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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 29 April 2020

Dear colleagues,

The situation remains challenging. To keep everybody informed and all communication channels open we maintain both Steering Group meetings on 29 April as well as on 13 May as initially planned. The meeting in May will mark the transition to the new ICN year.

Next week we will start with running ICN projects in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The ICN Steering Group Statement on competition during and after the COVID-19 pandemic is publicly available on the ICN website. Again many thanks to all agencies involved who made this important initiative possible in such a short time. The next step to support cooperation and experience sharing across our network is to make a chart available which lists COVID-19 related policies being implemented by competition agencies. Furthermore, together with the OECD Secretariat we will host a joint webinar on 5 May 2020 to discuss experiences in dealing with key practical enforcement issues.

The COVID-19 crisis also casts a shadow over conference planning. The joint hosts will inform us about the status of the 2020 Annual Conference planned for September.

We will continue with the Steering Group project on competition, consumer protection and privacy, and then hear updates from the ICN/OECD liaison including the joint ICN/OECD project on international cooperation and from the ICN/UNCTAD liaison.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next Wednesday.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt