



CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL INTERNET DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE

DOMAIN NAME DISPUTE

ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL

DECISION

CIIDRC case number:	26406-CDRP	Decision date: March 24, 2026
Domain Name:	euroviaqc-construction.ca	
Panel:	Bart Van Besien	
Complainant:	VINCI CONSTRUCTION	
Registrant:	Mikael Bodin	

1. OVERVIEW

This matter concerns the registered domain name <euroviaqc-construction.ca> (the “Domain Name”).

This proceeding arises under the Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (“CDRP” or the “Policy”) and the Canadian Dispute Resolution Rules (the “Rules”) of the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (“CIRA”). The Canadian International Internet Dispute Resolution Centre (“CIIDRC”) is a recognized service provider under the CDRP.

2. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The procedural history of this case was set out in a letter from CIIDRC to the Panel:

1. On January 6, 2026, Olivier Prats and Klara Bost filed a Complaint on behalf of VINCI CONSTRUCTION, pursuant to the CDRP and the Resolution Rules. The required commencement fee was paid on January 14, 2026. The complaint was in administrative compliance with CIRA’s requirements under Rule 3.2.
2. On January 15, 2026, CIRA was notified of this proceeding and on the same date, CIRA transmitted by email to CIIDRC its verification response informing that the registrant of the disputed Domain Name is Mikael Bodin (the “Registrant”). CIRA also confirmed that the disputed Domain Name was placed on a Registrar LOCK and that the Domain Name has a Registration Date of 2025-09-24 (the “Registration Date”).

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3. Pursuant to Resolution Rule 4.4, CIIDRC notified the Registrant of this administrative proceeding and forwarded a Notice of Complaint along with the Complaint to the Registrant on February 5, 2026.
4. The Registrant has failed to file a response.
5. The Complainant in this administrative proceeding has elected to have the matter decided by a single-member Panel.
6. CIIDRC appointed Bart Van Besien as a single-member Panel in this matter.

The Panel finds that it was properly constituted. The Panel has submitted its Statement of Acceptance and Declaration of Impartiality and Independence, as required by CIIDRC to ensure compliance with the Resolution Rules.

3. FACTS

The Complainant, VINCI CONSTRUCTION, is a global leader in concessions, energy, and construction, with operations in 120 countries, notably under the name EUROVIA.

The Complainant claims ownership of several Canadian trademarks, including the Canadian word trademark EUROVIA, with application number 1165312 and registration number TMA641456, applied for on January 20, 2003, registered on June 7, 2005, and duly renewed, valid for various goods and services in Nice classes 01, 02, 04, 19, 35, 37, 40, 42, and 45 (hereafter the "Trademark").

The Complainant states that the Trademark is used in commerce by it and its Canadian daughter, EUROVIA QUÉBEC, which is active in the field of transportation infrastructure construction and urban development. According to the Complaint, EUROVIA QUÉBEC has 17 offices spread across Canada and nearly 2,800 employees. It carries out its activities through several companies registered in Canada since 2013, including EUROVIA QUÉBEC CONSTRUCTION INC.

These facts are not contested by the Registrant.

The Complainant also claims to be the owner of several domain names incorporating the term EUROVIA, which are used in connection with its business activities, in particular:

- <eurovia.ca>, registered on May 29, 2009;
- <euroviaqc.com>, registered on November 12, 2013;
- <euroviaqc.ca>, registered on November 18, 2013; and
- <eurovia-maritime.ca>, registered on January 21, 2022.

The Panel notes that the evidence submitted by the Complainant mentions as registrant for each of these domain names "Domain Admin", except for <euroviaqc.com> where "VINCI CONSTRUCTION" is identified as registrant of the domain name. In accordance with Paragraph 9.1 (a) of the Rules, the Panel did some basic research in publicly available Whois registers, and notes that the registration of these domain names is either in

the name of the Complainant itself (<euroviaqc.com>) or its Canadian subsidiary EUROVIA CANADA INC (<eurovia.ca>; <euroviaqc.ca>; and <eurovia-maritime.ca>).

The Registrant did not file a response.

The disputed Domain Name <euroviaqc-construction.ca> was registered on September 24, 2025.

4. CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES

- **Complainant**

The Complainant submits that the Domain Name <euroviaqc-construction.ca> is confusingly similar to its Trademark; that the Registrant has no legitimate interest in the Domain Name; and that the Registrant registered the Domain Name in bad faith.

With regard to the prior rights provided for in paragraph 3.1(1) of the CDRP, the Complainant claims to have rights in the EUROVIA Trademark. The Complainant asserts that the disputed Domain Name is identical or at least confusingly similar to the Complainant's Trademark, which gives rise to a likelihood of confusion.

With regard to the absence of legitimate interest, the Complainant submits that the Registrant has no legitimate interest in the Domain Name. According to the Complainant, the Registrant has no affiliation with the Complainant, nor any rights in its mark.

With regard to the registration of the Domain Name in bad faith, the Complainant alleges that its EUROVIA Trademark is widely known in Canada and that it is inconceivable that the Registrant would have registered the Domain Name without knowledge of the Complainant and its Trademark. The Complainant emphasizes that the Domain Name includes the Complainant's Trademark; the word "construction" (which directly refers to the Complainant's activities as covered by its Trademark); and the abbreviation "qc" (which stands for Québec, where the Complainant is active). The Registrant has been sending fraudulent emails to the Complainant's clients and suppliers imitating the Complainant's communications, using the Complainant's logo, layout, and messages similar to those of the Complainant.

