

ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
1:00pm (Bonn)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition and Markets Authority
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Korea Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Competition Authority
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
Spanish Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia
South African Competition Commission
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the June 18 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by November 07, 2014.

Item 2: ICN Chair feedback session

The Chair led a discussion on how to further improve the performance of the ICN and how to achieve the objectives of focus, inclusiveness and implementation.

From the discussion four main topics evolved which the Chair and the Vice-Chairs are planning to discuss in the upcoming Townhall meeting. These topics were midterm strategic planning within the Steering Group, possible discussions on certain sectors, implementation and marketing of ICN work products and funding of the ICN and inclusiveness of the ICN.

SG members raised the question whether similar to the work of the WGs also the SG should conduct a forward looking exercise with about a three year perspective. The Chair asked SG members whether the ICN should revert to more work on certain sectors. This question received some support though members cautioned on the implications for the workload. An important focus of the ICNs future work should be put on the ICNs

implementation efforts. To this end the ICN should also consider how to best market its work products. Finally, SG members emphasised the importance of funding. Even though the ICN is a virtual network funding is required to help some ICN members to attend the workshops and Annual Conference. Only if all members had this opportunity the ICN would truly be inclusive.

Item 3: 2015 Annual Conference

The 2015 Annual Conference will be held from April 28 until May 1, 2015 at the Sheraton on the Park Hotel in Sydney. The ACCC provided details on the special project, sponsoring, social events and further organisation. The ACCC also requested the SGs approval to invite ASEAN members, who are not yet ICN members to attend the conference. The SG approved of this idea.

Item 4: AWG –World Bank Group cooperation

The Italian competition authority gave an update on behalf of the AWG Chairs on the progress of the cooperation with the World Bank Group in the Advocacy Contest 2015.

Item 5: ICN Training on Demand

The FTC gave an update on the ICN Training on Demand project (formally Curriculum Project). The update included an explanation on the working process and the topics to be covered this year.

Item 6: Membership WG

The Membership Working Group received letters of interest from the Competition Agency Georgia and the Trade Competition and Consumer Protection Authority Ethiopia to join the ICN. The SG approved all applications, as they met the criteria to become an ICN member, and the Chair welcomed the new members to the ICN.

Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next Steering Group meetings will be held:

- November 19, 2014 (if required)
- December 17, 2014 (on the margins of the OECD)
- January 14, 2015
- February 18, 2015
- March 18, 2015 (if required)
- April 8, 2015
- April 15, 2015