



ICN Steering Group Meeting Wednesday, 29 April 2020, 2pm CEST

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
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 Chair welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members. The Chair welcomed Csaba Balázs Rigó, President of the Hungarian Competition Authority, GVH, who has taken up his duties as head of the competition authority on 15 April 2020. The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 29 April 2020.

Item 2: Work plans

The Chair reminded the SG members that the presentation of the work plans and the Horizontal Coordinator's report was planned for March, but that the SG dedicated that call to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Horizontal Coordinator presented the draft report on the short form work plans circulated by the ICN Secretariat in advance of the meeting. The Chair and the SG members thanked the Horizontal Coordinator for the drafting the report. The draft short form work plans and the

report will be updated as working groups are considering new COVID-19 related projects and incorporated in the long term work plans, which will be presented to the SG for approval in June.

Item 3: Third Decade Project

The Chair presented the idea of a third decade project, “3D”, a new open ICN self-evaluation following the 2011 Second Decade Project and the 2016 Second Decade Follow-up Review. The SG approved the general idea of the project as a year-long exercise with open input from members and NGAs culminating in a report in 2021. As a first step a brief work plan will be drafted and discussed at the SG meeting in June 2020.

Item 4: ICN Work Products

The Chair reminded the SG members that the SG will apply a flexible approach with regard to the approval of work products due to the COVID-19 crisis and the fact that there will not be an ICN Annual Conference in May 2020.

The Cartel Working Group presented a Scoping paper on the impact of digitalization in cartel enforcement. The SG members approved the paper.

More work products will be presented at future SG meetings.

Item 5: Working Group Leadership

The Chair presented the suggested working group leadership for 2020/21 circulated by the ICN Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

The Chair explained that the rotation will become effective with SG approval, but that the former Co-chairs will continue to be involved in order to finalize the running projects and to prepare the ICN Annual Conference or virtual meetings in September.

- The Colombian Superintendence will join the Advocacy Working Group.
- CCC Singapore will become Co-Chair of the Agency Effectiveness Working Group.
- The Italian agency will become a Co-Chair of the Cartel Working Group.
- CADE Brazil will become a Co-chair of the Merger Working Group.
- The JFTC will become a Co-chair of the Unilateral Conduct Working Group.
- The Competition Commission of India will co-chair the Operational Framework Working Group.
- The Third Decade review will be led by the US FTC, the Netherlands ACM and the Bundeskartellamt, all SG members are invited to actively be involved in this project.

The SG members approved the suggested working group leadership.

Item 6: NGA Engagement

The ICN NGA Liaison presented the updated NGA toolkit. The Chair and the SG members thanked the ICN NGA Liaison for updating the document.

Item 7: Annual Conference

The US DOJ and the US FTC informed the SG members that they are carefully monitoring the development and will keep the SG members updated on any decisions taken with regard to the 2020 Annual Conference.

Item 8: ICN / OECD

The ICN/OECD Liaison reported on a joint ICN/OECD webinar on COVID-19 that took place on 5 May 2020. Furthermore, the ICN/OECD Liaison briefly mentioned OECD webinars on COVID-19 which will take place in May 2020.

Item 9: Other business

No other business was reported.

Future SG meetings

The next SG meeting will take place on 10 June 2020.