



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 1:00 pm (CET)

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
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 SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on June 21, 2017.

Item 2: Town Hall Teleconference

The Chair updated the ICN SG on the planning of the 2017/18 series of ICN Town Hall teleconferences. The first Town Hall teleconference will take place on 27 September 2017 at 2 pm (CET). Andrea Coscelli, Chief Executive Officer UK CMA, Johannes Laitenberger, Director-General DG Competition, Maureen Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman US Federal Trade Commission and Toh Han Li, Chief Executive Competition Commission of Singapore, will discuss the question "What can competition authorities do for open markets?" Additional Town Hall teleconferences are planned for November 2017 and January 2018. The Chair invited SG members to share ideas regarding topics or speakers with the Town Hall Team, UK CMA and BKartA.

Item 3: Website

The Website Team provided an update. A preview will be presented to SG members in December 2017. The website will be launched by the end of 2017.

Item 4: NGA Engagement

The Change Committee's NGA Engagement Team, led by the French Autorité, informed the SG about the cooperation with NGAs and invited interested SG members to join the discussions.

Item 5: ICN Membership

The SG considered the Korean Ministry of Justice's (KMOJ) application for ICN membership. In view of the fact that the ICN receives an increasing number of applications for membership from agencies with limited competences for competition enforcement, the SG decided not to offer full ICN membership. The SG members agreed that the KMOJ can provide valuable input into the ICN by sharing experience and knowledge, particularly in the field of criminal cartel enforcement. SG members also believed that the ICN's work products, as well as the teamwork and learning exchanged in the Cartel Working Group, can be of value for the KMOJ. The SG therefore welcomed the KMOJ's participation in the ICN Cartel Working Group, including all projects, calls and events such as the cartel workshops and ICN Annual Conferences.

Item 6: Annual Conferences

The Portuguese Competition Authority, host of the 2017 ICN Annual Conference in Porto, presented the updated Guide for Annual Conference Hosts.

The SG agreed to continue the use of Twitter and will discuss guidelines for the use of Twitter and of social media in general at a future SG meeting.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) will host the 2018 ICN Annual Conference in New-Delhi from 20-23 March 2018 at Hotel Ashok. CCI provided an update on the conference planning and the special project. CCI is finalizing the conference website which will be online in October 2017. The focus of the special project with the working title "Cartel Enforcement and Competition" is to evaluate the extent of awareness of and compliance with competition law in India and to draw the lessons learned for the benefit of younger agencies.

The SG agreed to discuss the draft conference agenda including the topics for the plenary sessions and breakout session at the face-to-face meeting in Paris on 6 December 2017.

Item 7: Workshops

The Competition Bureau Canada provided an update on the 2017 ICN Cartel Workshop in Ottawa on 4-6 October 2017.

The Italian Competition Authority provided an update on the 2017 ICN Unilateral Conduct Workshop in Rome on 30 November and 1 December 2017.

The Merger Working Group informed the SG members about a regional workshop hosted by COFECE in Mexico City on 11-12 December 2017 and about the 2018 MWG workshop that will be hosted by the Japan Fair Trade Commission.

AEWG reported on a regional workshop in Singapore hosted by the Competition Commission of Singapore as part of the AEWG/ASEAN outreach program.

Item 8: Other Business

No other business was reported.

Item 9: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on October 25, 2017.