



## **ICN Steering Group Meeting**

**Friday, 20 October 2023**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lucretia Hall, Barcelona

### **Attendees**

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense  
Competition Bureau Canada  
European Commission DG Competition  
French Autorité de la concurrence  
German Bundeskartellamt  
Hungarian Gazdasági Versenyhivatal  
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato  
Japan Fair Trade Commission  
Kenya Competition Authority  
Korea Fair Trade Commission  
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission  
Portuguese Competition Authority  
Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore  
Competition Commission of South Africa  
Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission  
Turkish Competition Authority  
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Federal Trade Commission

### **Item 1: SG Chair selection**

The Steering Group (SG) members selected Mr Andreas Mundt, Bundeskartellamt Germany, as ICN Steering Group Chair for the 2023-2025 SG term.

The SG members discussed ICN processes and decided to continue the review of the ICN Operational Framework in line with the “Third Decade” (3D) recommendations with a focus on inclusiveness and transparency to support open opportunities for all to participate across the network.

## Item 2: Welcome of new SG members

The Chair welcomed Ms Ravneet Kaur, CCI India, as well as Mr Czaba Rigó, GVH Hungary, as newly elected SG members.

## Item 3: Approval of agenda and minutes

The SG members approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 27 September 2023.

## Item 4: Review of the Annual Conference

The SG members congratulated Ms Cani Fernández, CNMC Spain, and her team for hosting a very successful and well-organised conference. SG members highlighted the record participation of representatives from 98 jurisdictions.

## Item 5: Future work

Given that the ICN year 2023/24 will be a short year lasting from October 2023 to May 2024, the SG members decided to approve the Working Group work plans in a written procedure following the annual conference to allow the Working Group co-chairs to start their new projects as soon as possible. The Working Groups are asked to identify priorities and communicate them to the Horizontal Coordinator (ACCC, Australia). The SG members thanked the Horizontal Coordinator for the very helpful report circulated in preparation of the SG meeting.

The Vice Chair for digital economy issues informed the SG members that the first ICN Technologist Group Workshop is scheduled to take place at the US FTC from 25 to 26 March 2024.

The Autorité de la Concurrence noted that the ICN would be well placed to offer a forum for its members to discuss and exchange experiences on issues in the context of competition and sustainability as well as to possibly host an ICN Sustainability Workshop. The proposal was positively received by the SG members. The Autorité volunteered to organise the first ICN Sustainability Workshop in 2024 in either a virtual or in-person format.

## Item 6: Other business

No other business was reported.

## Item 7: Future SG meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 6 December 2023 (Paris), 17 January 2024, 21 February 2024, 20 March 2024, 17 May 2024 (Costa do Saúpe).