

ESG: Responsibility and Arbitration – German, Spanish and European Perspectives

May 21, 2025 | 17:00 – 18:30 | Stuttgart, Germany



Join us for an exclusive event to explore the complexities of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (“Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz – LkSG”) and the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), as well as their implications for future disputes.

In a collaboration of the German and Iberian Chapters of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Ciarb), we aim to explore different perspectives and challenges, particularly from German, European, and Spanish angles. A key focus will be on civil liability in the supply chain and its potential impact on alternative dispute resolution, especially arbitration.

Date: May 21, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 17:00 – 18:30 (followed by networking)

Location: CMS Hasche Sigle, Theodor-Heuss-Str. 29, 70174 Stuttgart, Germany

Format: Hybrid (in-person & online)

Moderation:

Jacqueline López Wismer, LL.M. (ESADE, Barcelona), FCIArb, **Torsten Köppel**, FCIArb

Speakers (bios below):

Dr. Christoph Schröder, lawyer at CMS Germany

Dr. Stefan Rating MCIArb, German and Spanish lawyer

Nazareth Romero FCIArb, Chair Iberian Chapter Ciarb, Partner Ovolio Romero Abogados SL, President of the Arbitration Section, Madrid Bar Association (ICAM).

Agenda

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| 17:00 – 17:10 | Welcome and Introduction
Jacqueline López Wismer, Torsten Köppel |
| 17:10 – 17:45 | German Perspective: Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG)
Dr. Christoph Schröder |
| | EU Perspective: Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)
Stefan Rating |
| | Spanish Perspective
Nazareth Romero |
| 17:45 – 18:10 | Civil Liability and Arbitration
Dr. Christoph Schröder |
| 18:10 – 18:30 | Discussion |
| 18:30 | Get-Together with Catering (at CMS Stuttgart) |

Registration

We would be delighted to welcome you at CMS in Stuttgart or online.

Please register by 16 May 2025 [here](#) and state whether you will be attending in person or online.

Speakers



Nazareth Romero FCI Arb

Nazareth Romero serves as an arbitrator, lawyer and expert in national and international arbitration proceedings, as well as in commercial mediations. She serves on the Trade and Sustainable Development Experts List of the DG Trade (European Commission) and acts as an external expert for the DG Justice. She is a partner at Ovoli Romero Abogados where she heads the International Arbitration and Litigation department and is the Chair and co-founder of the Iberian Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). As a professor at various universities, she shares her knowledge of arbitration, ADR, law, economics and international law. She is also a regular contributor to academic publications in these fields.

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Dr. Stefan Rating MCI Arb

Dr. Stefan Rating is an arbitrator, litigator and expert in Competition Law, admitted to the Barcelona, Brussels and Frankfurt Bars. Widely recognised for his EU law expertise in sectors such as telecommunications and sports, he regularly appears before arbitration tribunals, national courts, the CJEU, and the EU General Court, particularly in State aid cases.

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Dr. Christoph Schröder

Dr. Christoph Schröder is a German-qualified lawyer (Rechtsanwalt) at CMS Germany. He specializes in advising companies on supply chain compliance, in particular on the basis of CSDDD, EUDR, EUFLR and related national laws, including the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG). He has co-authored a book on the LkSG. He frequently speaks and writes about supply chain compliance. In the first stage of his career, he advised and represented clients in maritime and other logistics disputes. From 2012 to 2020, he was based in Shanghai and primarily supported Chinese companies with their investments in Germany and other countries. He also holds a PhD in Chinese transportation law from the University of Göttingen.

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