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# Slovenian Arbitration Conference

Arbitration in Intra ex-Yu  
Commerce

**TIME:**

Tuesday, 11 november 2014  
from 9.00 to 18.00

**PLACE:**

Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana  
Dunajska cesta 154  
1000 Ljubljana  
Slovenia



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This year's conference will be devoted to arbitration in intra ex-Yu commerce. The conference will also attempt to build "bridges" between mediation and arbitration and search for opportunities in times of the renewed recovery of capital markets.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 9.00 registration
- 9.30 **Opening of conference:** Konrad Plaustajner, PhD / Plaustajner&Plaustajner, Ljubljana Arbitration Centre and Marko Djinović / Ljubljana Arbitration Centre

9.45 **Key note address by a special guest:** Corinne Montineri / UNCITRAL

### 10.15 **PANEL 1: ARBITRATION IN INTRA EX-YU COMMERCE**

**MODERATOR:** Jernej Sekolec, PhD / Independent Arbitrator, Vienna, Ljubljana Arbitration Centre

**PANELISTS:** Aleš Galič, PhD / Faculty of Law, Ljubljana; Boris Babić / Babić & Partners, Zagreb; Milan Lazić / Karanović & Nikolić, Belgrade; Gjorgji Georgievski / ODI Macedonia, Skopje; Adela Rizvić / Tkalčić-Dulic, Prebanić, Rizvić & Jusufbašić-Goloman, Sarajevo; Maja Kostić-Mandić, PhD / Faculty of Law, Podgorica

*Similarities in terms of culture, language, legislation and business environments have long allowed business entities from the territory of former Yugoslavia (ex-Yu) to pursue closer economic cooperation and investment opportunities. Mutual disputes between businesses in the region have traditionally not been resolved before national courts but rather through arbitration, whereby parties seek a neutral forum and an arbitration-friendly environment.*

*Business entities and attorneys from the region as the main users of arbitration face questions such as: What are the characteristics and special features of arbitration and the arbitration environment in an individual country? | What kind of disputes can be subjected to arbitration? | What status does arbitration enjoy in a given country and what kind of an attitude do the courts foster towards arbitration? | What kind of competences for intervention do national courts have in arbitration proceedings? | Are interim measures available in arbitration proceedings? | How can one secure the enforcement of an arbitration award in individual countries?*

*The panel will be conducted in English.*

12.15 Lunch buffet

### No registration fee.

Registration: [www.sloarbitration.eu](http://www.sloarbitration.eu) or [arbitraza.lj@gzs.si](mailto:arbitraza.lj@gzs.si).

Free parking for participants in the nearby garage Smelt (WTC).

Parking is available in the third basement, which has direct access to the hotel reception.

**Additional information:** Ljubljana Arbitration Centre  
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on-line registration

### 13.15 **PANEL 2: BRIDGES BETWEEN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION**

**MODERATOR:** Rajko Knez, PhD / Faculty of Law, Maribor, Ljubljana Arbitration Centre  
**PANELISTS:** Andreas Reiner, PhD / ARP, Vienna; Nina Betetto, MSc / The Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana; Gordana Ristin, MSc / Slovenian Association of Mediators, Higher Court in Ljubljana; Ying Zhao / UNCITRAL

*Mediation is increasingly becoming the number one choice for resolving commercial disputes. Parties use mediation as an independent mechanism as well as in different combinations with arbitration. This makes mediation part of a comprehensive strategy for the resolution of business disputes.*

*The advantages of the mediation proceedings under the Ljubljana Mediation Rules which are currently being drafted and will enter into force in 2015 will be presented for the first time. The new mediation will rules reflect the latest trends in the area of alternative dispute resolution while at the same time setting up a straightforward and clear framework for conducting mediation with a high level of flexibility and autonomy for the parties. The topics to be dealt with include: What are the advantages of institutional mediation? | How to effectively combine mediation and arbitration? | What kind of a personal profile and traits do users expect from a mediator in commercial disputes? | Can the same person act as a mediator and an arbitrator? | What is the role of an attorney in commercial mediation?*

*The panel will be conducted in English.*

15.00 Coffee/tea break

### 15.15 **PANEL 3: RECOVERY OF CAPITAL MARKETS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARBITRATION**

**MODERATOR:** Marko Djinović / Ljubljana Arbitration Centre

**PANELISTS:** Maja Menard, PhD / Ulčar & partners, Ljubljana; David Premelč / RPPP, Ljubljana; Uroš Ilič, MSc / ODI Slovenia; Boštjan Špec / Jadek & Pensa, Ljubljana

*Dispute resolution follows the development trends in the economy. We can expect the structural reform of the banking sector in Slovenia and the gradual disposal of national shareholdings in companies to open up the market for mergers and acquisitions. The recovery of the stock exchange and securities trading will thoroughly change corporate and financial relations. This process will render certain disputes unavoidable.*

*The panel will deal with opportunities for arbitration to resolve disputes arising from mergers and acquisitions, financial restructuring of systemic enterprises, financial disputes and procedures for the privatisation of state-owned companies, focusing on the following questions: What are the main characteristics of the mentioned transactions? | What type of disputes can arise from such transactions? | Why can arbitration be an efficient mechanism for the resolution of such disputes?*

*The panel will be conducted in Slovenian with simultaneous translation into English.*

17.00 St. Martin's reception and social networking