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6th annual schonherr construction conference

10:00

Introduction: Framework of the conference
Ivana Panic & Constantin Benes |
Schoenherr

Part 1: Transforming Energy & Infrastructure

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Renewable Energy Communities - are they going to take off?
Bernd Rajal | Schoenherr

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Energy transition and grid operation – challenges and legal solution approaches
Peter Lachinger | Austrian Power Grid

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Carbon-free heating and cooling for real estate
Herbert Hetzel | Kraftwerk Krieau GmbH

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Q&A and discussion

Part 2: Transforming Construction

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Main trends in property digitalisation 2020 and beyond
Jakob Hirn | Build Informed GmbH

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Alliance agreements – the way forward
Jan-Bertram A. Hillig | GSK Stockmann

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Collaboration contracts and contractor's opportunities
Mikhail Pokataev | Azvirt LLC

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Transformation of the construction process
Christian Schranz | Technical University Vienna

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Next steps in transforming construction agreements
Constantin Benes | Schoenherr

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Q&A and discussion

Part 3: Transforming Disputes

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Multi-contract dispute resolution. General issues with respect to dispute resolution in subcontracts
Ivana Panic | Schoenherr

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The importance of resolving disputes early. Collaborative approach to dispute resolution
Taner Dedezade | Corbett & Co

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The Concept of Changed Circumstances in Arbitration
Sebastian Lukic | Schoenherr

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Dispute hearing transformation - a case study
Frank Olivier Thomas | TK Consulting

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Q&A and discussion



Ivana Panic is a partner in Belgrade and one of the leads of Schoenherr's construction practice. She has around 10 years of experience in the industry and specialises in construction law with an emphasis on FIDIC conditions of contract, along with real estate and construction arbitration in CEE. Currently, she is studying towards an MSc in dispute resolution at King's College London. Given that construction law/FIDIC is her main area of expertise, Ivana is engaged in all the firm's FIDIC-related projects on various project sides (investors, contractors and subcontractors) throughout CEE in different industries, such as highway construction and financing, retail centre development, construction arbitration, and hotel/resort development. Ivana is the local FIDIC trainer within the Serbian Association of Consulting Engineers.



Constantin Benes is a partner at Schoenherr in Vienna. He specialises in real estate and construction law as well as distribution law. Constantin represents real estate developers, project financiers, real estate investment funds and institutional real estate promoters. Constantin, being member of the permanent staff of Austrian commercial law journal *ecolex*, is author of numerous publications focusing on all areas of real estate and commercial civil law. Before joining Schoenherr, Constantin worked as intern in New York/USA (Hamik & Finkelstein LLP) and Salzburg/Austria (Kopp, Wittek, Braunbruck, Mautner Markhof) dealing with national and international clients. Constantin studied in Graz, Austria (University of Graz; Magister iuris, J.D. equivalent), and New York, USA (Columbia Law School; LL.M. Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 2017).



Peter Lachinger studied law at the University of Salzburg, Austria (Master's degree 2005, Dr. iur. 2014) and qualified as a barrister in 2010. After working as a barrister in a law firm in Salzburg, in 2012 he joined Austrian Power Grid ("APG"), Austria's transmission system operator for electricity, as legal counsel (main fields of activity: Austrian and European public procurement and electricity law). In 2016, he was appointed Head of APG's legal department and as well as authorised officer.



Bernd Rajal is a partner at Schoenherr in Vienna where he is a member of the firm's regulatory practice group. He represents clients in power plant permitting proceedings. Bernd is advisor to energy utilities, financial investors, network operators and energy traders. He also represents energy utilities in EIA and other plant approval proceedings. Bernd regularly advises on major energy infrastructure projects such as gas pipelines, high voltage power lines and heating lines. With Schoenherr representing various governmental departments, he is also involved in legislative procedures making proposals for the amendment of environmental and energy law provisions. Bernd is an expert in providing transactional (m&a) advice in the field of energy and environmental law. He is the author of various legal articles on energy and environmental law.



Sebastian Lukic has been an associate at Schoenherr since 2016. Sebastian's main areas of practice are commercial and investment arbitration. Sebastian graduated from the University of Graz as a first-ranked graduate. In recognition of his outstanding academic achievements, Sebastian was awarded the Honorary Award (State Award) of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy for the best diploma and master's degrees in Austria (Würdigungspreis). In 2020, Sebastian graduated from the University of Oxford (MJur). He was awarded the Winter Williams Prize in International Economics Law, and the Clifford Chance Award (Proxime Accessit) for the Second Best Performance in the MJur. Before joining Schoenherr, he was a teaching and research assistant at the Department of European Law and, in parallel, the Department of Civil Law of the University of Graz. Sebastian speaks German, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, English, Spanish and Russian.



