

4th Annual Conference

**Evolving Trends in International Arbitration:
Embracing AI and Managing Costs**

Invitation

You are cordially invited to the fourth edition of the joint conference organized by the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (**VIAC**), Young Romanian Arbitration Practitioners (**YRAP**), and Young Austrian Arbitration Practitioners (**YAAP**).

The conference will take place on **24 November 2025** and will be hosted at the landmark **Marmorosch Hotel** in **Bucharest**, Romania (directions [here](#)), starting at **09:00**. The event will conclude with a networking brunch.

Please RSVP by **22 November 2025** by clicking [HERE](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to our event.

Kind regards,

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Program

09:00 Registration and coffee

09:30 Opening remarks by Niamh Leinwather (Secretary General of VIAC)

09:45 Keynote Speech by Lisa Beisteiner, Partner at Zeiler

10:00 Panel I: Promise and Peril: How AI is Reshaping the Arbitration Practice
moderated by Peter Machherndl (Partner at Pitkowitz & Partners, on behalf of YAAP)

- Mihnea Galgoțiu-Săraru (Partner at Reff & Associates Deloitte)
- Razvan Banta (Senior Associate at NNDKP)
- Luminita Popa (Counsel and Arbitrator at Popa Legal)
- Mihaela Apostol (Independent Counsel and Arbitrator)

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Panel II: When the Bill Comes Due: Managing Costs, Funding, and Bankruptcy Risks in Arbitration
moderated by Matei Purice (Counsel – Freshfields Paris, on behalf of YRAP)

- Niamh Leinwather (Secretary General of VIAC)
- Andra Soare-Filatov (Partner at Leaua Damcali Deaconu Păunescu-LDDP)
- Jurgita Petkutė (Partner at KNOETZ)
- Eveli Lume (Partner at Squire Patton Boggs)

12:15 Closing remarks

12:30

14:30 Networking brunch

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