- **Registrant:** The Registrant did not file a response.

- **Remedy Sought**

The Complainant requests the Domain Name be transferred to it.

5. DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

5.1 Eligibility

Pursuant to paragraph 1.4 of the Policy, the Complainant must satisfy the Canadian Presence Requirements for Registrants in respect of the domain name, unless the Complaint is based on a trademark registered with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. The latter condition is met in the present case.

5.2 Requirements

In accordance with Paragraph 4.1 of the CDRP, the onus is on the Complainant to prove that:

- (a) the domain name is confusingly similar to a mark in which the Complainant had rights prior to the date of registration of the domain name and continues to have such rights: and
- (b) the Registrant registered the domain name in bad faith.

and the Complainant must provide some evidence that:

- (c) the Registrant has no legitimate interest in the domain name.

If the Complainant meets this initial burden, it then falls to the Registrant to prove that it has a legitimate interest in the domain name on a balance of probabilities.

The Panel will consider each of these requirements in turn.

5.3 Analysis

5.3.1 Whether the Domain Name is Confusingly Similar to a Mark in which the Complainant has Rights

The Complainant must establish: (1) that it has rights in the Trademark that predate the registration of the disputed domain name and that such rights remain in force; and (2) that the disputed domain name is similar to the Trademark to the point of causing confusion.

In this regard, paragraph 3.2(a) of the CDRP defines a “mark,” inter alia, as follows: “a trade-mark, including the word elements of a design mark, or a trade name that has been used in Canada by a person, or the person’s predecessor in title, for the purpose of distinguishing the wares, services or business of that person or predecessor or a licensor of that person or predecessor from the wares, services or business of another person”.

Paragraph 3.3 of the CDRP provides that, for the assessment of confusing similarity, “the Panel shall only consider whether the domain name so nearly resembles the Mark in appearance, sound or the ideas suggested by the Mark as to be likely to be mistaken for the Mark”.

The Panel accepts that the Complainant has held rights in the EUROVIA Trademark for several years. The Complainant therefore holds a “mark” EUROVIA within the meaning of paragraph 3.1(a) of the CDRP, predating the registration date of the Domain Name and still in use. The Domain Name is confusingly similar to the Complainant’s Trademark. The Panel is of the opinion that the addition of the descriptive word “construction” and of the letters “qc” do not add any distinctiveness, given the fact that they refer respectively to the field of activities of the Complainant and its Trademark and to the region of Québec where the Complainant is active. The .ca extension and the hyphen are disregarded. The Domain Name is therefore considered confusingly similar to the Complainant’s Trademark within the meaning of paragraph 3.1(1) of the CDRP.

5.3.2 Whether the Registrant registered the Domain Name in Bad Faith

It clearly follows from the arguments and evidence submitted by the Complainant that the Registrant registered the Domain Name in bad faith. The Complainant produced evidence establishing that emails were sent from an email address associated with the Domain Name (e.g., @euroviaqc-construction.ca), in which the Complainant’s identity was impersonated, in particular through the use of its EUROVIA logo, its address, and its corporate name VINCI Construction and the name of its subsidiary Eurovia Québec. In those emails, the recipients were invited to share their catalogue of products and send quotes (including for batteries and solar panels). This constitutes evidence of bad faith registration and use.

Accordingly, the Panel finds that the Domain Name was registered in bad faith within the meaning of paragraph 3.1(c) of the CDRP.

5.3.3 Whether there is Some Evidence that the Registrant has No Legitimate Interest in the Domain Name

Pursuant to paragraph 3.1(b) of the CDRP, the Complainant must establish that the Registrant has no legitimate interest in the disputed domain name within the meaning of paragraph 3.4.

The Panel concludes that the Registrant has no legitimate interests in respect of the Domain Name, considering the following set of facts:

The Domain Name incorporates the Complainant’s EUROVIA Trademark in its entirety, with the addition of generic terms that increase the likelihood of confusion.

The Complainant and its affiliated companies have used the EUROVIA Trademark for many years, prior to the registration of the Domain Name.

There is no evidence indicating that the Registrant is or has been commonly known by the Domain Name or by the term EUROVIA, whether or not in combination with the terms “qc” and/or “construction”.

The Whois information provides no indication capable of establishing any rights of the Registrant in the Domain Name or in the term EUROVIA, whether or not in combination with the terms “qc” and/or “construction”.

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The Registrant has no consent or authorization to use the EUROVIA Trademark, nor any of its variants, and does not appear to be connected with the Complainant.

The Registrant has not demonstrated any trademark rights or other legitimate interest in the term EUROVIA.

There is no evidence allowing the Panel to conclude that any of the situations giving rise to legitimate interests referred to in paragraph 3.4 of the CDRP exist.

Fraudulent emails were sent (emails associated with the Domain Name) in which the Complainant's identity was impersonated, using its logo, corporate name, and address, to solicit business with third parties.

In summary, the Panel considers that the Complainant has submitted sufficient evidence that the Registrant lacks legitimate interests in the Domain Name within the meaning of paragraph 3.1(b) of the CDRP.

6 DECISION and ORDER

For the above reasons, in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the CDRP and Paragraph 12 of the Rules, the Panel orders the transfer of the Domain Name <euroviaqc-construction.ca> to the Complainant, VINCI CONSTRUCTION.

Made as of March 24, 2026

SIGNATURE OF PANEL



Bart Van Besien

