



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 8:15, 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
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
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 Chair Andreas Mundt welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members.

The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 29 April 2016.

After consultation with the SG the Chair nominated Alejandra Palacios Prieto as new Vice Chair.

Item 2: Work Plans

The Horizontal Coordinator presented the final report on the Working Groups` work plans. The Steering Group approved the work plans.

Item 3: Implementation of Second Decade follow-up

The Chair presented the feedback to the second decade follow-up report and the conclusions. The Chair pointed out that the ICN members and NGAs praised the achievements of the ICN and summarised suggestions for further improvement such as operational suggestions including a more user-friendly ICN website, enhanced communication via newsletters and town hall discussions; participation of younger agencies as a key priority; enhancement of NGA participation; implementation of work products; cooperation with international organisations and regional networks; new topics e.g. online vertical restraints, two- and multi-sided markets, disruptive innovations, joint ventures and non-cartel horizontal agreements, intellectual property, public interest considerations and sector regulation.

Based on the SG's decision taken at the SG meeting on 29 April to set up an informal group of members to review the stock-taking input and report back to the SG with specific proposals for action, the SG developed the "Change Committee" further. The SG agreed that the Change Committee will be organised along topics and several SG members offered support for the "Topic Teams" (i) ICN website; (ii) Newsletters and town hall discussions; (iii) Member engagement particularly in view of younger agencies; (iv) Regional diversity and cooperation with regional networks; (v) NGA participation; (vi) Implementation; (vii) New work topics; (viii) Cooperation with other international organizations; and (ix) Improving coordination SG/WGs.

Item 4: Membership WG

The SG approved the application of the Competition Commission and Consumer Affairs Commission of Guyana to join the ICN, as it met the criteria to become an ICN member.

Item 5: Approval of other work products

The SG approved the 2016 ICN Special Project and the new Work Products Catalogue.

Item 5: Other Business

The Chair provided an update on the 2018 ICN Annual Conference.

Item 6: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on September 7, 2016.