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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 27 April 2022

Dear Colleagues,

This will be our last meeting before the Annual Conference. Representatives from 84 jurisdictions have registered and I very much look forward to the event and to seeing you in Berlin.

We will keep the meeting short starting with a final update on conference planning. We will then hear a report from CADE on the successful hybrid Merger Workshop that took place in Salvador, Brazil, from 29 March to 1 April 2022. This was an important event as merger control remains a core area of our work as competition agencies. It is a powerful instrument also when looking at digital markets.

The working group co-chairs will present two written work products for approval, the updated ICN Advocacy Toolkit, and the interim report on Horizontal Cooperation Agreements in times of Covid-19 for SG approval. This has been a very short ICN year and more written work will be finalized after the conference.

The Horizontal Coordinator will present the draft report on working group work plans. The report provides a very useful tool for our work as SG members and I support the approach presented at the last SG meeting to use the report as a basis for an internal living 'one-stop shop' document that will indicate the status of current ICN projects and upcoming activities.

The Secretariat will present the working group leadership for the ICN year 2022/23 for approval.

Finally, we will talk about the 3D Project which is key to the future of our network and you will be invited to share initial reactions. The co-chairs will have an in-depth discussion on possible 3D recommendations at the Annual Conference in Berlin, and we will continue the process at SG level after the conference.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Best wishes,

Andreas Mundt