



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 20 March 2024
9:00 Ottawa / 14:00 Bonn
via Zoom

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce
Competition Bureau Canada
Competition Commission of India
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
Korea Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Portuguese Competition Authority
Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 21 February 2024.

Item 2: Annual Conference

The ICN Annual Conference will take place in Sauipe, Brazil, from 14 to 17 May 2024. The conference host, the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE), informed the SG members about the current status of the preparations. The ICN Secretariat presented the proposed plenary speakers, which were approved by the SG members.

Item 3: Operational Framework

The Operational Framework Working Group Co-Chairs informed the SG members about the status of the Operational Framework review and the upcoming group calls which are scheduled for 27 March and 3 April 2024. The ICN Chair opened the floor to the SG members to share their views on what aspects to prioritise. Aspects mentioned included the importance of the division of tasks within the virtual network/within the ICN, also in view of increased rotation, as well as ensuring an appropriate level of detail regarding any additional procedures defined in the Operational Framework due to the dynamic nature of the ICN.

Item 4: Workshops

The Competition Authority of Kenya reported on the successful Advocacy Workshop which took place in Nairobi from 22 to 23 February.

The Mexican COFECE provided information on the Cartel Workshop in October 2024.

The FTC provided an update on the Technologists Group Forum in Washington, DC from 25 to 26 March 2024 and shared its ideas for a joint statement by the participants, which was supported by the SG members.

Item 5: Working Group Status Reports

The Co-Chairs of the Agency Effectiveness Working Group reported on the status of the group's projects, focusing on the projects "Gathering and Using Information for Effective Strategic Planning" and "Monitoring and Measuring Effectiveness".

Item 6: SG Members' Hot Topics Presentation

DG COMP gave a presentation focusing on market definition in digital markets on the occasion of its revision of the Market Definition Notice.

Item 7: Other Business

The ICN Secretariat provided an update on ICN funding for attending the Annual Conference in Brazil.

Item 8: Future SG meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 24 April and 17 May 2024 (Sauipe).