by the Covid pandemic, which required us to constantly adjust plans to ever-changing circumstances. Nevertheless, VIAC and the Austrian arbitration community managed to conduct a remarkable number of attractive events, mostly in online or hybrid formats. It is in this context, for example, the first remote Vienna Arbitration Days took place in February 2021 and were a great success. We are grateful that, as a team, we have come through another difficult pandemic year, and our thoughts remain with those most affected.



As of the beginning of 2022, VIAC's new Secretary General Niamh Leinwather took office. We warmly welcome Niamh and look forward to a new era under her leadership. We are very proud to have this outstanding international arbitration practitioner at the helm of our institution.

We thank you all for the trust you have placed in our institution during these challenging times. We hope you enjoy reading VIAC's sixth Annual Report.

Günther J. Horvath
President of the VIAC-Board

Niamh Leinwather
Secretary General of VIAC

Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler
Deputy Secretary General of VIAC

HIGHLIGHTS

VIAC Portal – File-Sharing Platform

In 2018 VIAC introduced an electronic database for the internal handling of all case files. This enabled VIAC to switch to an almost paperless system of case management.

In March 2021 VIAC introduced the VIAC Portal – an online case management platform hosted on HighQ, a cloud-based file sharing and collaboration software operated by Thomson Reuters.

Thus, VIAC is proud to be one of the few European institutions that has successfully switched to full digitisation of its case management.

The VIAC Portal can be used for all types of VIAC proceedings for communication between the VIAC, the parties, and the arbitrators or other third-party neutrals. A separate case file is opened on the Portal for each case. The purpose of the Portal is to further increase efficiency in VIAC cases, to enable transparency among case participants, and to address the participants' ever-increasing needs for data security, confidentiality, and privacy.

The Legal Tech Times No. 1 published the following [article on the VIAC portal](#) in May 2021.

The login page of the VIAC Portal can be found [here](#).

For more information, please visit [our website](#), where you can also find the [VIAC Portal Guidelines](#).

Campaign for Greener Arbitrations: The Green Pledge

In an effort to promote greener and more sustainable arbitration, VIAC has signed the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations' Green Pledge.

The Campaign for Greener Arbitrations seeks to raise awareness about the environmental impact and the carbon footprint of arbitrations and strives to promote more sustainable solutions. One of the Campaign's Guiding Principles is the commitment to correspond electronically in order to reduce paper waste.

VIAC has joined close to 100 institutional supporters in promoting more sustainable arbitral practices.

Find out more about the Campaign for Greener Arbitrations and the Green Pledge [here](#).

VIAC's Mediation Initiative

In 2021, VIAC continued the mediation initiative for companies based in Austria that were experiencing contractual problems with other companies due to Covid-19.

VIAC assisted companies in finding suitable mediators to adjudicate their disputes. VIAC waived any administration fees for these mediations until the end of 2021. As a byproduct of helping (Austrian) entrepreneurs through these challenging times, this initiative has also raised awareness for mediation as a cost-effective means of dispute resolution.

VIAC & Jus Mundi Partnership

VIAC and Jus Mundi have teamed up to improve global access to key Austrian municipal decisions relating to arbitration.

The incorporation of these materials into Jus Mundi's freely accessible and publicly available AI-powered search engine includes Austrian Supreme Court Decisions (in the German language) related to arbitration, selected by VIAC.

Additionally, and where possible, English translations of the decisions will be provided by legal professionals from the Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (YAAP), with the aim of enhancing global understanding of Austrian jurisprudence on arbitration matters.

Study "Streitbeilegung in Österreich"

As the first nationwide and comprehensive scientific study of dispute resolution behavior in the Austrian business community the study "Dispute Resolution in Austria" ("*Streitbeilegung in Österreich*") aims to provide answers to questions such as: How do Austrian businesses resolve their disputes? When do they file a claim and when do they settle? And how is the work of courts and arbitration tribunals perceived?

It is an initiative of the University of Vienna with the law firm Zeiler Floyd Zadkovich. On 18 November 2021, Lisa Beisteiner and Christian Koller presented the study results at the Annual Joint Conference of ArbAut, YAAP and VIAC at the premises of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. You can find a report on the study's findings at this link: <https://streitbeilegung-in-oesterreich.org/>.

At the moment, the study is only available in German, but is currently also being translated into English. It is the first

comprehensive study on dispute resolution trends in Austria.

VIAC co-organised the launch of this project, together with the authors of the study, at an event which focused on the different possibilities and mechanisms of dispute resolution in Austria, on 26 November 2019 at WIFI Vienna.

Vienna Arbitration Days 2021

On 12 February, the thirteenth Vienna Arbitration Days (VAD), Austria's leading arbitration conference co-organised by VIAC, took place as an online event for the very first time. The topic was "Construction Arbitration: Innovation and Constants".

The keynote speech was delivered by Karl Pörnbacher (Hogan Lovells, Munich).

The participants of the panel discussion were Milena Djordjević (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law), David Brynmor Thomas (39 Essex Chambers, London) and Eliane Fischer (Rothorn Legal, Zurich). It was moderated by José Angelo Estrella-Faria (UNCITRAL, Vienna) who directed the following topics and questions to the panelists: Delay and disruption claims in times of Covid-19; Do multiparty proceedings work? Adjudication – do we need to rethink its current procedure and practice? Does construction arbitration need a specialised set of arbitration rules?

The second part of the VAD was dedicated to a mock arbitral hearing, which focused on the following scenarios: organisation of the expert procedure; joinder of a third party; admission of new claims and examination of a delay expert. Erin Miller Rankin (Freshfields, Dubai), Christian Aschauer (Independent Arbitrator, Vienna) and Jovan Nikčević (NKP Law Office, Belgrade) acted as the arbitral tribunal and Katherine Bell (Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich), Veronique Buehrlen (Keating Chambers, London), Maria Irene Perrucio

(Webuild, Milan) and Gunnar Pickl (Dorda, Vienna) were counsel.

The World Café was scheduled for the afternoon session.

The feedback received for the first online VAD was very positive although the participants missed out on the traditional conference dinner at the beautiful Palmenhaus.

28 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

The 28 edition of the infamous student arbitration competition also was the second Virtual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

The event took place from 26 March 2021 to the 1 April 2021. The Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution Rules were the applicable arbitration rules in this year's case.

