

Arbitration News

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What Spanish courts are saying

SPAIN

- The High Court of Justice of La Rioja, in its [Judgment of 21 July](#), dismisses a request to set aside an arbitration award. The Court addresses the *dies a quo* of the two-month limitation period for bringing an action for annulment, specifying that, when a request for clarification is filed, the limitation period begins not from the notification of the award, but from the resolution of that request.
- The High Court of Justice of Cataluña, in its [Order of 12 June](#), rules on the criteria for imposing costs in proceedings for the appointment of arbitrators. The Court reaffirms that costs should not be imposed when the contract giving rise to the dispute does not designate a specific individual or arbitral institution to administer the arbitration. In such cases, the intervention of the Court is mandatory, and therefore costs cannot be imposed.
- The Provincial Court of Cáceres, in its [Order of 10 June](#), confirms the first instance court’s decision to grant the interim measure ordering one party to refrain from enforcing an arbitral award pending resolution of the main judicial proceedings.



What is happening outside Spain

INTERNATIONAL

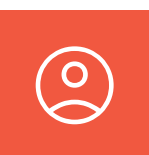
- On 12 September 2025, a new [Arbitration Law](#) was passed in China, which will come into force on 1 March 2026. Among its main new features is the strengthening of arbitrators’ disclosure obligations.
- The Federal Court of Australia, in its [Judgment of 29 August](#), orders the enforcement of four ICSID awards issued under the Energy Charter Treaty against Spain, amounting to EUR 470 million. According to the Court, Spain waived its sovereign immunity by ratifying the ICSID Convention.
- On 27 August 2025, [Law 2540](#) was passed in Colombia, which will come into force in February 2026. Law 2540 [will allow enforcement claims to be submitted to arbitration](#) without the need to go to the ordinary courts.
- The Tel Aviv District Court, in its ruling of 25 August (summary [here](#)), refuses to recognise and enforce an award rendered by an ICSID tribunal under the Energy Charter Treaty in favour of a German investor (a subsidiary of the Israeli companies that wanted to enforce the award in Israel). Without addressing the merits of the case, the Court considers that the dispute has no genuine connection with Israel and that the investors failed to identify any Spanish assets within that jurisdiction.



Some interesting publications and events

ACADEMIC WORLD

- [CIAM-CIAR Working Group on Digital Economy and Intellectual Property](#) has published the report “[Principles and recommendations for the use of AI systems in arbitration proceedings](#)”.



What we have been up to at Pérez-Llorca

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- Félix J. Montero, Fernando Bedoya, Alejandro Linares and Antonio González (Litigation and Arbitration partners at Pérez-Llorca) presented, on 30 September 2025, [the new edition of the “Arbitration Code”, prepared](#) by the Firm’s Litigation and Arbitration team.
- Félix J. Montero (Litigation and Arbitration partner at Pérez-Llorca) participated, on 10 September 2025, in the panel “[Sector focus: construction disputes and civil law](#)” at [GAR Live: Civil Law Summit 2025](#).
- Ignacio Santabaya (Litigation and Arbitration partner at Pérez-Llorca), Sonsoles Centeno (European Union Law partner at Pérez-Llorca), Javier García Urbano and Javier Sánchez Villegas (Litigation and Arbitration lawyers at Pérez-Llorca) published, on 8 August 2025, the legal briefing “[The CJEU establishes limits on the recognition of CAS awards: mandatory judicial review to ensure compatibility with European public policy](#)”.