

### **Note from the Chair for the December 04, 2013 Steering Group Meeting**

Dear colleagues,

Next week we will follow up on some of the topics we discussed at last month's Steering Group meeting and we will hear updates from some of our Steering Group ("SG") Projects.

We will also hear about the planning for the 2014 Annual Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco.

#### Item 2: Vertical Restraints

During last month's discussion we heard support for the idea to discuss the issue of vertical restraints, possibly with a focus on the internet economy in the ICN. The academic analysis of vertical restraints in online markets is still in its initial stages. However, the fast growth in e-commerce raises a number of practical issues regarding the application and interpretation of competition law which were addressed in the discussion. In this SG Meeting we would like to continue the discussion on this topic. Rather than dealing with the substance, we would first like to hear from you how we could frame the topic.

#### Item 3: Update on Steering Group Projects

The US Federal Trade Commission and the EC Directorate General of Competition will provide an update on Agency Effectiveness Working Group's investigative process project. The project team has recently circulated a survey focussing on the topic of agency confidentiality practices – the protection of confidential information obtained during investigations.

The Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection and the Advocacy Working Group Co-Chairs will provide an update on the Working with Courts and Judges Project. This topic was dealt with as Special Project at the 2013 annual conference in Warsaw.

An update on the on the ICN-OECD joint project on enforcement cooperation will be provided at the next Steering Group Meeting in January 2014.

#### Item 4: 2014 Annual Conference

The Competition Council of Morocco ("CCM") will provide an update on the conference planning, the logistics and the special project for the 2014 Annual Conference. The 2014 Annual Conference will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco from April 22-25, 2014. Due to the fact that April is high season for travelling to Morocco, the CCM recommends early booking of travel and accommodation.

The CCM will also provide a brief update on the pre-ICN conference.

Item 5: 2013 Cartel Workshop

The South African Competition Authority will provide a debrief of the 2013 Cartel Workshop.

Item 6: Approval of new ICN members

The Membership Working Group has received letters of interest to join the ICN from competition authorities from the following jurisdictions Algeria, Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia. It would like to discuss the approval of these applications.

I look forward to speaking with all of you next week.

With best regards,  
Andreas Mundt

**ICN STEERING GROUP MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2013**  
**8:00 Ottawa / 14:00 Bonn**

**The conference call dial-in information is as follows:**  
**Dial-In Number: 1-613-960-7516**  
**Conference code: 2355757 followed by the # key**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
1. Approval of Agenda & Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair will ask members to approve this draft agenda and the minutes of the October 30, 2013 meeting.</li> </ul>
2. Vertical Restraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair will lead a discussion on the issue of vertical restraints with the aim to define more clearly how the SG would like to frame the topic and what kind of work we would like to do.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15 minutes</b></p>
3. Steering Group Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The US FTC and the EC DG COMP will provide an update on AEWG's investigative process project.</li> <li>The UOKiK and the AWG Co-chairs will provide an update on the Working with Courts and Judges project.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15 minutes</b></p>
4. 2014 Annual Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Competition Council of Morocco will provide an update on the conference planning and the special project for the 2014 Annual Conference.</li> <li>The Competition Council of Morocco will also provide a brief update on the pre-ICN Conference.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10 minutes</b></p>
5. 2013 Cartel Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The South African Competition Authority will provide a debrief of the 2013 Cartel Workshop.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5 minutes</b></p>

<p>6. Membership WG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Membership Working Group Co-chairs will seek SG approval for the following new members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Algerian National Competition Council</li> <li>○ Hong Kong Competition Commission</li> <li>○ Saudi Arabia Council of Competition Protection.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5 minutes</b></p>
<p>7. Other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair will provide an update to the SG regarding the revised “ICN Roadmap for 2013-2015”, which reflects the discussion at the October 30, 2013 SG meeting.</li> </ul>
<p>8. Future Meetings of the Steering Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 15, 2014</li> <li>• February 26, 2014 (on the margins of the OECD)</li> <li>• April 2, 2014</li> <li>• April 9, 2014</li> </ul>