



SLOVENIAN ARBITRATION CONFERENCE 2025

Evolving Trends in International Arbitration:
From State Involvement to Construction Dispute Management

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Dimičeva 13, Ljubljana, Slovenia



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PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration**

9.30 – 9.45 **Welcoming remarks and Opening of the Conference**

*mag. Marko Djinović, M.Sc., Executive Director of Chamber of
Commerce and Industry of Slovenia*

*Prof. Dr. Aleš Galič, University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Law; President of
Ljubljana Arbitration Centre*

9.45 – 10.15 **Opening lecture**

**Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in International
Commercial Arbitration, Arbitration and EU competition law**

Jean – Françoise Bellis, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels, Belgium

10.15 – 11.15 **Panel /Session 1: State Enterprises & State in International
Arbitration**

Moderator: Peter Rižnik, Independent Arbitrator, Rižnik Disputes, Vienna,
Austria

**State in International Arbitration – experience and challenges of
State Attorney**

*Nataša Pintar Gosenca, M.Sc., Senior State Attorney, Head of
International Section, State Attorney's Office, Ljubljana, Slovenia*

**Post Achmea Era in Intra-EU Investment Arbitration: what has
changed?**

*David Premelč – Attorney at Law, Senior Partner, Law Firm Rojs,
Peljhan, Prelesnik & partners, Ljubljana, Slovenia*

**The State as a Client: Legal and Strategic Nuances in International
Arbitration**

Alptuğ (Alp) Tokeşer, LL.M., Alp Arbitration, Zurich, Switzerland

**Managing Parallel Proceedings: Arbitration vs. Domestic Litigation
Against States**

*Matija Urankar, LL.M. (USF), partner, Law Firm Senica & Partners, Ltd.,
Ljubljana, Slovenia*

11.15 – 11.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

- 11.30 – 12.45 **Panel / Session 2: Multi-tiered Dispute Resolution Clauses**
Moderator: Dr. Petra Rihar, Arbitrator & Counsel at RIHAR & THOUVENIN DISPUTE RESOLUTION, Zurich, Switzerland
- Dispute Avoidance as Contractual Risk Allocation**
Prof. Tomislav Borić, University of Graz, Austria
- Understanding Dispute Management Tools in FIDIC Contracts: A Key to Effective Multi-Tiered Resolution**
Christopher Seppälä - Independent Arbitrator, Expert, Counsel, Paris, France
- Multi-Tiered Dispute Resolution Clauses – Counsel`s Perspective**
Nastja Merlak, LL.M, Partner, Law Firm Jadek & Pensa, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- How Businesses Structure Multi-Tiered Dispute Mechanisms**
Nejc Lahne – General Manager, E-On Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia; member of the Ljubljana Arbitration Centre Board
- 12.45 – 14.00 **LUNCH**
- 14.00 – 15.30 **Panel / Session 3: Construction disputes and Arbitration**
Moderator: Petja Plauštajner, Attorney at Law, Law Office Plaustajner, Ljubljana, Slovenia; member of the Board of the Ljubljana Arbitration Centre
- From Claim to Award: Effective Case Management in Construction Arbitration**
Maja Menard, Ph.D., Attorney at Law and arbitrator, Parter, Law Firm Fatur & Menard, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Extension of Time Claims and Delay Analysis in Construction Disputes**
Thierry Linares, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Paris, France
- Burden of proof in Construction Arbitration**
Mag. Tamara Manasijević, Attorney at Law, ARP, Vienna, Austria
- Designing for delivery, not disputes: A Contractor`s approach to conflict prevention**
Janez Škrabec - General Manager, Riko d.o.o., Ljubljana, Slovenia
- FIDIC and the Engineer: A Key Player in Minimizing Delays and Disputes**
Robert A. Werth - DiplArb, FCI Arb, Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator, Werth Consult, Essen, Germany
- 15.30 – 15.45 **Closing remarks**
Full Professor mult. Dr. h.c. Vesna Rijavec, Ph.D., vice-president of the Board of the Ljubljana Arbitration Centre
- 15.45 - 16.30 **Networking**