



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 21 February 2018, 2pm 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
Competition Commission of India
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
Portuguese Competition Authority
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
Competition Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
Spanish National Authority for Markets and Competition
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, Andreas Mundt, welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members. The Chair informed the SG that under other business the ICN Secretariat would present the ICN SPA financial statement; the translation of ITOD modules was postponed to a later ICN meeting. The SG approved the proposed agenda.

The minutes of the SG meeting on January 24, 2018 were approved.

The Chair confirmed that the SG approved the applications for ICN membership of the Bangladesh Competition Commission and the United Arab Emirates Competition Regulation Committee by written procedure. The Membership WG informed the SG that both new members received welcome letters and invitations to the ICN annual conference.

Item 2: Work plans

The Chair pointed out that the selection of future topics and the review of the work plans are a core task of the SG. He encouraged the working groups to have the results of the second decade follow-up in mind when selecting topics and reminded the SG of the possible future topics listed in the second decade follow-up report, namely: online vertical restraints, two and multi-sided markets, disruptive innovations, joint ventures and non-cartel horizontal agreements, intellectual property, public interest considerations and sector regulation. The Horizontal Coordinator (HC) presented an interim report based on a review of the short-form work plans which had been circulated in advance of the call. The Chair thanked the HC for the report which is an excellent reference document and provides a valuable overview of ICN work for the upcoming year. The Chair reminded the SG members that the final work plans will be discussed and approved after the 2018 Annual Conference. The working group co-chairs presented their plans for the next ICN year in line with the interim report.

The SG approved the draft work plans and emphasized the steering function of the SG in respect of the selection of new topics and the importance to take on the topics brought forward by the ICN membership in the ICN second decade follow-up.

Item 3: Annual Conference

The Annual Conference host provided an update on conference planning. The host informed the SG that so far 260 participants have registered, including NGAs, that the selection of plenary speakers is nearly completed and that live streaming facilities will be available. SG members agreed that at the Annual Conference the opening and closing sessions and all plenary sessions will be streamed live.

The ICN Secretariat circulated a BOS speaker chart before the SG meeting. The SG members asked the working group co-chairs to carefully consider which candidates they would choose for the remaining slots and to take factors such as diversity into account.

Item 4: Website

The Vice Chair for communication provided an update. The designs for the website are in the final stage and documents are being uploaded. The website will be launched prior to the Annual Conference. The Vice Chair pointed out that the new website will include new links to work products which means that old links to work products will have to be updated to match the new links on the new site. The old site will still be accessible for a couple of months. The new website will be presented to the ICN community at the Annual Conference. The Chair thanked the Vice Chair for communication and all agencies involved in the process of setting up the new website.

Item 5: Other Business

The ICN Secretariat presented the ICN SPA financial statement circulated to the SG members prior to the SG meeting.

Item 6: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on March 14, 2018.