



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 10 November 2021, 2:00pm CET

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
Colombian Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Hungarian Gazdasági Versenyhivatal
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Kenya Competition Authority
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Portuguese Competition Authority
Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation
Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
Turkish Competition Authority
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 15 October 2021.

The Chair reminded SG members that the ICN celebrated its 20th Anniversary on 25 October 2021 and published a selection of written contributions and brief reflections on the ICN website.

Item 2: SG members' hot topics presentation

The SG members continued the discussion on current legislative proposals in the digital sector based on presentations by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Japan

Fair Trade Commission, the Korean Fair Trade Commission and Competition and the Consumer Commission of Singapore. The discussion was guided by the Vice Chair for Digital Coordination and Asia-Pacific Liaison.

Item 3: ICN Annual Conference

The Chair in his capacity as host of the 2022 Annual Conference updated the SG members on the conference which will take place in Berlin at the Hotel Steigenberger on 4-6 May 2022. The conference will be organized back to back with the German Bundeskartellamt's traditional Berlin conference for around 350 participants in a hybrid format. The first week at a glance document will be presented at the SG meeting on 15 December 2021

Item 4: Workshops

The Portuguese AdC provided a final update on the planning of the Cartel Workshop to take place in Portugal on 17-19 November 2021 and informed the SG members that the competition authorities of Mozambique and Cape Verde which are not yet ICN members will be invited to attend the workshop.

The Advocacy Working Group updated the SG members on the workshop that will be hosted by the Spanish CNMC in Barcelona at the CNMC headquarters on 9-11 February 2022 in a hybrid format.

Item 5: Work Product

The SG members approved two working group work products:

1. Cartel Working Group: Trends and Development in Cartel Enforcement 2010-2020
2. Merger Working Group: ICN Joint Ventures Survey Report

SG members noted that the working groups should aim at involving as many ICN members and NGAs as possible in the development of work products.

Item 6: Work Plans

In preparation of the working groups' kick off call which will take place on 24 November 2021 the Horizontal Coordinator presented an update on changes to the work plans.

The HC reported two substantive changes:

1. Merger Working Group: The work plan includes a new Project 4: 2022 Merger Workshop. The workshop is proposed to take place between 28 March-1 April 2022 in the northeast region of Brazil. The workshop will be in a hybrid format, with 100 in-person and on-line attendants.
2. Agency Effectiveness Working Group: the working group will not embark on the project The Role of Quality Assurance in Ensuring Agency Effectiveness.

The Horizontal Coordinator will present the final report on future ICN work at the SG meeting on 15 December 2021.

Item 7: Other Business

The ICN SG project “Competition law enforcement at the intersection between competition, consumer protection, and privacy” briefly updated the SG and informed SG members that the status of the project including a report will be presented at the SG meeting in December.

Item 8: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will take place on 15 November 2021.