Congratulations to the Bucerius Law School team who beat the Singapore Management University in the final round.

VIAC-IBA Mediation and Negotiation Competition "CDRC Vienna 2021"

For the sixth time, the CDRC, which is organised in collaboration with VIAC and the International Bar Association (IBA), was hosted from 10 to 14 July online via Zoom.

The problem was based on the Vis Moot case so the students were faced with substantively the same issues but in a mediation setting.

Students and dispute practitioners were invited to share their knowledge, and young negotiators and mediators were able to experience a unique opportunity to improve on their mediation skills.

33 international university teams came together virtually to demonstrate their mediation skills, guided by their coaches and met with the feedback and support of selected international experts.

The Final Award Ceremony awarded the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski for Best Negotiation Strategy, the São Paulo Law School of Fundação Getulio Vargas for Best Advocacy, the Singapore Management University for Best Teamwork, the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP) for Best Mediation Management and the Charles University for Most Effective Opening Address.

Joiners and Leavers at the VIAC Secretariat

The VIAC Secretariat comprises of a team of 11 women!

New additions to the team include Jessica Pühr and Ema Potočnik, two full-time Legal Counsels who started in August to support the team during Klaudia Sood's maternity leave and Stephan Karall's educational leave.

In September, Stefanie Fally, an apprentice in her first year, started at the Secretariat. Silvana Mratinkovic has completed her apprenticeship year at VIAC in fall.

VIAC's Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf and Legal Counsel Johanna Kathan-Spath bid their farewell to the VIAC Secretariat at the end of the year.

For more information on the members of the VIAC Secretariat please see page 22.

VIAC'S SERVICES DURING COVID-19

Continuous Availability of our Services

While the pandemic and the first full lockdown took us all by surprise, the VIAC Secretariat quickly adapted to the new challenges. Thanks to internal electronic case management tools, which were introduced in 2019, the Secretariat remained fully operational. Hence, we were able to ensure seamless case administration without delay.

Submission of Documents

We encouraged parties to submit all written submissions and any supporting documentation, including witness statements and expert reports, by electronic means, according to Article 12 para. 2 Vienna Rules 2021. Arbitrators and Mediators were also encouraged to use electronic copies of case-related documents.

Service of the Award

To avoid potential issues with the postal services or DHL, Article 36 para 5 of the Vienna Rules 2021 was adopted, providing that

“the Secretary General shall transmit the award to the parties in hardcopy form. If it is not possible or feasible to send the award in hardcopy form within a reasonable time, or if the parties so agree, the Secretariat may send a copy of the award in electronic form. In this case a copy of the award in hardcopy form may be sent at a later stage.”

In-person and Online Hearings

The AFEC offers a specially equipped room for video-conferencing that can be rented for online hearings, hybrid options are also available.

To ensure the success of a hybrid oral hearing, careful planning is essential, and the VIAC Secretariat offers assistance in all aspects.

“The Vienna Protocol – A Practical Checklist for Remote Hearings”, provides useful guidance for parties, counsel, and arbitrators holding hearings in times of Covid-19.

EVENTS

Although the pandemic made it almost impossible to hold in-person events, the Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf and members of the VIAC Board remained active during the pandemic and various lockdowns. VIAC (co-)organised and moderated a plethora of webinars and discussed relevant topics on arbitration and mediation to maintain the academic exchange and keep the arbitration communities updated on current developments.

Even VIAC's biggest (co-) organised event, the Vienna Arbitration Days (for details see above in the section "Highlights") was held online for the very first time and was a great success!

RIMA - Winter Academy on International Arbitration

The Winter Academy of International Arbitration, which was organised by the Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration was held from 11 to 16 January 2021 online.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf gave a presentation on "Legal implications and virtual hearings".

Winter School of the Austrian Arbitration Academy

The fifth edition of the Winter School took place online- from 19 January to 12 February, offering young practitioners insight and hands-on training in international arbitration.

It was jointly organised by the Sommerhochschule of the Vienna University, VIAC, YAAP and ArbAut.

The keynote was delivered by Prof. Ingeborg Schwenzer on "CISG and arbitration".

Delos-SCC-VIAC Joint Webinar

On 26 January 2021, Delos Dispute Resolution, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and VIAC organised a joint webinar entitled "Fast & Slow? A Look Back at Remote Hearings in 2020 and the Outlook for 2021".

The panel, consisting of Ndanga Kamau (Ndanga Kamau Law), Annette Magnusson (SCC), Maxi Scherer (WilmerHale), Hafez Virjee (Delos) and VIAC's Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf.

RAI Webinar Series: the Rising Arbitrator's Challenge

The Rising Arbitrator Initiative (RAI) introduced a webinar series aimed at supporting and advising practitioners seeking first arbitrator appointments. In a number of regionally focused events, the series explored arbitrators' rights and duties across jurisdictions, focusing on common questions and challenges notoriously faced in first arbitrator appointments.

Speakers from around the world shared their experiences, insights, and advice on how best to run and decide arbitrations, and on how to start and build a career as arbitrator.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf was one of the panelists in the European event which was held online on 27 January 2021.

ABA Webinar Series: What the Rules Don't Tell You

This webinar series was organised by the American Bar Association (ABA) and addressed many practical issues as well as some controversial topics and covered some 15 to 20 major international arbitral institutions.

The webinar which was held on 16 February provided unprecedented insight into the unwritten aspects of arbitration at the Swiss Chambers' Arbitration Institution (SCAI). VIAC's Vice President Nikolaus Pitkowitz was co-moderating the webinar and our Board Member Patrizia Netal was acting as one of the panelists.

GAR Interactive DACH

The GAR Interactive: DACH conference took place on 23 February 2021 via Zoom. It's focus was on arbitration rules across Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

The event was chaired by Christopher Boog (Schellenberg Wittmer), Anke Meier (Noerr) and our Board member Patrizia Netal (KNOETZL). There also was a keynote address delivered by Robert Volterra (Volterra Fietta).

The topics included "Arbitration and insolvency & restructuring – old and new issues in challenging times" and "Post-M&A arbitration – all about the experts?"

Webinar - Auswirkungen von COVID-19 auf Ihre Vertragsbeziehungen

On 8 March a mediation initiative to support economic relations was held as a webinar in the German language.

The panels consisted of VIAC's Board member Alexander Petsche (Baker

McKenzie), VIAC's Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf and Michael Hamberger, (Federal Experts Group Business Mediation of the Professional Association Management Consulting, Accounting and Information Technology). The panel was moderated by Bernhard Hlatky, (WKO Wien).

