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### Experience

Alessandro is an associate in Herbert Smith Freehills' dispute resolution practice based in Frankfurt. He specializes in investment and commercial arbitration.

As counsel, Alessandro acts for governments and investors in investor state proceedings. He also advises clients in international and domestic arbitral proceedings concerning all areas of commercial law. He has acted in arbitrations under different rules like ICSID, ICC, SCC, CIETAC and DIS, but also in ad hoc arbitrations. His recent work includes representing an investor in a multi-million ICSID arbitration in the telecom industry, defending a state against a multi-billion dollar claim under the Energy Charter Treaty, as well as defending a government in an investor-state arbitration arising from an airport service agreement.

### Professional background

Alessandro studied law at the Universities of Passau, Münster and Krasnoyarsk (Russia), and holds a PhD in international investment law from the University of Siegen. During his traineeship, Alessandro worked in two well-known international arbitration boutiques in Hamburg and Milan, and also in the secretariat of the Energy Charter Treaty in Brussels. Alessandro was admitted to practice in Germany in 2015. Before joining Herbert Smith Freehills, he worked in the dispute resolution practice of an international law firm in Frankfurt where he mainly focused on international investment and commercial arbitration.

Alessandro is a German and Italian native speaker, is fluent in English and (Brazilian) Portuguese, and speaks Russian. He works in all of those languages.

### Credentials

- Representing a **German investor** in a multi-million ICSID arbitration against a southern-european state arising out of a failed privatization of a state owned company in the telecommunication sector
- Advising a **German investor** in the pre-arbitration phase of a dispute against a south-eastern State concerning the seizure of a forest
- Advising a **government** in set aside proceedings before the Svea Court in Stockholm concerning an SCC award rendered in a multi-billion dollar investment arbitration based on the Energy Charter Treaty; the same government in enforcement proceedings in multiple jurisdictions in Europe and also the US
- Representing a **state** in an investor-state arbitration under ICC Rules commenced by a foreign investor and arising from an airport service agreement