

# International Arbitration, Current Perspectives

8<sup>th</sup> Edition

Seminar organised by the UIA in collaboration with the Bizkaia Bar Association,  
with the special support of the Civil and Commercial Court of Arbitration (CIMA)

**FRIDAY, MAY 23  
& SATURDAY,  
MAY 24, 2025**

*With a welcome cocktail on Thursday, May 22*



# Bilbao

SPAIN

# Introduction

**O**n May 23 and 24, 2025, the UIA is organising, in collaboration with the Bar Association of Bizkaia and with the special sponsorship of the Civil and Commercial Court of Arbitration (CIMA), the eighth edition of the seminar *International Arbitration, Current Perspectives* which, once again this year, will deal with the most topical issues in the arbitration world.

This seminar has become a UIA classic. The working sessions, which will be held over a day and a half at the headquarters of the Bar Association of the city, will also be the prelude to the special

session dedicated to Arbitration at the next UIA Annual Congress, to be held between October 29 and November 2, 2025 in Guadalajara, Mexico, where international arbitration will be one of the main topics.

In addition to the high scientific level of the sessions, accredited in previous editions, it will be the opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends throughout the various social events: welcome cocktail, coffee breaks, lunches, cultural event and optional dinner, which will make this seminar an unforgettable event.

**Please be sure to attend!**

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## THURSDAY, MAY 2

### 19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

**BIZKAIA BAR ASSOCIATION** (Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Bizkaia)

Rampas de Uribitarte, 3  
48001 Bilbao

## FRIDAY, MAY 23

### 08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

**Bizkaia Bar Association** (Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Bizkaia)

Salón de Actos  
Rampas de Uribitarte 3, 48001 Bilbao

### 09:00 – 09:15 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

▪ Speakers to be confirmed

### 09:15 – 10:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH: RULE OF LAW AND ARBITRATION

SPEAKER:

▪ **Manuel ARAGÓN REYES**, *Professor of Constitutional Law (Autonomous University of Madrid) and Judge of the Constitutional Court of Spain, Madrid, Spain*

### 10:00 – 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

### 10:30 – 11:45 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ARBITRATION: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Urquiola DE PALACIO DEL VALLE DE LERSUNDI**, *UIA President of Honour and Co-Director of Revenue, Palacio & Asociados, Madrid, Spain*

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Marc GALLARDO**, *RMS Global, Barcelona, Spain*
- **Marta GARCÍA BEL**, *Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, New-York, NY, USA*
- **Emily HAY**, *Arb-Boutique, Brussels, Belgium*
- **Juan PERLA**, *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, New York, NY, USA*

### 11:45 – 13:00 ENERGY DISPUTES IN THE CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Álvaro LÓPEZ DE ARGUMEDO PIÑEIRO**, *Uría Menéndez, S.L.P., Madrid, Spain*

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Joachim BILÉ-AKA**, *Bile Aka, Brisoua-Bi & Associes, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire*
- **Adriana PADILLA**, *Ritch Mueller, Mexico City, Mexico*
- **José F. SÁNCHEZ**, *Vinson & Elkins, New York, NY, USA*

### 13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH

## Programme

### 14:30 – 16:00 COMMON CONTROVERSIES IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Juan Jesús VALDERAS**, *Álvarez y Marsal, Madrid, Spain*

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Jesús GINER**, *Broseta, Madrid, Spain*
- **Antonio MUÑOZ-MURILLO**, *Iberdrola, Madrid, Spain*
- **Patricia UGALDE REVILLA**, *Mayer Brown, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

### 16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

### 16:30 – 17:45 IS LITIGATION INSURANCE THE FUTURE OF THIRD-PARTY FUNDERS?

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Ainhoa VEIGA**, *Araoz & Rueda, Madrid, Spain*

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Ignacio DELGADO**, *QANLEX, Madrid, Spain*
- **Josep GÁLVEZ**, *Ramco Litigation Funding / 4-5 Gray's Inn Square, London*
- **Fernando GRAGERA**, *Aon, Madrid, Spain*

### 18:00 CULTURAL VISIT

### 20:00 OPTIONAL DINNER

**Sociedad Bilbaína**  
Calle Navarra 1, 48001 Bilbao

## SATURDAY, MAY 24

### 09:00 – 09:15 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

**Bizkaia Bar Association**  
(Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacía de Bizkaia)

Salón de Actos  
Rampas de Uribitarte 3, 48001 Bilbao

### 09:15 – 10:30 MULTIPARTY ARBITRATION: CHALLENGES AND DEVELOPMENTS

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Ignacio SANTABAYA**, *Pérez-Llorca, Madrid, Spain*

