

ASA Arbitration Retreat

A colloquium for experienced practitioners
Jointly organised with the German Arbitration Institute (DIS)

About

The Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) is organising the Europe edition of the ASA Arbitration Retreat in collaboration with the German Arbitration Institute (DIS). The ASA Arbitration Retreat is based on a format originally developed by ASA in 1997, which has since been followed in annual seminars hosted by ASA in cooperation with other arbitration associations and institutions in Europe and Asia.

📍 **Hilton Hotel Frankfurt Gravenbruch, Germany**

📅 24 - 26 October 2025

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Format

In a series of sessions over the course of two days, following the key phases of an arbitration proceeding, two discussion leaders – one with a civil background and one with a common law background – raise and engage with participants on key legal and practical issues that might arise in the life of an arbitration.

Discussion leaders are highly experienced practitioners, who draw on examples from actual past cases to illustrate these issues and different ways in which they might be addressed. This results in lively debates among all participants, designed to highlight the diversity of experiences and approaches in international arbitration, foster the exchange and development of novel ideas and practices, and encourage cross-cultural sensitivity.

The language of the seminar is English.

Who should attend?

The retreat is designed for experienced arbitration practitioners who wish to continue building on their international arbitration knowledge and practice, and to benefit from the participants' combined experience and expertise acquired in a variety of arbitration proceedings across different jurisdictions. There are no 'lectures': facilitated by the discussion leaders, participants contribute to the debate with their own experiences, questions and ideas.

How do I register?

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About the Organisers

ASA – Swiss Arbitration Association

The Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA, Association Suisse de l'Arbitrage) is an association with over 1000+ members in Switzerland and all over the world. ASA is Switzerland's leading arbitration organisation and brings together the world's most eminent arbitration practitioners from six continents and 50+ jurisdictions. For around 50 years, ASA has been promoting domestic and international arbitration as well as alternative dispute resolution.

Since 2021, ASA is also the majority stakeholder of the Swiss Arbitration Centre, Switzerland's leading commercial arbitration institution. The Centre is well known for its Swiss Rules, the golden standard for arbitration and mediation. As a platform of expertise, the Centre is supported by a global network of arbitration and ADR users, legal professionals, and the chambers of commerce of Basel, Bern, Central Switzerland, Geneva, Neuchâtel, Ticino, and Zurich.

For more information visit: swissarbitration.org/asa

German Arbitration Institute (DIS)

The German Arbitration Institute (DIS) is the leading institution of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution for domestic and international commercial disputes in Germany with over 100 years of experience. It also has a long tradition and expertise in the administration of arbitration proceedings and other alternative dispute resolution procedures. The DIS has one of the largest portfolios of ADR proceedings in the world. The German Court of Arbitration for Sport is supported by the DIS and acts independently of sport associations and clubs, athletes, the NADA, and other sport organisations and players.

The DIS is a registered association with its seat in Berlin. The purpose of the DIS is the promotion of arbitration. The DIS works independently of public or private organisations and the members of its unique network comprised of 1600+ experts in Germany and abroad, including Chambers of Industry and Commerce, leading German companies, lawyers, in-house counsels and academics.

For more information visit: <https://www.disarb.org/en/>

