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Dispute Boards and Conflict Management in the Nordic Region

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Conflict Landscape and Conflict Management Approaches in the Nordics

- Common causes of disputes (e.g., unforeseen conditions, scope changes, delays, payment issues).
- Conflict frequency and severity in the various Nordic countries.
- Typical resolution mechanisms: litigation, arbitration, mediation, DRBs.
- Regulatory frameworks: domestic law,, AB 04/ABT 06 (Sweden), YSE 1998 (Finland), NS 8405/NS 8407/NTK 25 (Norway), FIDIC, SCC Express, etc.

The Current Role of Dispute Boards in Complex Construction and Infrastructure Projects Across the Nordics

- What kind of Dispute Boards are in use?
- For what kind of contracts are they used?
- To what extent are they used?
 - Sweden: Green Line Metro project (Region Stockholm) and certain specific sectors (e.g. industrial plant projects)
 - Norway: Wider DRB adoption especially in public infrastructure.
 - Finland: Limited use but growing interest.
- The role of FIDIC and other international standards
- Which factors are contributing to and influencing the present use of Dispute Boards?

The Future Role of Dispute Boards in Complex Construction and Infrastructure Projects in the Nordics

- Driving factors and stakeholders promoting broader implementation of Dispute Boards
 - Acceptance of DRBs as part of early conflict prevention
 - Applicability of Dispute Boards in various aspects of Contract law
 - Institutional promotion and adoption
- Relevant measures to focus on
 - Contractual design and risk management
 - DRBs in non-construction sectors (e.g., manufacturing, R&D).
 - Training and certification needs in Sweden/Finland.
 - Potential for harmonized Nordic DRB guidelines.

From all of us to all of you:

Thank you for your attention!