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Victoria SÁNCHEZ POS**, *Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain*
- **Konstantin TSCHÖPE**, *Borris Hennecke Kneisel, Colonia, Alemania*
- **Mónica LASQUIBAR**, *Garrigues, Bilbao, Spain*

## 10:30 – 11:45 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ARBITRATION

**MODERATOR:** ▪ **Francisco RUIZ RISUEÑO**, *Secretario General de CIMA, Madrid, Spain*

### SPEAKERS:

- **Elena OTERO-NOVAS**, *Independent Arbitrator and President of the Spanish Court of Arbitration, Madrid, Spain*
- **José F. MERINO MERCHÁN**, *Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain*
- **Ernesto BENITO SANCHO**, *RRBS Legal, Madrid, Spain*

## 11:45 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

## 12:00 – 12:30 CONCLUSIONS

**SPEAKER:** ▪ **Robyn GUTIÉRREZ CHEESMAN**, *Litigation and Arbitration Director, Valencia, Spain*

## 12:30 – 13:00 CLOSING CEREMONY

## 13:00 – 18:00 LUNCH at Urquiola de Palacio's home

After the seminar, Urquiola de Palacio will host an open lunch for the speakers and participants at her house in Markina-Xemein (Torre de Urrijate, 48270, Vizcaya) outside the city. The return to Bilbao will be around 18:00. Attendance confirmation is required to facilitate transportation and logistics.



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Donkey	Maracas	Sombrero	Pyramid	Chili



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# General Information

## SEMINAR VENUE

**BIZKAIA BAR ASSOCIATION**  
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48001 Bilbao, Spain  
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## → CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be used to obtain "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" – "Continuing Professional Development" purposes, depending on national rules. For more information, please contact the UIA office in Paris.

## → LANGUAGE

The working languages will be **Spanish, English and French with a simultaneous translation.**

## → REGISTRATION FEES

	On or before April 23	From April 24
UIA MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 250*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 300*
UIA MEMBER - YOUNG LAWYER (<35)**	<input type="checkbox"/> € 150*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 175*
NON-MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> € 300*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 350*
NON-MEMBER - YOUNG LAWYER (<35)**	<input type="checkbox"/> € 200*	<input type="checkbox"/> € 225*
MEMBERS OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY BAR ASSOCIATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> € 200	
SPEAKERS	<input type="checkbox"/> € 200	

### Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Welcome cocktail on May 22
- Lunch on May 23
- Seminar documentation
- Coffee breaks on May 23 & 24
- Lunch at Urquiola de Palacio's home on May 24

**The dinner on Friday, May 23 is optional and at additional charge.**

\* **VAT (21%) may be applied to the amount** stated above according to the European Directive 2006/112/CE of November 28 2006. **If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged.** For more information, please contact the UIA.

\*\* *Please attach proof of age to the registration form to benefit from young lawyers' fee.*

Please note that the number of places at the seminar is limited. The organisers reserve the right to refuse registrations in the event of excess applications.

In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **May 16** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

## → HOTEL RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate at the hotels listed below. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

### HOTELS

**HOTEL ABANDO 4\*** – 350 meters from the seminar venue  
Colon de Larreategui 9, 48001 Bilbao, Spain  
T +34 94 423 62 00  
[abando@aranzazu-hoteles.com](mailto:abando@aranzazu-hoteles.com)

**HOTEL CARLTON 5\*** – 700 meters from the seminar venue  
Plaza Federico Moyúa 2, 48009 Bilbao, Spain  
T +34 94 416 22 00 [carlton@aranzazu-hoteles.com](mailto:carlton@aranzazu-hoteles.com)

**HOTEL THE ARTIST 5\*** – 600 meters from the seminar venue  
Alameda de Mazarredo 61, 48009 Bilbao, Spain  
T +34 944 253 300 [reservations@hoteltheartist.com](mailto:reservations@hoteltheartist.com)

**MERCURE BILBAO JARDINES DE ALBIA 4\***  
190 meters from the seminar venue  
Calle San Vicente 6, 48001 Bilbao, Spain  
T +34 94 435 41 40  
[ha057@accor.com](mailto:ha057@accor.com)

### RATES

Basic single room	€ 128
Room for single use	€ 148
Double/Twin room	€ 160
Breakfast and VAT 10% included	

Please indicate the reference « **240677** » to benefit from the preferential rates  
**Booking deadline: 31 January**

Room for single use	€ 195
Double/Twin room	€ 215
Breakfast and VAT 10% included	

Please indicate the reference « **240678** » to benefit from the preferential rates  
**Booking deadline: 31 January**

