

World Atlas of Arbitration 2025 edition

The White Paper

The idea: not so original

The World Atlas of Arbitration is a new format in the universe of arbitration publications. The editors did not invent it though. They were inspired by the work of Professor Philip Wood and his Maps of World Financial Law. The authors would also like to acknowledge the existence of other, mostly regional arbitration atlases, which they discovered during their work on this project.

The team: arbitrators and authors of the Paranol Pills against due process paranoia

The project is led by editors Roman Kramařík and Tomáš Král. Both are international arbitration practitioners from the Czech Republic and authors of the famous Paranol Pills against due process paranoia (www.paranol.eu).

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The methodology

Jurisdictional maps

The editors have created a jurisdictional questionnaire. The questionnaire will be validated / calibrated in the feasibility stage by country contributors. When the feasibility comments are collected and analysed, the editors will finalise the 2025 WAA jurisdictional questionnaire and circulate it to a broad list of jurisdictional contributors.

Multiple jurisdictional respondents are possible and welcome. A single respondent can also provide answers about multiple jurisdictions.

The editors will then transform the answers into colour coded maps. Editors will evaluate the country responses statistically and may follow-up with some contributors in case of significant discrepancies.

All contributors, who answer at least 50% of the questions, will receive an anonymous analysis showing what others responded for their jurisdiction.

Institutions

The editors performed a desktop research of numbers and rules of all relevant international arbitration institutions. A separate questionnaire will be also circulated to the institutions, to collect more than the publicly available data.

Funding

The production team is entirely funded by the law firm JŠK, based in Prague, Czech Republic. No contributions are sought from any jurisdictional contributors.

Timetable

Feasibility questionnaire published	10 February 2025
Accepting responses until	16 February 2025
WAA2025 final questionnaire published	19 February 2025
WAA2025 publication date	10 April 2025
WAA2025 Prague Summit	19-21 September 2025

On-line

No, the World Atlas of Arbitration will not be available online. Only hard copies for now.

Future

If the 2025 edition is a success, an improved 2026 edition will follow. Stay tuned to learn more. All jurisdictional respondents will be advised about any developments.

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An off-line summit will be held exclusively for the jurisdictional **contributors of the 2025 WAA edition and their spouses**. The summit will be in Prague and will dove-tail with the Investment Arbitration Conference organized by the Czech Ministry of Finance. The summit will be free for contributors. They will only have to pay for their travel and accommodation. Number of places will be limited. Contributors who assisted with the preparation of the questionnaire or helped with the dissemination of the WAA2025 questionnaire will have priority in case of excess demand.