Herbert Hetzel has various degrees in technical design and construction, economics and project management. He has been an entrepreneur since 1981 and is currently single shareholder and CEO of Pervenio Beteiligungsmanagement GmbH, BauConsult GesmbH, BauConsult Energy GesmbH, Energie Krieau GmbH; single shareholder of BauConsult real estate group GesmbH as well as a partner in various project- and operation-related enterprises. He has indepth knowledge of development, design, construction and operating of regenerative energy supply systems in real estate business, and detailed knowledge of design- and construction-processes for residential, commercial, educational, logistic and healthcare real estate projects.



Jan-Bertram A. Hillig is a dual qualified German and English lawyer from the Berlin office of GSK STOCKMANN, a commercial law firm with 200 lawyers in Germany and Luxembourg. Jan-Bertram advises on inner-city real estate projects and plant construction projects, often on such with cross border references inside and outside of Germany (inbound and outbound). He is specialised in drafting construction contracts, especially FIDIC contracts, and advising on construction disputes in ADR, litigation and arbitration proceedings. Jan-Bertram chairs the International Construction Law Committee of the German Association of Construction and Real Estate Law (ARGE Bau- und Immobilienrecht) and he is a contributor to a well-known commentary on German construction contract law.



Mikhail Pokataev is a Civil Engineer and Project Manager for AzVirt LLC, one of the leading construction companies in the Balkans. Over the last 20 years he has gained experience on major infrastructural and civil construction projects across Eastern Europe, with a particular focus on contract & claim management. One of Mikhail's fields of expertise is the development of contract agreements and their negotiation from subcontracting up to government level. Having wide understanding of commercial, contractual and the legal background of large-scale projects, he actively promotes collaboration and a proactive approach in dispute avoidance & resolution. For more than 10 years, Mikhail has lead and coached multicultural project teams aiming for their best functionality, motivation and creativity. He is also passionate about applying modern project development practices such as digitalisation, Critical Chain planning & monitoring and Agile methodologies in construction industry transformation.



Christian Schranz is a Civil Engineer and Assistant Professor for Modelling of building construction and building processes. He heads the Center of Digital Building Processes as well as the Civil Engineering Computer Laboratory at the TU Wien. After his civil engineering studies at TU Wien he started his research career with two years at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC), USA, and then at the Institute of Mechanics of Materials and Structures (TU Wien) with his dissertation on stability analysis of shell structures. He broadened his expertise with research on modelling and optimization of building constructions from the point of view of life cycle assessment at the Institute of Building Construction and Technology and the Institute of Interdisciplinary Construction Process Management. His research focuses on digitisation, Augmented Reality, Building Information Modelling (openBIM) and process maps in civil engineering. He is a founding member of the Austrian chapter of buildingSmart International.



Taner Dedezeade Taner is a barrister with some 25 years' experience specialising in the resolution of international construction and engineering disputes, mostly concerning projects under the FIDIC Books. He represents both international Contractors and Employers involved in projects in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, undertaking advocacy as necessary in both DAB and arbitration proceedings. Taner is an accredited FIDIC trainer and an accredited TECBAR Adjudicator. He has presented many FIDIC seminars in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America on both FIDIC Contracts and FIDIC Claims. He also lectures on FIDIC for the King's MSc course.



Jakob Hirn is a BIM-Expert and CEO of the Austrian company Build Informed GmbH which is a young, dynamic and focused company made up of digital specialists with expertise in all areas and types of projects, from asset management to large infrastructure projects, from planning to construction supervision, and from software implementation to software development. Jakob Hirn has been an active leader and influencer within the BIM industry in the DACH region over the last decade. Since 2019 he has also been a shareholder and the CEO of BIMF, a joint venture between Build Informed GmbH and Meva Schalungssysteme. Jakob is also the initiator of On Top with BIM, which is a forum for leadership in BIM.



Frank Olivier Thomas is a civil/infrastructure engineer with more than 20 years of compounded on site/project experience in the design, construction and operation of various types of infrastructure and plant projects, such as roads/bridges, subways, dam, waste water treatment plants, biomass plants, sulphuric acid plants and office building projects. He has extensive experience in the contract and claim management of construction projects including claims and variations preparation and negotiations under various international forms of contracts (e.g. FIDIC rainbow 1999 editions and bespoke forms of Contract) and is an expert in the preparation and evaluation of delay and quantum claims, CPM scheduling with MS project, Primavera and Asta Power software, disruption and productivity analysis, prolongation cost and loss of productivity calculation. Since 2007 he has been a partner at TK Consulting.

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