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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 25 March 2020

Dear colleagues,

Currently, the developments of the last weeks around COVID-19 determine our work and priority setting. There is no business as usual and for the time being ICN might not be the top priority for us as Steering Group Members. We have enough to do and coordinate in our agencies. Nevertheless we should take the opportunity to discuss briefly what the current development means for our work as agencies and in ICN.

We are so close to the scheduled date of the Annual Conference and had expected to give the final touch to the agenda and discuss speakers. All is different now and the host agencies will inform us about the decision to postpone the event. For the Steering Group this means that we need to discuss how to keep the ICN going. Fortunately, we are used to work in a virtual environment, and there are valid arguments to maintain the turn of the ICN year in May and to approve and publish work products, new working group leadership and work plans. We can organize a Steering Group call in May, possibly accompanied by additional virtual meetings and reach out to the ICN membership via the newsletter.

We will continue next week's Steering Group meeting with an update on the Project on Competition, Consumer Protection and Privacy.

Finally, the ICN Secretariat will present the ICN SPA for Steering Group approval.

I am looking forward to speaking with you.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt