

SIDE EVENT DURING THE WG II SESSION (13-17 October 2025, Vienna)

Arbitration 4.0: Digital Innovation, E-Awards and Cross-Border Enforcement

Organized and hosted by Pitkowitz & Partners in cooperation with VIAC and SHIAC

Digital transformation is reshaping arbitration worldwide. On the occasion of the UNCITRAL Working Group II Session in Vienna, leading judicial figures and arbitration practitioners will discuss the evolving role of courts and institutions in a tech-driven environment. The panel will address China's Arbitration Law reforms and SHIAC's digital innovation, recent Austrian developments including VIAC's initiatives, the UNCITRAL debate on e-awards, and comparative perspectives on cross-border enforcement in the digital era.

5:30 pm: Welcome and Opening

- Dr. Nikolaus Pitkowitz, Founding Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution, Pitkowitz & Partners
- Ms. Weijun WANG, Secretary General, SHIAC
- Ms. Niamh Leinwather, Secretary General, VIAC

5:45 – 7:00 pm: Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Wei SUN, Managing Partner, Beijing, Zhong Lun Law Firm

- Dr. Georg E. Kodek, Univ.-Prof, President of the Austrian Supreme Court
- Ms. Yun HE, Justice, Chief Judge, Shanghai International Commercial Court (SICC)
- Mr. Andrés Jana, LL.M. (Harvard), Chair UNCITRAL Working Group II
- Mr. James Castello, M.A., J.D., Delegate Working Group II
- Ms. Suosheng XU, Director of Cooperation and Development Department of SHIAC

7:00 pm: Networking Reception

Please register via the following email: events@pitkowitz.com

(Space is limited and early registration is recommended)

Venue: Pitkowitz & Partners, Schwarzenbergplatz 3, 1010 Vienna

**15 Oct.
Wednesday**