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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 30 March 2022

Dear Colleagues,

On the ICN Conference website www.icn2022berlin.de you will find a countdown of the days and hours until the conference. This ICN year is a bit shorter than usual and time flies.

We will start our meeting with the nomination of a new ICN Vice Chair. The term of Rod Sims as head of the ACCC, who acted as ICN Vice Chair Digital Co-ordination and Asia-Pacific Liaison, has come to an end. As new Vice Chair, I will nominate Margarida Matos Rosa, President of the Portuguese AdC. Margarida started her Presidency by hosting the ICN annual conference in Porto, and maybe it was this conference that has triggered her enthusiasm for the ICN. As discussed, Rod's portfolio will stay with the ACCC for now as it fits perfectly with the position of Horizontal Coordinator. Margarida will present her vision of her work at our meeting.

It is time to discuss the speakers for the Annual Conference in Berlin. You will be asked to approve the line-up for the plenary sessions; the approval of BOS speakers will follow in a written procedure. Particularly when it comes to BOS some flexibility will be required. It turned out that our new format, the 15-minute keynote/interview/power talk sessions before the plenaries received very positive feedback.

We will then hear a debrief from the Unilateral Conduct Working Group Co-chairs on the workshop that took place from 22-23 March 2022. Furthermore, the Working Group will present the Japan FTC as host of the 2023 Unilateral Conduct workshop.

The Cartel Working Group will provide an update on the various ongoing workstreams.

Traditionally, the Steering Group approves work products at the last meeting before the annual conference, this year on 27 April. I asked the Horizontal Coordinator to provide a preview of what is expected.

Another important item on the April meeting agenda is the approval of the new working group leadership. The rotation process is running and the secretariat will present the status. Finally, the Secretariat will report on the finances of ICN as well as on funding for the 2022 ICN Annual Conference.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Best wishes,

Andreas Mundt