CAI and International Investment Arbitration Summit

CIETAC - China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and CIIAF - China International Investment Arbitration Forum co-hosted the CAI and International Investment Arbitration Summit on the afternoon of 26 March 2021.

The Summit was collaborated by the ICC International Court of Arbitration, the Arbitration Institute of Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), VIAC and was co-organised by Wuhan University Law School, Wuhan University Academy of International Law and Global Governance and the Global Law Office. It was also the 2021 annual conference of CIIAF.

Our Board Member Claudia Annacker participated in panel II on "New Progress in Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Reform".

Ninth Bergsten Lecture

The University of Vienna and the Austrian Arbitration Association (Arb|Aut) co-organised the 9 Bergsten Lecture which will take place on 28 March 2021.

That year's Lecture was given by James Castello who discussed the topic of: "The Proliferation of Arbitral Rules"

The introduction was made by VIAC's Board member Paul Oberhammer (University of Vienna, Wilmer Hale), the discussants were VIAC's President Günther Horvath and Friederike Schäfer (Counsel at

ICC). The discussion was moderated by Florian Haugeneder (Partner, Knoetzi).

Dispute Resolution Post-Brexit – Europe and the UK

On 7 April 2021 WilmerHale and VIAC held an online seminar on dispute resolution after Brexit.

Dame Elizabeth (Gloster, Burkhard Hess), VIAC's Board member Paul Oberhammer and VIAC's Vice President Franz Schwarz discussed changes in the field of international arbitration and civil procedure and the possible advantages of arbitration for UK-EU commerce. Topics of discussion included issues of jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement, parallel proceedings, lis pendens, evidence, and service.

SHUPL International Arbitration Conference

The SHUPL International Arbitration Conference organised by the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL) took place virtually on 8 April 2021.

VIAC was represented by its Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf who participated in the panel on "International Supply Chain Arbitrations from the Perspective of International Arbitration Institutions".

GAR Connect: Moscow Workshop

The GAR Connect: Moscow Workshop organised by GAR Events took place virtually on 21 April 2021.

VIAC was represented by its Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf who participated in the panel on "Sanctions and

Russia-related arbitration: What's the effect of the latest legislation?".

CILA-Webinar

This webinar on the topic "The Role of Arbitral Institutions in Developing International Arbitration" organised by the Center for International Legal Affairs (CILA) took place virtually on 5 and 6 May 2021.

VIAC was represented by its Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf who participated in the webinar on 5 May 2021.

St. Petersburg International Legal Forum

The St. Petersburg International Legal Forum took place in an online format from 18 to 22 May 2021. Guests of SPBILF 9 ¾: Vaccination by Law took part in a five-day tele-marathon, with four channels of broadcasting and the opportunity to join in at all of the events from anywhere around the globe.

This year, the Forum's business program comprised 11 thematic tracks. As well as the traditional discussions and roundtables, there was multiple opportunities for education, raising of qualification levels and networking. Moot courts, masterclasses, webinars and a special form of entertainment content allowed the participants to develop a deeper understanding of complex cases and to learn unique life-hacks, skills and knowledge from leaders in the legal sector, as well as to find new partners and clients.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf was a panelist in the discussion session "Arbitration in Russia: Forum In Favorem Arbitri?" on 19 May 2021.

Richard DeWitt Arbitration Conference 2021

The Richard DeWitt Arbitration Conference 2021 organised by the Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Law together with the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia took place online on 3 June 2021.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf was panelist in Panel 1 on "Position of the Austrian Courts towards the Remote Hearings in Arbitration and the Right to be Heard".

China Legal Forum on International Trade in Services

The Legal Forum, hosted by BAC (Beijing Arbitration Commission), was a part of the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) in Beijing on 3 September.

VIAC was represented by its Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf who participated in the panel on "The Globalization of Dispute Resolution Services and the Growth of Beijing as International Arbitration Hub".

Women in Law - International Online Conference

The second International Women in Law Conference took place virtually from 9 to 11 September 2021.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf was one of the panelists in "track #1" on "bias: conscious or unconscious – creating awareness and dealing with it" which was held online on 10 September 2021.

ECAA's Inauguration Event

On 14 September 2021 the Inauguration Event of the European Chinese Arbitrators Association (ECAA) took place at the University of Vienna and at the CIETAC

Arbitration Summit in Beijing as well as virtually.

The keynote speech was delivered by Prof. Christoph Schreuer, and the introduction note was given by VIAC's Vice-President Nikolaus Pitkowicz. VIAC Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf moderated the second panel ("Practical Tips for Drafting Arbitration Agreements").

XIII ABA Conference on the Resolution of CIS-Related Business Disputes

The thirteenth Annual ABA Conference on the Resolution of CIS-Related Business Disputes was held in hybrid form (in-person and virtual) in Moscow on 22 September 2021.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf participated and represented VIAC.

Gabriel Arbitration Conference 2021

On 6 October the Gabriel Arbitration Conference 2021 was held in hybrid form (in person in Zurich and virtual) on the topic "Prayers for Relief in International Arbitration Proceedings: Anything Goes?".

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf participated and represented VIAC online.

Arbitration and Corporate Law („Schiedsverfahren im Gesellschaftsrecht „)

On 8 October 2021 the event "Arbitration and corporate law" ("Schiedsverfahren im Gesellschaftsrecht") organised by the University of Vienna, CHG Czernich Rechtsanwälte and Arb|Aut, took place on the premises of the University of Vienna.

Speakers included VIAC board member, Friedrich Ruffler, VIAC Deputy

Secretary General, Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler, VIAC advisory board members, Dietmar Czernich, Christian Koller, and Anne-Karin Grill, Vice President of the Austrian Supreme Court, Matthias Neumayr, SMS Law Partner, Georg Schima and Orrick Partner, Siegfried H. Elsing.

VIII CAM-CCBC Arbitration Congress

The Centre for Arbitration and Mediation of the Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Canada (CAM-CCBC) held the VIII Edition of our traditional CAM-CCBC Arbitration Congress. This event took place virtually on 18 and 19 October 2021.

VIAC was represented by its Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf who participated in the panel on "New trends in Institutional Arbitration" on 19 October 2021.

