

# VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. Current position:

- Attorney, Member of the Ghent Bar and of the Brussels Bar
- Visiting Professor at the Europa-Institut of Saarland University

5. Education:

- Graduate law studies at the University of Louvain (K.U.L.), Belgium, 1982.
- Postgraduate law studies in German law (at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen and at the Court of Appeal in Düsseldorf) with DAAD Scholarship, 1982-1983.
- Postgraduate law studies in English law (at King's College, London) with British Council Scholarship, 1986.
- Mediator training course (at the Brussels Business Mediation Center), 24-30 August 2000.
- Postgraduate course on Energy law, Institute for Environmental and Energy law, University of Louvain (K.U.L.), February-May 2001.
- Doctorate in law at the University of Ghent, Belgium, 2008.  
Subject of doctoral thesis : “De rechtsbescherming van partijen in privaatrechtelijke handelsarbitrage” (The Legal protection of the parties in commercial arbitration under private law).
- Investor-State Mediator training course, organised by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), the International Energy Charter and the International Mediation Institute (IMI) (at the World Bank, in Paris), 8-10 May 2018.
- Training seminar on Mediation in Disputes on R&D and Related Commercial Agreements, organised by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) (at the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KOWI), in Brussels), 11-12 October 2018.
- Investment Arbitration Masterclass, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, organised by the International Energy Charter, the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) (at the International Energy Charter Secretariat, in Brussels), 5-8 November 2018.

6. Practiced experience in arbitration

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
  - CEPANI : 9
  - ICC : 14
  - CAS : 6
  - European Court of Arbitration : 1
  - Polish Court of Arbitration : 1
  - Danish Institute of Arbitration : 1
  - Ad hoc : 6
- How often have you acted as Chairman? 8

- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 29
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 20
- How often have you acted as Counsel? 22
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
  - Expert : 1
  - Adjudicator : 2

**7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):**

Author or co-author of 27 books and 200 articles in the field of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

For list of publications, see CV

**8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:**

- Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (CEPANI), Member of the Board
- Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration, Co-chair
- ICCA - International Council for Commercial Arbitration.
- International Bar Association, Arbitration Committee.
- ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.
- ICC Institute of World Business Law.
- Deutsche Institution für Schiedsgerichtsbarkeit.
- Comité Français de l'Arbitrage.
- Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage.
- London Court of International Arbitration.
- American Arbitration Association.

**9. Languages**

Mother tongue: Dutch

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English, French and German

**10. In which legal systems have you trained?**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Law                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Czech Law             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polish Law                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> German Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Law |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice?**

Belgium.

**12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar?**

Belgium.

**13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition      | <input type="checkbox"/> Damages                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency               | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution            | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                | X <input type="checkbox"/> Power plants         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes    | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment              | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment arbitration   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CISG                              | X <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/Foreign inves.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes              | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering             | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping               |
| X <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment           | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                | X <input type="checkbox"/> Sports               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences            | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| X <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration     | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology             |
| X <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                       |  |   |   |

**14. Date of birth:** 4 August 1959

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