

## 2<sup>nd</sup> VIAC CAN Congress

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**9 - 10 FEBRUARY 2024**

**Christoph Leitl Lounge  
VIAC - Vienna International Arbitral Centre  
Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1045 Vienna, Austria**

**FULL PROGRAMME**



## THE FULL PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

### 8 - 10 February 2024

Our yearly Congress plays a vital role in advancing the objectives of the VIAC Community Ambassador Network. By gathering professionals from the network including our impressive VIAC Ambassadors, the Congress showcases recent developments in the market, considers how these markets will develop in the future and serves as a platform for sharing ideas and and networking.

**THURSDAY**

**8**

Exclusive Programme for VIAC Ambassadors  
**Closed Event**

**FRIDAY**

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The Second VIAC CAN Congress followed by Gala Dinner at the Austrian National Library  
**Open to the public**

**FRIDAY**

**10**

Juristenball / Ball of legal professionals  
**Open to the public, discounted tickets via the Congress**



**Friday, 9 February 2024**  
**Detailed Programme**

- 07:30 - 08:30 **Exclusive indoor spinning class**  
SuperCycle, The Boutique Studio, Wohllebengasse 4, 1040 Vienna
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Welcome coffee and registration**
- 10:30 - 10:40 **Opening remarks**  
Niamh Leinwather, VIAC Secretary General
- 10:40 - 10:50 **Welcome address**  
Georg Kodek, President of the Supreme Court of Austria
- 10:50 - 11:00 **Advantage Austria and Austrian Trade Commissioners in CEE**  
Caroline Adenberger, Head of Markets at Advantage Austria
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Keynote: Growing Your Practice Beyond the Word of Mouth in CEE/SEE**  
John James McVeigh, Chief Executive Officer at Nixedonia
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 - 15:15 **Panel 1: ADR in Emerging Markets**  
Moderator: Iuliana Iancu, Partner at Hanotiau & van den Berg  
Speakers:  
Filip Boras, Partner at Baker McKenzie, Vienna  
Marie Talasova, Counsel at Wolf Theiss, Prague  
Marija Sekeroska, Senior Legal Assistant at Granit AD, Skopje  
Miklos Boronkay, Head of Dispute Resolution Practice at Szeccskay Attorneys at Law, Budapest
- 15:15 - 15:45 **Coffee break**
- 15:45 - 17:00 **Panel 2: New Trends in Investment Arbitration – what role can the Vienna Rules play in the region?**  
Moderator: Otakar Hajek, Partner at Hájek Legal, Prague  
Speakers:  
Samira Sulejmanovic, Head of Department for Bilateral Trade Relations at Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo  
Fahira Brodlija, Legal Advisor at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Sarajevo  
Lucia Raimanova, Partner at Allen & Overy, Bratislava  
Markus Burgstaller, Partner at Hogan Lovells, London
- 17:00 - 17:40 **Workshop on body language and non-verbal communication**  
Walter Samuel Bartussek, mime artist, trainer and coach
- 17:40 - 17:45 **Closing remarks**  
Nikolaus Pitkowicz, VIAC President and Partner at Pitkowicz & Partners
- 19:30 - 22:00 **Gala Dinner at the Austrian National Library**  
Josefsplatz 1, 1010 Vienna



**Saturday, 10 February 2024**

**The Juristenball / Ball of Legal Professionals**

- 13:30 - 15:00 **Ballroom dancing class with champagne**  
Stanek Dance School, Grashofgasse 1a, 1010 Vienna
- 19:00 - 21:30 **Cocktail reception at Pitkowit&Partners**  
Schwarzenbergplatz 3, 1010 Vienna
- 21:30 - 02:00 **Juristenball / Ball of Legal Professionals**  
Hofburg, 1010 Vienna



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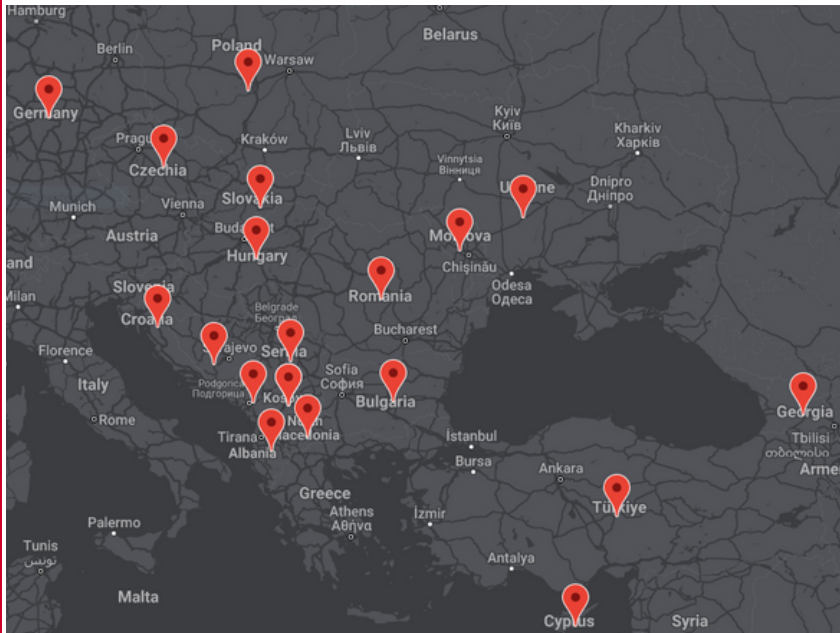
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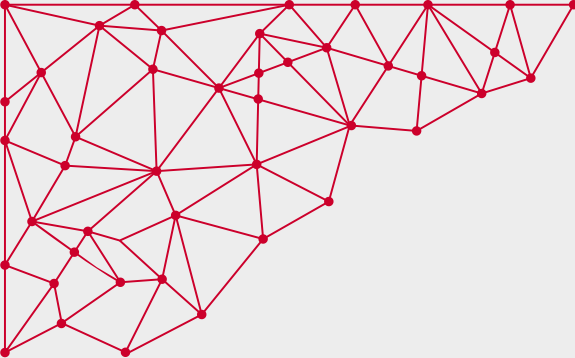
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We are historically, geographically and culturally close to you, and we know exactly what you need!

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