Benefit from a 10% discount on the best available flexible rate, including breakfast, during the dates 22 and 26 May 2025 subject to room availability. The **cancellation policy** is 48 hours prior to arrival to room availability. The **cancellation policy** is 48 hours prior to arrival to room availability. **Benefit from a 10% discount on the best available flexible rate, including breakfast, during the dates 22 and 26 May 2025 subject to room availability. The cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival to room availability. The cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival to room availability.**

Please click on the booking link to benefit from the early low rates: [RESERVE AHORA - BOOK NOW](#)

Benefit from a 15% discount on the rates available at the time of booking between 22 and 24 May 2025, subject to room availability. Indicate the reference **"UIA Bilbao 2025"** to benefit from preferential rates. **Booking deadline: 15 March**

\*Applicable on the unrestricted rate

\*Not applicable on non-refundable rates or special offers

# Cancellation and General Conditions

## → CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than April 23, 2025**.

No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

### VISAS

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than April 23, 2025** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50 to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and

**total registration fees no later than April 23, 2025 and the cancellation will have to be sent in writing no later than May 14, 2025.**

Only in this case a refund can be obtained in the event that the visa is denied.\* - \*\*

If we receive your registration after this date, only 50% of the expenses will be reimbursed\*\*.

No reimbursement will be made if the visa is obtained after the seminar.

*\* 100% of the registration fees paid minus € 50 + VAT (administrative fees).*

*\*\* We need to receive proof of visa refusal in order to proceed with the reimbursement.*

## → GENERAL CONDITIONS

All registrations received by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) along with the full payment of fees corresponding to the events selected will be confirmed in writing.

The UIA reserves the right to cancel or postpone the seminar to a later date, change the seminar venue and/or programme, make any corrections or modifications in the information published in the seminar programme and cancel any invitation to participate in the seminar, at any time and at their entire discretion, without having to provide any reasons.

Participation in UIA activities is conditional upon adherence to and compliance with the [UIA Code of Conduct](#). Failing this, the UIA reserves the right to refuse registration for the said activity.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage of any nature suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications, except in case of death or personal injury due to gross negligence by the UIA.

**The UIA strongly advises participants to subscribe to modifiable and/or refundable services, as well as to take out cancellation insurance.**

The contractual relations between the UIA and each participant (delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the seminar are subject to French law and jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other law. Paris is the city of jurisdiction.

### FORMALITIES

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants unable to take part in the seminar because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

### FORCE MAJEURE

“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatsoever decreed by governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

### HEALTH

The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

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Finally, you have the right to specify instructions concerning the fate of your data in the event of your demise.

# Registration Form

## International Arbitration, Current Perspectives – 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

BILBAO, SPAIN

FRIDAY, MAY 23 & SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

Register online at [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

or please complete and return this form to: [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org)

UIA (International Association of Lawyers)

■ Tel: +33 1 44 88 55 66 ■ Email: [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org)

Family Name: .....

First Name: .....

UIA Identification number (if you already have one): M I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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Address: .....

Post Code: ..... City: .....

Country: .....

Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Date of Birth: .....

EU VAT ID-Number: .....

Special requests (special diet, allergies, handicap...): .....

Arrival/departure times & flight numbers: .....

Hotel: .....

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## B. SEMINAR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following event **included** in the cost of your registration.

- ☐ Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, May 22      ☐ Lunch – Friday, May 23  
☐ Cultural Visit – Friday, May 23      ☐ Lunch at Urquiola de Palacio's home – Saturday, May 24

## C. OPTIONAL DINNER

(**Not included** in the registration fees)

- ☐ Optional Dinner – Friday, May 23

• Please book ..... person(s) for the dinner

€ 65 (Excl. VAT) x \_\_\_ / pers .....

Total (C) (Excl. VAT) € .....

## D. TOTAL

TOTAL (A) Excl. VAT – Registration Fees € .....

TOTAL (C) Excl. VAT – Optional Dinner € .....

TOTAL (A+C) Excl. VAT € .....

VAT IF APPLICABLE (21%)\* € .....

*If you provide an EU VAT ID number, the VAT will not be charged*

TOTAL (A+C+VAT) € .....

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## E. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

I, the undersigned, confirm having read and accepted the cancellation policy and the general terms and conditions given on page 6 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account after receipt of my payment.

The participant is aware that his/her image and/or voice may be recorded or filmed during the entire duration of the forum and, by signing this registration form, grants UIA the right to use, reproduce and distribute the concerned images and recordings by any known or unknown means and on all types of media, for an unlimited duration, completely free of charge.

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**BIC / SWIFT N°: SOGEFRPP**

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**Kindly attach a copy of your bank transfer order to your registration form**

- ☐ By credit card:      ☐ Visa      ☐ Mastercard

Card N°: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ 3 digits: \_\_\_\_

Name of card holder: .....

I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of € (EUR) .....

Date: ..... / ..... / .....

Signature: .....