



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 2:00 pm (Berlin)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Barbados Fair Trading 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 25 January 2017.

Item 2: ICN Vice-Chair

According to the ICN Operational Framework, the Chair of the SG, after consultation with the SG, may nominate up to two Vice Chairs for SG approval. The Chair proposed Chris Fonteijn, President of the Dutch Competition Agency. The SG approved Mr Fonteijn.

Item 3: Workshop

The US FTC recently hosted the 2017 Merger workshop in Washington DC and it provided a debrief of the workshop. Over 125 member agencies and non-governmental advisors from 45 jurisdictions attended the workshop. The format was a skills-training workshop on effective merger investigative techniques based on a hypothetical case.

Item 4: ICN WG short form work plans

The Chair thanked the Horizontal Coordinator (HC) for the review of the short form work plans and highlighted that the HC's report provides an excellent overview and is a very helpful instrument to ensure that the ICN sets the right priorities. The work plans only will be finalized after the Annual Conference allowing the working groups to adapt the work plans and to include ideas and suggestions from discussions at the 2017 ICN Annual Conference.

The HC presented the report which had been circulated in advance of the call.

The reinforced Advocacy and Implementation Network (AIN) will create an annual work plan with anticipated activities and goals for implementation efforts in order to complement the work of the working groups. This work plan will be presented to the SG after the 2017 Annual Conference.

Item 5: ICN Website

The Change Committee's website team provided an update on the ICN website overhaul. Since the SG meeting in January, the team worked with the Canadian Competition Bureau's Contracting officer to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to modernize the revamp of the ICN's website. The RFP has been completed and returned to the Contracting Officer. The RFP will be posted for web developer firms to bid by the end of February. The posting is 15 calendar days but the evaluation of the proposals after the posting has to be taken into account.

Item 6: ICN Annual Conference

The Chair informed the SG that International Bar Association, the International Chamber of Commerce and the World Bank will organize a full day joint pre-event entitled "New Trends in Global Competition Policy" on Tuesday, 9 May.

The SG decided to hold an OECD Bureau meeting on the margins of the 2017 ICN Annual Conference, given the request received from the OECD

The Portuguese Competition Authority (PCA) provided an update on the planning of the 2017 ICN Annual Conference. To date 194 participants registered, 122 delegates, 70 NGAs, 2 members of the Press. An updated agenda, including information on the plenary speakers, will be uploaded to the conference website. The working groups are working on the breakout session line-ups and take into special consideration diversity of geography, gender, maturity

of competition agency and NGA engagement. As next steps the ACPC will deal with conference sessions on the presentation of work product and implementation.

Item 7: ICN SPA financial statement

The ICN Secretariat discussed the financial breakdown for the ICN Specified Purpose Account, which is used to fund eligible members to attend ICN events as well as to pay for any upgrades or monthly costs related to the ICN's website. The closing balance of the ICN SPA as of February 16, 2017 is \$66,988.71 CAD and there were expenses of \$29, 584.71 CAD as of April 1, 2016 until February 16, 2017. With respect to contributions from the ICN members, approximately 6 members contributed more than \$3,750 CAD and 1 member contributing more than € 5,000 to the ICN SPA.

For the upcoming year, the SG has decided to invest in the revamp of the ICN's website, which will cost approximately \$47,500. Therefore funding of ICN events will be very limited until the balance of the SPA has a sizeable reserve.

Item 8: Other Business

Item 9: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on March 29, 2017.