

Dispute Boards for Belgium: become a certified candidate member

Adopt the “Best for Project Attitude” and save a lot of money!

How can a government or client, when realizing a long-term project, succeed in ensuring that the implementation period is respected and at the same time maintaining the contractual cost price as much as possible?

How can a contractor ensure that the work completed is correctly reimbursed if changes are imposed during implementation or when unforeseen circumstances are determined?

The answer to both questions is to provide a Dispute Board in the tender, in the general contractual conditions of the specifications.

The Dispute Board method has been used extensively and with great success in the USA for more than fifty years and is now also systematically provided for international projects financed by the World Bank and the MDBs or “Multilateral Development Banks”.

The recognizable advantages of using Dispute Boards are better control of the total cost price and respecting the implementation period, taking into account the contractual framework for quality. Moreover, and primarily, the working method of a Dispute Board leads to the early resolution of issues that arise during implementation and thus the avoidance of disputes. Dispute Boards reduce the well-known phenomenon at the end of a project, namely claims and settlements, which lead to lengthy procedures and high costs, especially when those disputes go to court or are settled in arbitration. A Dispute Board therefore provides a “real time” solution to disputes.

In addition to the introduction to the principles and working methods of Dispute Boards relevant to all parties, this training is aimed at engineers and lawyers to be part of Dispute Boards in which only technical experts and lawyers reside. DRBF training is considered an essential requirement to be considered as a Dispute Board candidate by appointing parties, and participants will be included in the list that will be published on the website of ie-net Society of Engineers.