JOINT ARBITRATION EXCHANGE: POLAND & SPAIN - CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ICC ARBITRATION

AUDITORIO URÍA MENÉNDEZ

Friday 20th November 2026 from 11:00 to 14:00

ICC Poland and ICC Spain are pleased to invite arbitration practitioners, arbitrators and in-house counsel to a joint arbitration exchange taking place on Friday 20th November 2026 at Auditorio Uría Menéndez in Barcelona.

The event will bring together experienced arbitration users and practitioners from Poland and Spain for an informal discussion on current developments in ICC arbitration, with a particular focus on procedural efficiency, case management and the evolving role of arbitral tribunals.

Date: 20 November 2026
Time: 11:00 – 14:00
Venue: Auditorio Uría Menéndez (Av. Diagonal 514 - 08006 Barcelona)
Language: The session will be conducted in English

AGENDA

11.00 - 11.10
Welcome Remarks
Jordi Sellarés | Secretary General | ICC Spain

11.10 – 12.10
Panel 1: The First CMC, the PO1 and the alternatives to the old ToR: Setting the Course for an Efficient Arbitration
Discussion topics include:

- Common procedural pitfalls at the first Case Management Conference
- Procedural decisions with the greatest impact on time and cost efficiency
- The use of bifurcation, early determination and procedural sequencing
- Whether tribunals address key procedural issues early enough
- Recent trends in case management and procedural discipline
- The role of parties and counsel in ensuring an effective CMC
- Convergence and remaining differences across legal traditions.

- Terms of Appointment? Signatures of Parties?
- The party that does not participate.

As the meeting is “petit comité” there will be free flow of ideas:

Moderator from ICC Spain: Dr. Monika Prusinowska | UB

Moderator from ICC Poland: Agnieszka Deeg-Tyburska | Polpharma

12.10 – 13.10
Panel 2: The Proactive Arbitrator: How Much Is Too Much?
Discussion topics include:

- The appropriate degree of tribunal intervention
- The line between active case management and prejudgment
- Early views by tribunals: efficiency tool or due process risk?
- The impact of proactive tribunals on cost and duration
- User expectations regarding active case management
- The continuing relevance of civil law and common law traditions in international arbitration

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Moderator from ICC Spain: Mariana de la Rosa | Managing associate | Uría Menéndez

Moderator from ICC Poland: Rafał Morek | Vice-President ICC Poland | CMS

13.10 – 13.45
Keynote speaker:
Sebastián Mejía | Mejía IDR: Arbitration in sport matters linked with commercial issues and the jurisprudence of European Courts (Seraing & Semenya cases)

13.45 – 14.00
Closing Remarks
Prof. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz | President ICC Poland | GESSEL

Following the discussions, participants are invited to continue the conversation over a Cheese & Wine.

Participation is free of charge. As places are limited, we kindly ask you to register by 18th November.