

2nd VIAC CAN Congress

**VIAC CAN CONNECTING THE DOTS:
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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 networking.

THURSDAY

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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

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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**
Nikolaus Pitkowicz, VIAC President and Partner at Pitkowicz & Partners
- 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 Szecskey 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**
- 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
- 19:30 - 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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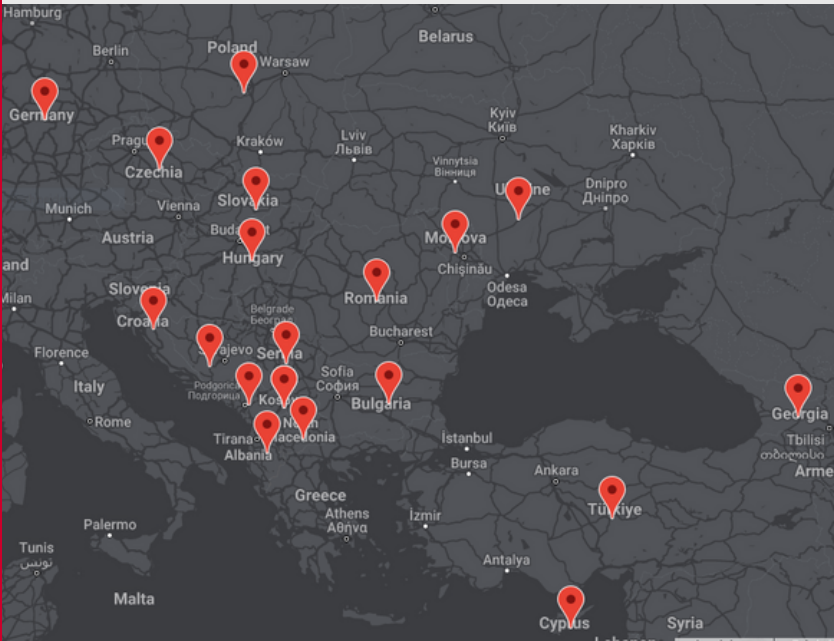
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Vision

We strive to develop and grow VIAC CAN to become the largest platform for arbitration and mediation practitioners, local businesses and state-owned enterprises in the CEE / SEE. We relentlessly seek to offer the best, tailor-made solutions in commercial and investment arbitration and mediation and commit to constantly upgrading our services according to the specific needs of the market.

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

VIAC CAN – and so CAN you!



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