HIALSA & HCSELSA Lunchtime Talk

On 19 November 2021 HIALSA and HCSELSA hosted an event on "Arbitrator Appointment and Challenges in Practice".

The event was moderated by Franz Schwarz, Partner/Vice-Chair of Wilmer Hale's International Arbitration Practice Group and Vice-President of the VIAC Board. Speakers included Alice Fremuth-Wolf (VIAC Secretary-General), Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler (VIAC Deputy Secretary-General) and Ema Potocnik (VIAC Legal Counsel).

The speakers discussed practical examples of challenges related to the appointment of arbitrators from both an institutional and practitioner perspective. In addition, they provided useful insights and tips for young professionals, particularly women, who are entering the field of international arbitration. Participants had the chance to engage with the speakers directly and ask the panelists questions.

Arb|Aut, YAAP and VIAC Annual Joint Conference

On 18 November 2021 the Annual Joint Conference of ArbAut, YAAP and VIAC took place.

The format was hybrid at the premises of VIAC.

The event kicked off at 4pm with the ArbAut AGM and was followed by YAAP's AGM.

The Annual Conference commenced at 5pm with the first topic being the new VIAC Construction Guide, which was presented by Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Florian Haugeneder and Gunnar Pickl. This was followed by a presentation of the results of an empirical study on the behavior of companies in dispute resolution in Austria by Lisa Beisteiner and Christian Koller.

Promotion of the VIAC Rules and VIAC Investment Rules and Webinars

VIAC Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf presented the revised VIAC Rules of Arbitration and Mediation 2021 at a joint event with the Hungarian Arbitration Association in Budapest on 23 November 2021.

The event discussed the Austro-Hungarian relations in the field of economic relations, Hungary's experience with investment treaties, and offered a Hungarian perspective on the VIAC Rules 2021.

Ukrainian Arbitration Forum II

VIAC participated in the second panel of the Ukrainian Arbitration Forum II on 3 December 2021. The panel titled "Up-and-coming rules. New opportunities opened up with the modernisation of arbitration rules" featured representatives

of different arbitration institutions, who presented the newest features of their arbitration rules.

African Arbitration and Mediation Day

VIAC Legal Counsel Ema Potocnik and former Secretary of UNCITRAL Renaud Sorieul participated in the first edition of the African Arbitration and Mediation Day on 6 December 2021.

The African Day of Arbitration and Mediation and the consecutive training sessions was, in particular, an opportunity to revisit the legal and institutional framework of arbitration and mediation in Africa, to appreciate the practice of these alternative dispute settlement methods on the continent, and to equip arbitration and mediation actors with technical skills for the efficient conduct of proceedings.

TÜSIAD Webinar "Arbitration as an Alternative for Resolution of International Disputes"

On 20 December 2021 the webinar entitled "Arbitration as an Alternative for Resolution of International Disputes" organised by TÜSIAD Legal Affairs Working Group took place.

The event aimed to compare the rules applied in the settlement of international commercial disputes at the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the VIAC.

Our Secretary General Alice Fremuth-Wolf represented VIAC as a speaker in this webinar.

360° ADR-Midweek Talk Series

The 360° ADR - a Midweek Talk Series, which started at the end September 2020, was continued until end of October 2021. The series was supported by VIAC and organised as well as moderated every other week by Mediation Advisory Board member Amelie Huber-Starlinger and covered various interesting topics of alternative dispute resolution.

VIAC INVESTMENT ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION RULES 2021

VIAC has been working hard for the past year to draft, finalise and publish VIAC's new Investment Arbitration and Mediation Rules 2021 ("Vienna Investment Arbitration and Mediation Rules 2021") that entered into force on 1 July 2021. They are applicable to all proceedings commenced after 30 June 2021.

The working group was led by Claudia Annacker and consisted of representatives of the VIAC Board and Secretariat (Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Günther Horvath, Johanna Kathan-Spath, Dietmar Prager, Lucia Raimanova, Franz Schwarz and Nathalie Voser). A big thank you for all the work involved in this project, especially to our legal counsel Johanna Kathan-Spath who was responsible for overseeing the whole process including the amendments to the Vienna Rules.

With the adoption of the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules, VIAC offers a set of specialised arbitral rules to accommodate the unique features of

investment arbitration, including the involvement of sovereign parties and the implication of issues of public interest and public policy. They are intended to apply by agreement to the arbitration of investment disputes arising under a contract, treaty, statute or other instrument and involving a State, a State-controlled entity or an intergovernmental organisation. Where the parties to a dispute have previously consented, or a party has previously offered to consent, to arbitration in accordance with rules of arbitration other than the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules, a dispute may be submitted instead to arbitration in accordance with the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules if the parties subsequently expressed their agreement to submit their dispute to arbitration in accordance with the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules. The Vienna Investment Mediation Rules complement the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules, and may be used either independently of, or in conjunction with, arbitration proceedings.

Claudia Annacker on the New Investment Rules:

“Combining the advantages of specialised investment arbitration rules with the procedural flexibility afforded by the Vienna Rules, the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules are an effective response to the unique demands of investment arbitration.

The Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules are a comprehensive, standalone set of arbitral rules based on the standard Vienna Rules, but feature a number of innovations and modifications to accommodate the fundamental differences between commercial and investment arbitration, including a right of non-disputing contracting States to make written submissions on questions of treaty interpretation.

The Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules facilitate efficient resolution of investment disputes and take head on two major concerns of users of investment arbitration, duration and cost:

- There are no objective requirements regarding the parties and the nature of the dispute; parties are entirely free to decide for themselves whether a dispute is an investment dispute that they wish to resolve under these rules.*
- Manifestly unmeritorious claims, counterclaims, and defenses can be dismissed expeditiously.*
- Tribunals must render awards no later than six months after the last hearing or the filing of the last authorised submission.*

Critically, the Vienna Investment Arbitration Rules offer significant cost advantages and are thus particularly suitable for smaller investment claims, which often fall through the cracks.”

An overview of the main features of the new rules for investment proceedings can be found [here](#).

REVISIONS TO THE VIAC RULES OF ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

The revision of the Vienna Rules was triggered by the drafting of the new VIAC Rules of Investment Arbitration. This was taken as an opportunity to also adapt the existing rules for commercial disputes to new needs and developments in the market, as well as to open up a new field of business, namely inheritance disputes, through a new Annex 6 with special rules.

