

VIAC CAN Newsletter for the CEE region

VIAC CAN Events

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📌 1. The Second VIAC CAN Congress “*VIAC CAN Connecting the dots: CEE/SEE in focus*”

📅 **Date:** 9-10 February 2024

📍 **Venue:** VIAC, Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63, 1040 Vienna

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.

In 2024, our programme included a keynote on business development in CEE and SEE and a workshop on body language and non-verbal communication as well as insights into arbitration in emerging markets and developments in ISDS. After the Congress, VIAC hosted a wonderful Gala Dinner at the Austrian National Library as well as secured tables at the the infamous "Juristenball" / "Ball of Legal Professionals" that took place at the beautiful Viennese palace, Hofburg on Saturday, 10 February 2024.

We offered our participants the opportunity to network, exchange ideas and gain insider knowledge about VIAC with all of our 34 Ambassadors but most importantly to have some fun!



📌 **2. The Future of Modern International Arbitration / Trends in CEE (hybrid event)**

📅 **Date:** Tuesday, 13 February 2024

🕒 **Time:** 11:00 - 13:00 CET

📍 **Venue:** Kochanski & Partners, Plac Piłsudskiego 1, 00-078 Warsaw and online

During this arbitration brunch the speakers Nikolaus Pitkowicz, Marek Jeżewski, and Magdalena Papiernik-König discussed the future of modern arbitration, its challenges and business opportunities in the CEE region.



📌 **3. Arbitration Matinée**

📅 **Date:** Thursday, 22 February 2024

🕒 **Time:** 15:00 CET

📍 **Venue:** Saint Ten Hotel, Svetog Save 10, Belgrade, Serbia

Many thanks to our speakers Niamh Leinwather, Andrea Potparevic Nikolic, Marija Scekcic and Veljko Smiljanic and hosts Sonja Otenhajmer and Milica Savic for the fruitful discussion, followed by a cocktail reception.

Arbitration Matinée

When:

22 February 2024 at 15:00 CET

Conference is followed by drinks

Where:

Saint Ten Hotel

Svetog Save 10, Belgrade, Serbia

Hosts:

Sonja Otenhajmer

Partner, CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz

Milica Savić

Partner*, Karanovic & Partners

Speakers:

Niamh Leinwather

Secretary General, VIAC

Andrea Potparević Nikolić, LL.M

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