

## VIAC CAN Newsletter for the CEE region

### RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE REGION AND BEYOND

#### Slovenia: Recap

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In Slovenia, **two events** were held in October and November, by two well established law firms in cooperation with various institutions, including Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC).

First event, titled “**Arbitration – An overlooked tool for settling disputes**” took place on 26 October 2023 and was organised by CMS Slovenia in cooperation with Ljubljana Arbitration Centre. Event provided valuable insights on:

- arbitration statistics and general trends in different jurisdictions,
- good practices in local markets,
- third party founding in international arbitration,
- latest edition of Ljubljana arbitration rules,
- arbitral institutions in the region and their respective rules.

<https://cms.law/en/svn/events/arbitration-an-overlooked-tool-for-settling-disputes>

A **Business Breakfast**, organised on 16 November by Ketler & Partners, member of Karanovic, in cooperation with the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) and Ljubljana Arbitration Centre (LAC), aimed to showcase optimal and most effective methods and strategies in dealing with commercial disputes. Event moderated by VIAC Ambassador Minu Anamarija Gvardjančič, partner at Ketler & Partners, member of Karanovic, covered various topics, namely:

- characteristics of arbitration and litigation proceedings,
- drafting of arbitration agreement,
- finality and enforceability of decisions,
- presentation of different arbitral institutions,
- costs of proceedings,
- privacy of the proceedings, and lastly
- mediation.

In light of the above, it is worth highlighting the contribution of VIAC Ema Potočnik who gave detailed presentation on the functioning of VIAC, the rules and the costs associated with the proceedings before VIAC. Both events witnessed a diverse group of professionals, varying from legal experts to business owners and undoubtedly contributed to the increasing prominence of arbitration and VIAC.

<https://www.karanovicpartners.com/news/optimizing-commercial-disputes-insights-from-ketler-partners-business-breakfast/>

## **Moldova: Recap**

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On 16 and 17 November 2023, The Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Moldova and Moldova State University, Faculty of Law, Department of International and European Law, organized the international scientific-practical conference "**Recent Developments in the settlement of international commercial disputes**" dedicated to the 30th anniversary since the foundation of the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Moldova" which took place in Moldova State University. The purpose of the conference was to highlight and promote arbitration as an alternative form of resolution of economic and commercial disputes. The popularization of arbitration as an alternative way of resolving commercial disputes is conditioned by the desire of business circles to resolve disputes efficiently and quickly. In the context of the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union, the peculiarities of international commercial arbitration were discussed. Within this conference, the Ambassador in Moldova Sorin Dolea spoke about "Protection of investments in investment arbitration".

Link to the event: <https://chamber.md/conferinta-internationala-stiintifico-practica-arbitrajul-in-republica-moldova-la-30-de-ani/>

On 30 November 2023, the Chisinau International Court of Commercial Arbitration and American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova organized the second edition of the **International Arbitration Conference "Smart Solution for Dispute Resolution between Professionals"**. The conference was addressed to the business community and the law practitioners. The VIAC Ambassador in Moldova Sorin Dolea spoke about "Energy Arbitration".

Link to the event: <https://arbitrationconference.com/>

On 19 December 2023, the VIAC Ambassador in Moldova, Sorin Dolea conducted a webinar hosted by European Business Association on "**EFET Contracts and International Arbitration**".

## **Moldova: Upcoming**

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Finally, in May 2024, the first edition of "**Moldovan Arbitration Days**" will be organized in Moldova. Sorin Dolea will be one of the organizers of this event.