A working group consisting of representatives of the VIAC Board and Secretariat as well as the National and International Advisory Board (*Claudia Annacker, Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Günther Horvath, Johanna Kathan-Spath, Werner Jahnelt, Christian Koller, Paul Oberhammer, Patrizia Netal, Michael Nueber, Nikolaus Pitkowitz, Dietmar Prager, Lucia Raimanova, Stefan Riegler, Franz Schwarz, Irene Welser, Britta Zöchling-Jud*) drafted the amendments.

A new version of the VIAC Rules of Arbitration and Mediation entered into force on 1 July 2021 (“Vienna Rules and Vienna Mediation Rules 2021”).

The Rules apply to all proceedings that commence after 30 June 2021.

For an overview of the most significant changes of the VIAC Rules of Arbitration and Mediation please follow this [link](#).

There have been webinars and in-person events in Autumn of 2021 to present the new features of the rules to our users (see section events). We also plan to issue guidelines on the drafting history of the new provisions.

PUBLICATIONS

Brochure "Family constitution and Alternative Dispute Resolution" (Familienverfassung und Alternative Streitbeilegung)

The brochure "Family constitution and alternative dispute resolution" was developed jointly with the LGT Bank and taps into a new field of arbitration: private clients. It aims at offering practical guidance for families and family businesses to utilise mediation and arbitration to resolve issues. The brochure is available in German and can be downloaded [here](#).

Special thanks to the working group on private clients which was initiated by Michael Nueber: Prof. Astrid-Deixler-Hübner, Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Werner Jahnel, Elisabeth Kahler, Prof. Susanne Kalss, Stephan Karall, Prof. Christian Koller, Michael Nueber, Martin Platte, Prof. Martin Schauer, Nikolaus Vavrovsky, Elke Willi und Prof. Brigitta Zöchling-Jud (in alphabetical order). We would also like to thank the GesRZ magazine for their gracious cooperation.

Brochure on How to Avoid Construction Disputes „(Kein) Streit am Bau“

The practical guide "(Kein) Streit am Bau" (How to avoid construction disputes) was developed together with the Austrian Society for Construction Law and the Construction Industry (ÖGEBAU) in a specially established working group and is intended to provide construction firms, principals and practitioners alike with an overview of established and alternative dispute resolution methods in construction

disputes. The brochure is available for download in German [here](#).

Special thanks is due to the working group "Construction Arbitration" (in alphabetical order): Thomas Anderl, Thomas Baierl, Clemens Berlakovits, Daniel Deutschmann, Markus Fellner, Anne-Karin Grill, Gregor Grubhofer, Petra Fuss, Florian Haugeneder, Günter Hayek, Wolfgang Hussian, Georg Karasek, Rudolf Lessiak, Thomas Mandl, Annemarie Mille, Michael Müller, Sonja Müllner, Patrizia Netal, Gunnar Pickl, Nikolaus Pitkowitz, Karl Pörnbacher, Katharina Riedl, Stefan Riegler, Michaela Steinwender, Christina Täuber, Thomas Thierau, Michael Unzeitig, Klaus Voithofer, Irene Welser, Hermann Wenusch, Nikolaus Weselik and Matthias Wohlgemuth. We would also like to thank the authors of this practical guide for their efforts.

VIAC Arbitration (Vienna Rules 2021): A Step-by-Step Guide

Alice Fremuth-Wolf, Venus Valentina Wong, Klaudia Sood and Johanna Kathanspath updated the article about VIAC and the administration of its arbitral proceedings ("VIAC Arbitration (Vienna Rules 2021): A Step-by-Step Guide") published by Thomson Reuters (Professional) UK Limited. The article can be found [here](#).

VIAC Rules Revision 2021 Part I: Revised Vienna Rules enter into Force on 1 July 2021

Alice Fremuth-Wolf and Johanna Kathan-Spath wrote an overview and summary on the VIAC Rules Revision 2021, which was published by Kluwer Arbitration Blog (2021). The article can be found [here](#).

VIAC Rules 2018 and 2021 - Translations

The VIAC Rules 2018 are now also available in French and Chinese and can be downloaded from our website.

The VIAC Rules 2021 are now available on our website in English and German but also in Russian and Czech. Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Ukrainian language will follow in due course.

We would like to thank all translators, renowned practitioners and friends of VIAC (Alexander Belohlavek, Susanne Heger, Christian Aschauer, Duarte Henriques, Claudio Pasina, Karl Pörnbacher, Pavlo Trytenichenko, Yuliya Chernykh and Oleksandra Hnatiuk) for their work and commitment, which will improve the global perception of the Vienna Rules.

Revised Guidelines for Arbitrators Following our Rules Revision

Following the entering into force of the new version of the Vienna Rules of Arbitration and Mediation 2021 and the launch of the VIAC Rules of Investment Arbitration and Mediation 2021 on 1 July

2021, it was also necessary to revise the Guidelines for Arbitrators.


The updated versions of the Guidelines for Arbitrators 2021 for commercial and investment proceedings are now available in [German](#) and [English](#) and can be downloaded from our website.

Handbook Shareholder Disputes ("Handbuch Gesellschafterstreit")

The article, co-authored by VIAC's Deputy Secretary General, Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler and Legal Counsel, Johanna Kathan-Spath, entitled "Gesellschaftsrechtliche Streitigkeiten in Schiedsverfahren – Schwerpunkt Mehrparteienverfahren", was published as part of the book "Handbuch Gesellschafterstreit" (Handbook shareholder dispute) by Verlag Österreich in the spring of 2021. The publication's editors are Nikolaus Adensamer and Johannes Mitterecker. The article covers corporate disputes in arbitration with a specific focus on multiparty proceedings.

VIAC's Strong Media Presence

VIAC's media presence continues to be very strong with regular LinkedIn feeds and newsletters! VIAC has kept its users updated on exciting events and developments in international arbitration and mediation.

If you have not done so, please follow us on Linked  and [subscribe](#) to VIAC's Newsletter!

