



**ICN Steering Group Meeting  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 8:30 am (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  
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 October 25, 2017.

**Item 2: Town Hall Teleconference**

The Chair provided a debrief on the the ICN SG Town Hall teleconference on November 14, 2017 where Maureen Ohlhausen, Francis Kariuki, Esteban Greco and Alejandra Palacios Prieto discussed public restraints of competition. The Town Hall teleconference was very successful with 135 lines engaged. The Chair informed the SG members that the main messages would be highlighted in an ad hoc newsletter and that he had received positive feedback from members and NGAs.

### Item 3: Annual Conference

The Working Group Co-Chairs presented their plenary and BOS topics and the SG approved the draft conference agenda. The Chair thanked CCI and the working groups.

The SG briefly discussed the press policy for the Annual Conference based on the press policy applied in Porto and decided to postpone the decision on the press policy for the 2018 Annual Conference in New Delhi.

The Chair reminded everyone that it is up to the working groups to organize plenary and BOS and select speakers but that the SG reviews an overview of proposed speakers particularly in order to ensure diversity.

### NGA engagement

The Change Committee's NGA Engagement Team had received written suggestions from NGAs including the idea of a more structured approach of NGA engagement. The team analysed the suggestions in the light of the ICN Operational Framework and the spirit of the ICN and developed key principles summarized in a paper circulated to the SG before the meeting and presented in the meeting. The team reaffirmed the value that NGAs bring to the ICN and the open, welcoming, lightly structured framework for NGA participation. It also considered a number of additional steps to improve NGA engagement. The team did not support any formal or informal NGA organizational structure. The SG endorsed the team's suggestions and asked the team to inform the NGAs accordingly.

### Item 5: Workshops

The Italian Competition Authority provided a debrief of the successful UC workshop in Rome on November 30 - December 1, 2017. The Workshop was attended by around 120 participants (of which 44 NGAs) coming from 42 different countries. The event provided the opportunity to explore to what extent competition authorities are well equipped to interface with and intervene in digital markets. There was also a fruitful discussion on the issues raised by multi-sided markets and across-platform parity agreements by means of practical, hands-on breakout sessions, based on hypothetical scenarios on the grocery retailing and online travel agents sectors.

### Item 6: AIN

The Advocacy and Implementation Network will present plans for future activities.

### Item 7: Membership

The Membership WG presented the application for membership of the Fair Trade Authority Curacao (FTAC). The SG approved the Fair Trade Authority Curacao as a new member.

The Membership WG co-chairs informed the SG that the Association of the Competition and Goods Markets Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan has applied for ICN membership but does not fulfil the criteria.

#### Item 8: Other Business

The ICN Vice Chair for communication informed the SG that the ICN mission statement is too long for twitter and mobile applications. The SG asked the Vice Chair to develop proposals for a shorter version for mobile applications.

#### Item 9: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on January 24, 2018.