



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 7 September 2022, 2:00pm 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  
Hungarian Gazdasági Versenyhivatal  
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato  
Japan Fair Trade Commission  
Kenya Competition Authority  
Korean Fair Trade Commission  
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission  
Portuguese Competition Authority  
Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore  
Competition Commission of South Africa  
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 22 June 2022.

The Chair informed the SG about a new member. Doris Tshepe took office as new Competition Commissioner of the Competition Commission of South Africa on 1 September 2022.

The Chair informed the SG members that Ioannis Lianos, President of the Hellenic Competition Commission, approached a number of agencies and also the ICN to explore potential interest in a Global Initiative for Competitive Food Value Chains with two core elements.

Finally, the Chair informed the SG members that Concurrences invited him in his capacity as ICN Chair to contribute to the November issue.

## Item 2: ICN Annual Conference

The Spanish CNMC updated the SG members on the planning of the 2023 ICN Annual Conference in Barcelona. The conference will take place at La Llotja de Mar in Barcelona from 18-20 October 2023.

## Item 3: Working Groups

The Merger Working Group, which is co-chaired by EC DG COMP, the Norwegian competition authority and CADE Brazil, provided an update on running projects focussing on the following projects:

- Control of data, market power and potential competition in merger review, led by CADE Brazil;
- ICN Recommended Practices chapter on Entry and Expansion, led by the UK CMA and the Norwegian competition authority;
- ICN Recommended Practices with a new section on non-horizontal mergers, led by EC DG COMP;
- Series of webinars on Digital Mergers, led by the Norwegian competition authority and EC DG COMP

The Cartel Working Group, which is co-chaired by AGCM Italy, FNE Chile and the US DOJ Antitrust Division, provided an update on the new “back to basics” project. The project focuses on identifying current challenges for enforcers and takes a practical, experiential-based approach to developing enforcement techniques, including:

- Agency-only virtual roundtable,
- Cartel webinar series on dawn raids/inspections,
- Virtual leniency workshop, and
- Creation of framework for information sharing on data analytics, which is still under discussion

## Item 4: Workshop

The Cartel Working Group provided information on the workshop in Auckland, New Zealand, which follows the overarching theme “Responding to a Changing World”.

## Item 5: Vice Chair for Growth and Recovery

The ICN Vice-Chair for Growth and Recovery, Margarida Matos Rosa, President of the Portuguese AdC, presented the Competition, Growth and Recovery Workshop planned for 25 October 2022 at 8:30 a.m. EDT / 2:30 p.m. CEST. The aim of the workshop is to discuss the role of competition for economic recovery in times of inflation. Experts will discuss how

competition principles can assist policy makers in fostering growth and competitiveness, aiding economic recovery, and supporting broader policy objectives.

The workshop will include two panels:

Panel 1 – Competition and economic policy-making – building a resilient and inclusive recovery, and

Panel 2 – Competition in times of inflation

The SG members discussed the SG statement on the role of competition in times of crisis and agreed that the text should address the current challenges in a concise document that can be used as an advocacy tool.

#### Item 6: 3D

The 3D project team highlighted areas of action based on the draft 3D recommendations. The project team identified four areas based on the input provided by ICN members and NGAs: 1) communication, 2) inclusiveness, 3) a review of existing ICN work products to identify gaps and any need for updates, and 4) more project leaders that are co-chairs to create more leadership opportunities. The team will now finalize the internal discussions, including discussions with the working group co-chairs, present the results to the SG, and involve the wider ICN audience before implementing 3D based on defined responsibilities.

#### Item 7: Other Business

No other business was reported.

#### Item 8: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 26 October 2022, 30 November 2022 (Paris) and 18 January 2023.