2021 STATISTICS

Number of Cases Received in 2020 and Aggregated Amount in Dispute

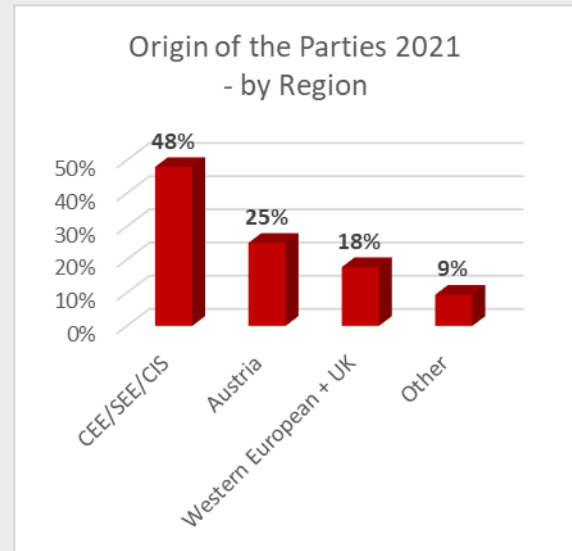
In 2021, VIAC administered 44 new domestic and international arbitration and mediation cases, slightly more than in 2020.

The average number of international cases has remained stable in the last five years.

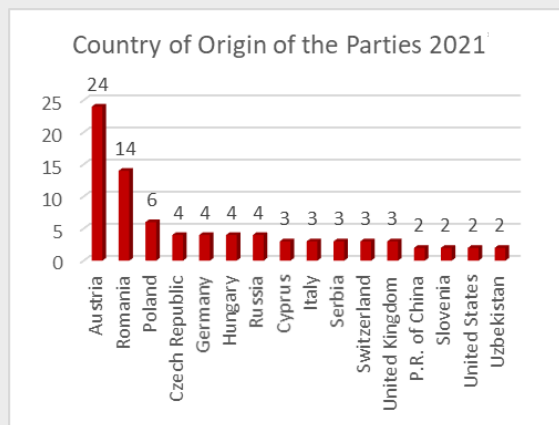
As of 31 December 2021, 58 cases were pending with an aggregate amount in dispute of approx. EUR 554 million.

Of the new cases received in 2021, the lowest amount in dispute was approx. EUR 15,000, whereas the max. amount in dispute was about EUR 250 million.

international cases do not involve an Austrian party at all.



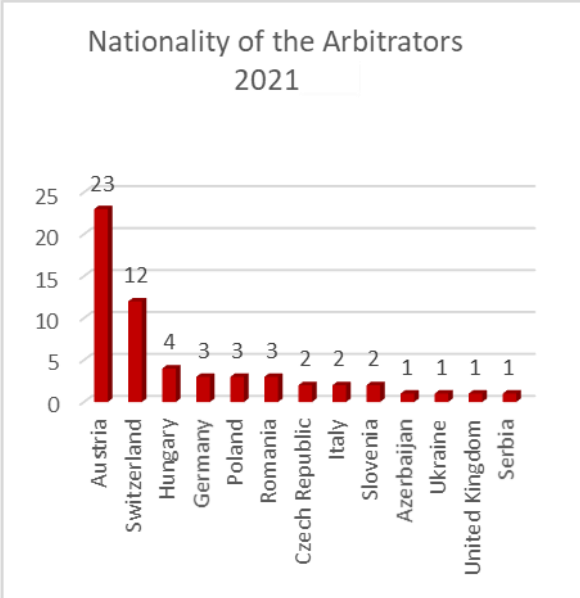
Nationality of Parties



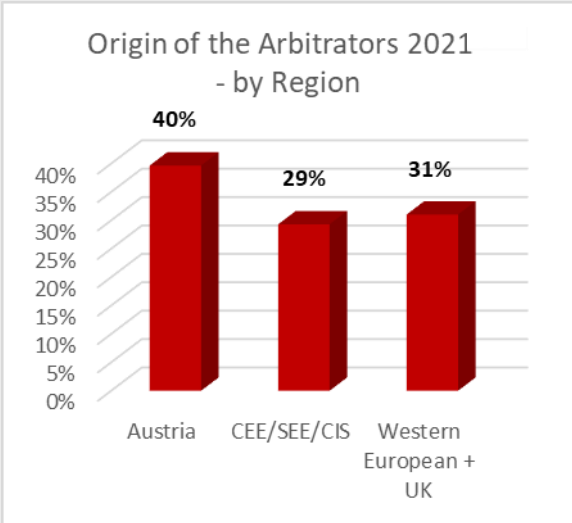
The statistics once more confirm VIAC's standing as an institution with a particular stronghold in Central and Eastern Europe, with almost half of all parties (48 %) stemming from the CEE/SEE/CIS region. This is a slight increase from last year's percentage (43 % in 2020). Despite the fact that around one quarter of the parties come from Austria, the majority of our

Nationality of Arbitrators

It is noteworthy that arbitrators acting in VIAC proceedings in 2021 had 13 different nationalities.



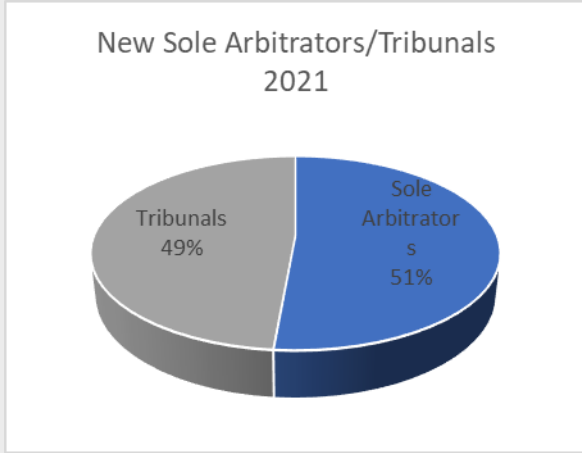
About one third of the arbitrators were nationals of CEE/SEE/CIS countries, reflecting VIAC’s importance in this region. The high(er) number of arbitrators from Austria may be explained by the fact that in the vast majority of cases, the place of arbitration was Austria, and an arbitrator familiar with the *lex arbitri* was therefore chosen.



Nature of Disputes

The nature of disputes shows a wide variety. In 2021, commercial contracts made up the most significant part (26%), followed by business ownership (17%), construction (14%), wholesale & retail trade (10%), and financial services and banking (7%). The other disputes were mostly related to manufacturing (5%), healthcare, hospitality and travel, employment (each 3%).

