

Note from the Chair for the April 15, 2015 Steering Group Meeting

Dear colleagues,

Next week is our last meeting before the Sydney conference. We will focus on the approval of the work products, namely, the Advocacy Working Group's new web-based toolbox, Cartel Working Group's new Anti-Cartel Enforcement Manual Chapter and the Special Project report. Further, we will discuss how to take forward more policy issue discussions and how to encourage Working Groups to include Recommended Practices in their long-term goals.

2015 Annual Conference

The ACCC will provide a final update on the conference planning for the 2015 Annual Conference. Also the ACCC will report on the work on this year's Special Project.

Approval of work products

The Chair will ask members to approve the remaining work products.

On the call, each working group will have the opportunity to briefly present their work product for Steering Group approval. In doing so, I invite the co-chairs to describe the process for creating the work product, including the scope of member and NGA involvement, how the work product fits with the group's long term goals, and any plans to promote the work product.

The work products for this meeting include:

Advocacy WG

• Creation of a web-based toolbox

Cartel WG

Chapter on Relationships between Competition Agencies and Public Procurement Bodies

Special Project Report

• Online Vertical Restraints

Policy Issue Discussion

The Chair will lead a brief discussion in which way the SG could address policy issues in the coming ICN year.

Recommended Practices discussion

The Chair will invite SG members to comment on how it can be ensured that the Working Groups include drafting of Recommended Practices in their long term work plans.



Working Group Chair Rotation

The Chair will request SG's approval for the proposal of the 2015 -2018 term for WG Chair rotation.

I look forward to speaking with all of you next week and wish all of you safe travels to Sydney.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt