



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 27 September 2023**  
8:00 Ottawa / 14:00 Bonn

**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  
Hungarian Gazdasági Versenyhivatal  
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato  
Japan Fair Trade Commission  
Kenya Competition Authority  
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  
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 SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 6 September 2023.

The Chair welcomed Francisco Melo, Deputy Superintendent for Competition Protection Colombia, to his first SG meeting.

**Item 2: Annual Conference Barcelona**

The ICN Annual Conference will take place in Barcelona from 18 to 20 October 2023. Cani Fernández, President of the CNMC and Annual Conference host, informed the SG members about the current status of the preparations as well as pre- and side events. The SG members thanked President Fernández and her team at the CNMC.

### Item 3: Working Group Leadership and SG Membership

The ICN Secretariat informed the SG members about the co-chair rotation process and presented the proposed working group leadership, including additional “acting” co-chairs, for the next ICN year to the SG based on an overview circulated in preparation of the meeting. The SG members approved the proposed working group leadership. The rotation will take place at the Annual Conference in Barcelona.

The Secretariat presented a proposal for the incoming SG for the term 2023-25, which included the Hungarian Competition Authority and the Competition Commission of India as elected members. The SG members approved the proposal, which will be presented to the ICN membership at the Annual Conference in Barcelona. The SG members thanked the Turkish Competition Authority, whose term as a SG member ended and which will focus on the position as Co-chair of the Unilateral Conduct Working Group, for its commitment and dedication to the network.

### Item 4: ICN Membership

The Membership Working Group provided an update on membership applications.

### Item 5: Work Products

The SG members approved the Agency Effectiveness Post-Covid19 report and the Unilateral Conduct Working Group report on the Assessment of Dominance in Digital Markets. The Advocacy WG provided an update on the Advocacy Contest. The Merger Working Group gave an update on three work products: a report on control of data, market power, and potential competition, the revised recommended practice on entry and expansion including a webinar on 28 September, and the digital mergers project.

### Item 6: UNCTAD

The Chair informed the SG members that the process of selecting a new ICN/UNCTAD liaison is still running and thanked Renato Ferrandi, AGCM Italy, for his willingness to continue this important task. Any future liaison is to be discussed at a future SG meeting.

### Item 7: ICN Funding

The ICN Secretariat informed the SG about ICN funding for Annual Conference participation based on an overview provided to the SG members via email before the meeting.

### Item 8: Other Business

The US FTC gave an update on recent developments regarding the new ICN Technologists Group and informed about the first meeting on 3 October 2023.

### Item 10: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will take place in Barcelona on 20 October 2023.