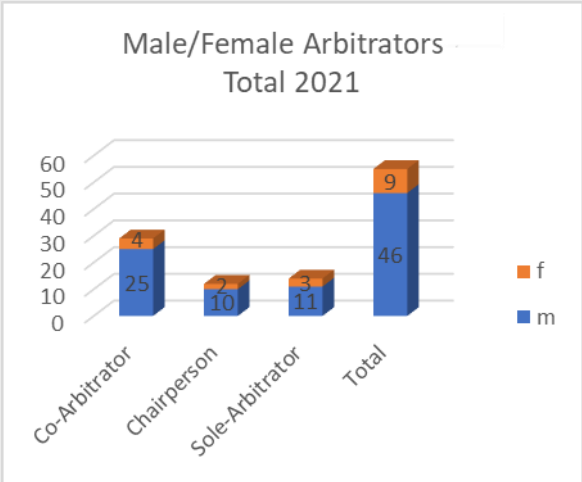
Sole Arbitrator/Tribunals



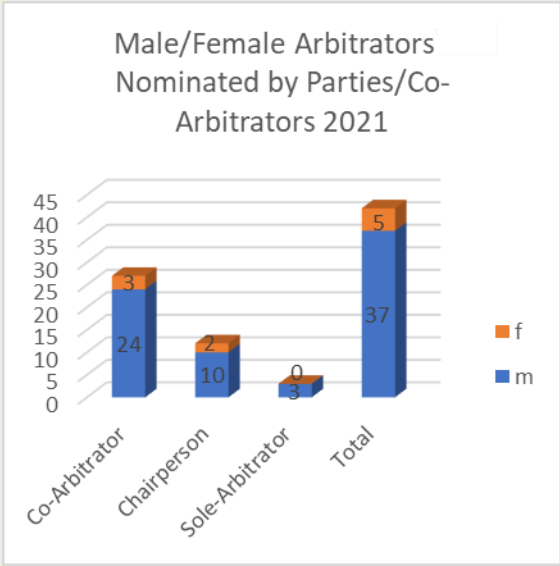
In the cases received in 2021, the ratio between tribunals and sole arbitrators was almost 1:1.

Gender Ratio

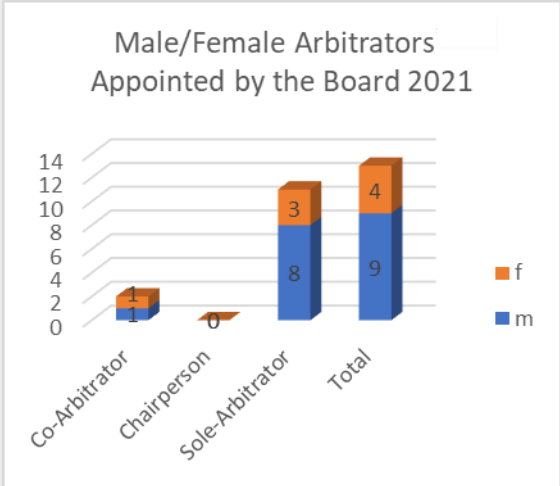
Promoting diversity in arbitration is still an important goal for VIAC. The proportion of women acting as arbitrators in VIAC arbitration proceedings has increased steadily over the last several years. However, there is still room for improvement, especially after the review of the 2021 data! The percentage of female arbitrators more than doubled from 16% in 2019 to 32% in 2020. However, in 2021, we noted a slight decline.



However, parties and co-arbitrators continue to be much more reluctant to nominate women than VIAC’s Board. This is an aspect of international arbitration that needs to change in the future.



Due to the underrepresentation of women in arbitral tribunals, the VIAC board continually strives to strike a certain balance and support skilled female arbitrators. Accordingly, almost one third of the arbitrators appointed by the Board in 2021 were female but there is always room for improvement.



DEPARTURE OF VIAC'S SECRETARY GENERAL ALICE FREMUTH-WOLF



It is time for me to say good-bye after 10 years in my role as (first Deputy and since 2018) Secretary General of VIAC. I will step down at the end of the year and embark on a new adventure. I am leaving with a mixture of sadness and happiness. It was a wonderful time at VIAC and I am proud of all the achievements VIAC has made under the joint leadership of VIAC's President Günther Horvath, my Deputy Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler and myself, with big support from our team in the Secretariat, the members of the VIAC Board and the Advisory Boards. Elisabeth will continue her excellent work at VIAC in leading the case-management; I will miss her good spirits and her energy. It was a special privilege for me to work with Günther Horvath and get inspired by his ideas and visions. He is not only a master-mind, but has great humor and I enjoyed developing new projects with him.

VIAC has advanced to the premier arbitral institution in Central and South-Eastern Europe and is one of the leading institutions globally. With our newest rules revision in 2021 and the creation of a special set of Investment Arbitration Rules, VIAC is at the forefront of developments in the region. The VIAC Portal which was introduced in March this year together with VIAC's electronic case management system is our contribution to "greener arbitrations."

The fostering of mediation as another ADR-tool became especially important during the COVID-pandemic where undertakings needed a quick and unbureaucratic means to move forward. The VIAC mediation rules and the IBA-VIAC Dispute Resolution Competition that were both "born" in 2016 helped to promote this way of dispute resolution immensely.

My personal goal, besides bringing VIAC to the next level, was the support and promotion of new talent and raising awareness for the importance of diversity when making appointments of arbitrators. I am proud to say that the number of female (and young arbitrators) has increased steadily under my term of office.

I would like to express my gratitude and a big thank you to everyone around the world who I have had the pleasure to meet and work with in my capacity.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the future and continue our common goal for making this world a better, healthier and safer place by thriving for peaceful dispute resolution.

Alice Fremuth-Wolf

Secretary General until December 2021

WELCOME NIAMH LEINWATHER AND OUTLOOK FOR 2022

VIAC's new Secretary General appointed



Niamh Leinwather took up the position of Secretary General of VIAC, at the beginning of 2022. She was appointed by the Extended Presiding Committee of the AFEC following the proposal of VIAC's Board after having conducted an extensive assessment alongside a number of extremely impressive candidates who applied for this position.

Of Irish origin, Niamh has both a common and civil law background (Bachelor of Civil Law, University College Dublin and Mag.iur. and Master of European Studies University of Vienna). She was the first Irish woman to be admitted to the Austrian Bar in 2013 and has over a decade of experience in international commercial dispute resolution at Freshfields where she acted as both counsel and arbitrator. Niamh is very active on the international arbitration circuit in particular regular speaking engagements and publications. She speaks German, English, and Irish.

