



ICN Steering Group Meeting Wednesday, June 21, 2017 (Paris)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Competition Commission of India
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 South Africa
Spain Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia
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 Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 12 Mai, 2017.

Item 2: Annual conference evaluation

The Portuguese Competition Authority presented the 2017 annual conference evaluation. The corresponding document was circulated ahead of the SG meeting.

The SG discussed a “lessons learned” document that, together with the guide for future hosts, will form the basis for the ACPC’s approach for the preparation of the 2018 annual conference in New Delhi. Key points include the timing of cooperation between WGs, ACPC and SG, the timing of speaker selection, briefing of moderators, NGA participation and media coverage.

Item 3: Work plans

The Horizontal Coordinator presented the final report on the WG work plans. The SG already discussed the draft work plans in its February meeting and the work plans were finalized after the Annual Conference allowing the WGs to include ideas that came up during the conference. The WGs informed the SG about changes. The work plans include three additional projects: Due Process, Transparency and Agency Effectiveness (AEWG), development of a new chapter on private anti-cartel enforcement including its interaction with leniency programs (CWG) and a project on vertical mergers (MWG).

The Chair thanked the Horizontal Coordinator for the very helpful report that provides an excellent overview and facilitates priority setting.

The SG approved the work plans but pointed out that those topics which the SG and the Second Decade follow-up exercise identified for priority consideration, such as e.g. joint ventures and non-hard-core horizontal restraints, should be considered for future work plans.

Item 4: Website

The website team provided an update.

Item 5: Implementation

The Reinforced AIN informed the SG about future projects based on a document sent to SG members ahead of the call.

Item 6: ICN–OECD liaison

The ICN-OECD liaison provided an update of OECD future topics.

Item 7: Other Business

ICN Vice Chair for younger agencies and regional diversity

The ICN Vice Chair for younger agencies and regional diversity informed the SG about already implemented and future projects including strengthening the relationship with international organizations such as UNCTAD, WB and IDB, efforts to translate key work products, replicate COFECE's LATAM survey into other regions such as Asia and Africa and COFECE's pilot strategy regarding NGA engagement.

The SG supported the Vice Chair's plans and highlighted the need for close cooperation and coordination within the ICN structure.

Nomenclature of agencies at ICN events

The SG discussed the question whether the nomenclature of agencies at ICN events should change from state to agency given that the ICN is a network of agencies. The SG agreed to continue the current pragmatic practice for the annual conference and state the countries to keep it as short and simple as possible, expecting that all participants know that they are representing their agency and not their country. The SG might reconsider based on the experience of some WGs that will test a change to agency name at workshops.

Item 4: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on September 27, 2017.