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# 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

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# Introduction

On 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!**

All the information relative to our events is available on our Website [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

The registration programme will be available in the coming weeks. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# General Information

## SEMINAR VENUE

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

Salón de Actos

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48001 Bilbao, Spain

T +34 94 435 62 00

## → 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)

### RATES

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

Please indicate the reference « **SEMINARIO UIA 2025** » or « **240677** » to benefit from the preferential rates.

**Booking deadline: 15 November.**

**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)

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

Please indicate the reference « **SEMINARIO UIA 2025** » or « **240678** » to benefit from the preferential rates.

**Booking deadline: 15 November.**

**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)

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.

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

**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)

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

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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.

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 a 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, “force majeure” includes but is not limited to a strike affecting the means of transport; hotel staff; air traffic controllers; an insurrection; a riot; an epidemic or pandemic; 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, including but not limited to: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet resolved on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

### PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Personal data collected is processed by the Union Internationale des Avocats, in its capacity as data controller. The data is used to manage registrations for events organised by the Union Internationale des Avocats.

In accordance with the applicable regulations, you have the right to access, rectify and delete your personal data, as well as the right to data portability. You may also withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data at any time or request that such processing be restricted.

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



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# Registration Form

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BILBAO, SPAIN

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**UIA (International Association of Lawyers)**

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Family Name: .....

First Name: .....

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

Firm: .....

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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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## Bringing Together the World's Lawyers

UIA is the global and multi-cultural organisation for the legal profession, established in 1927 and now with members in 110 countries. UIA facilitates professional development and international exchange of information and ideas, promotes the rule of law, defends the independence and freedom of lawyers worldwide, and emphasizes friendship, collegiality and networking among members.

## Rassembler les avocats du monde

L'UIA est une organisation mondiale et multiculturelle pour la profession juridique. Créée en 1927, elle est aujourd'hui composée de membres présents dans 110 pays. Elle favorise le développement professionnel et l'échange international d'informations et d'idées, promeut l'État de droit, défend l'indépendance et la liberté des avocats dans le monde et renforce l'amitié, la collégialité et le réseautage entre ses membres.

## Reunir a los abogados del mundo

La UIA es una organización global y multicultural para la profesión jurídica. Creada en 1927, hoy está compuesta por miembros presentes en 110 países. Facilita el crecimiento profesional y el intercambio internacional de información e ideas, promueve el Estado de derecho y la independencia y la libertad de los abogados en todo el mundo, valora la amistad, el compañerismo y el desarrollo de relaciones entre sus miembros.

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- Defend the independence and freedom of lawyers worldwide
- Défendez l'indépendance et la liberté des avocats à travers le monde
- Defienda la independencia y la libertad de los abogados en el mundo

## JANUARY - JANVIER - ENERO



33<sup>rd</sup> UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres  
**VIENNA – AUSTRIA** (EN)



Art 5.0 – How Technology has Changed the Way Art is Created, Sold and Exhibited  
**VENICE – ITALY** (EN)

## FEBRUARY - FÉVRIER - FEBRERO



Avocats et justice fiscale : vers un système équitable pour tous  
**FÈS – MAROC** (FR) (AR)

## MARCH - MARS - MARZO



19<sup>th</sup> UIA Winter Seminar – New Technologies including Artificial Intelligence Impacting the Legal Profession  
**SAAS-FEE – SWITZERLAND** (EN)



International Women's Day  
*Journée internationale des femmes*  
*Día Internacional de la Mujer*  
**CAPSULE – ONLINE** (EN) (FR) (ES)



Legal Implications for Marketing and Advertising Agreements. Providing Effective Advice to Maximize Benefits and Avoid Pitfalls – Food and Beverages as a Case Study  
**TURIN – ITALY** (EN)



India: The New Global Manufacturing Hub  
**NEW DELHI – INDIA** (EN)

## APRIL - AVRIL - ABRIL



Mediation and Energy Transition: how mediation, which is now booming, can contribute to the evolution of the practices of states and companies at the time of the energy transition and reduce its related conflicts?  
**KUWAIT CITY – KUWAIT** (EN) (FR) (AR)



L'impact du numérique sur le commerce international : défis juridiques et opportunités  
*The Impact of Digital Technology on International Trade: Legal Challenges and Opportunities*  
**ALGER – ALGÉRIE/ALGERIA** (FR) (AR) (EN)

## MAY - MAI - MAYO



Foreign Investment in Latin America – Legal Challenges and Strategies in Similar but Diverse Regulatory Environments  
**BUENOS AIRES – ARGENTINA** (EN)

## MAY - MAI - MAYO



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*Arbitraje Internacional, Perspectivas Actuales – 8<sup>o</sup> Edición*  
*Arbitrage international, perspectives actuelles – 8<sup>e</sup> édition*  
**BILBAO – SPAIN/ESPAÑA/ESPAGNE** (EN) (ES) (FR)

## JUNE - JUIN - JUNIO



16<sup>th</sup> UIA Annual Business Law Forum: Partnering, Collaborations and Strategic Transactions in the Digital Age in a Globalised World – Recent Legal and Regulatory Developments, Challenges and Trends  
**LONDON – UNITED KINGDOM** (EN)



Droit pénal de l'entreprise : prévention du risque et gestion de crises  
**BORDEAUX – FRANCE** (FR)

## JULY - JUILLET - JULIO



Come on, it's ESG! The Hitchhiker's Guide to the ESG Legal Galaxy  
**HAMBURG – GERMANY** (EN)



Health Law, Biotechnology Law and Climate Change - Title to be confirmed  
**BOSTON, MA – USA** (EN)

## SEPTEMBER - SEPTEMBRE - SEPTIEMBRE



34<sup>th</sup> UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres  
**SYDNEY – AUSTRALIA** (EN)



Women Leaders of the Bar Day – 6<sup>th</sup> edition  
*Journée des Femmes Leaders des Barreaux – 6<sup>e</sup> édition*  
*Jornada de las Mujeres Líderes de la Abogacía – 6<sup>a</sup> edición*  
**CAPSULE – ONLINE** (EN) (FR) (ES)



2<sup>nd</sup> UIA Private International Law Forum – A Sustainable World: Focus on The Transport Business. From Corporate Obligations to Contracts and Litigation.  
**BARCELONA – SPAIN** (EN)

## DECEMBER - DÉCEMBRE - DICIEMBRE



Négociation et rédaction des contrats miniers et pétroliers  
**DAKAR – SÉNÉGAL** (FR)

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