VIAC has ambitious plans for new projects and activities in 2022 and is also eager to finalise ongoing projects:

Explanatory Notes on the Vienna Rules and Vienna Mediation Rules 2021

The Explanatory Notes on the Vienna Rules – a guide by the VIAC Secretariat on the new and/or amended provisions of the Vienna Arbitration and Rules following the Rules Revision 2021 will be available for download on the VIAC website. We hope it will assist practitioners, arbitrators and third-party neutrals and other interested persons in understanding the rationale of these provisions by providing background information on the drafting history.

The Notes form a supplement to and should be read together with the VIAC Handbook 2019 – A Practitioner's Guide.

Special thanks to Johanna Kathan-Spath (legal counsel at VIAC from October 2019 to October 2021) who orchestrated and managed the Rules Revision process and assisted in drafting the rules and in putting together these Notes, and Jessica Pühr (legal counsel at VIAC since August 2021) who was responsible for the final editing of the Notes.

Similar Notes on the Investment Arbitration Rules will be released in due course.

Selected Arbitral Awards Volume 2

In 2015, VIAC published a collection of abstracts of arbitral awards and decisions from the past 40 years. Cases, which bear fascinating legal issues, were chosen for this book. In addition, arbitration experts commentated these cases with annotations on important issues concerning procedural and substantive law. VIAC plans to publish an update with more selected arbitral awards in 2022.

Alongside the finalisation of these two projects, VIAC looks forward to embarking on an exciting journey with a new Secretary General at the helm.

The details of VIAC's plans for the future cannot yet be revealed in detail but watch this space!

OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AT VIAC

VIAC SECRETARIAT IN 2022



Niamh Leinwather, BCL, MES
Secretary General

Niamh Leinwather has been Secretary General of VIAC since January 2022. Of Irish origin, Niamh has both a common and civil law background (Bachelor of Civil Law, University College Dublin and Mag.iur. and Master of European Studies University of Vienna). She was the first Irish woman to be admitted to the Austrian Bar in 2013 and has over a decade of experience in international commercial dispute resolution at Freshfields where she acted as both counsel and arbitrator. Niamh is very active on the international arbitration circuit in particular regular speaking engagements and publications. She speaks German, English, and Irish.



Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler, LL.M. (Harvard)
Deputy Secretary General

Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler has been Deputy Secretary General of VIAC since January 2018. She joined the VIAC Secretariat in October 2017. Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler studied law at Vienna University (Mag. iur. 2003, Dr. iur. 2008), Geneva University (2002), and Harvard Law School (LL.M. 2007). She served as research assistant at the Department for Business and Commercial Law at the Law Faculty of Vienna University. Later, she worked with renowned international law firms in Vienna and Bogotá (Colombia), first as an associate and then as an attorney-at-law. Her practice focused on dispute resolution and in particular international commercial arbitration, including experience as a party representative, administrative secretary, and arbitrator. Elisabeth Vanas-Metzler has been very active in this field, including the Willem C. Vis Moot, publications, lectures and memberships. She speaks German, English and Spanish.



Silvia Freisehner
Legal Counsel

Silvia Freisehner has been part of the VIAC team since January 2019 and assists the VIAC Secretariat as Legal Counsel and Case Manager. Ms. Freisehner studied law and Slavic studies and completed her legal practice at Austrian courts. She speaks German, English, Czech, Russian, and Spanish.



Stephan Karall
Legal Counsel

Stephan Karall has supported the Secretariat since January 2019 as Legal Counsel and Case Manager and is currently on educational leave. He studied law at Vienna University. He had already gained experience in arbitration and corporate law during his studies by working at a renowned Viennese law firm. After finishing his studies and legal practice at Austrian Courts, he worked as an associate for law firms in Austria. He speaks German, English, and Spanish.



Veronika Macha
Legal Counsel

Veronika Macha graduated from law school in Vienna in 2005. In 2011, she joined the AFEC and served as Legal Counsel, specializing in public law. Before joining the AFEC, she worked for several years in different legal departments of public entities. Mrs. Macha also has experience as an associate in a law firm. Her native language is German. She speaks English and Italian and has been part of VIAC's team since April 2019.



Ema Potočnik
Legal Counsel

Ema Potočnik has been part of the VIAC team since August 2021 and assists the VIAC Secretariat as Legal Counsel and Case Manager. She is temporarily replacing Ms. Klaudia Sood who is on maternity leave. Ms. Ema Potočnik obtained a master's degree (cum laude) in International Law from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She worked as a junior associate at a renowned Slovenian law firm and then started her international career at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Vienna. She then joined the legal unit at the Energy Community Secretariat, where she worked on various energy and sustainable finance related topics with a special focus on the CEE region. Ema Potočnik obtained special education in mediation, which continues to be her main focus of interest. She speaks Slovenian, English, German, Croatian and Serbian.



Jessica Puhr
Legal Counsel

Jessica Puhr has been part of the VIAC team since August 2021, and assists the VIAC Secretariat as Legal Counsel and Case Manager. She is temporarily replacing Mr. Stephan Karall who is on educational leave. Ms. Puhr studied law and English at the University of Vienna. During her studies, she completed internships at UNHCR, UNIS and the Australian Embassy in Vienna. Before joining VIAC, she worked in communications at the European Law Institute. She is fluent in English and German, has conversational Hungarian and a basic knowledge of Spanish.



Klaudia Sood
Legal Counsel

Klaudia Sood has been part of the VIAC team since January 2018 and assists the VIAC Secretariat as Legal Counsel and Case Manager. She is currently on maternity leave. She studied law at Vienna University. After finishing her legal practice at Austrian courts, she worked as an associate at a renowned Viennese law firm and assisted in preparing a well-known commentary on the Austrian Arbitration law. She speaks German, English, and Polish.



Susanne Schindler
Senior Assistant and Webmaster

Susanne Schindler has supported the VIAC team since the beginning of 2013. She is in charge of the VIAC website and newsletter as well as all administrative matters, business trips, and internal accounting. She speaks German and English.



Beatrix Wendt
Assistant

Beatrix Wendt has supported the case managers as an assistant since June 2020. She has been working at the AFEC since 2002. She is also responsible for the organisation of hearing rooms on the premises of the AFEC.



Stefanie Fally
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Stefanie Fally has assisted the VIAC Secretariat since September 2021 as an apprentice in her first year. She speaks German and English.

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