



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 14:00 CET**

**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  
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 15 June 2016.

**Item 2: Change Committee**

The Chair and Topic Teams provided an update on the implementation of the Second Decade follow-up and the Change Committee.

The Chair started by giving an overview: The SG established the Change Committee as a SG project in Singapore on 5 April 2016 with the idea that the Change Committee assists the SG; reviews the second decade follow-up report, develops proposals for action and acts as incubator.

At the SG in Paris on 15 June, the SG structured the Change Committee along main themes in Topic Teams. To ensure transparency, suggestions will be discussed in general Change Committee calls before taken into the SG. The first Change Committee call took place on 5 September 2016 as part of the Co-Chairs call. At least at this early stage the Change Committee will continue to organize its calls as part of the Co-Chairs calls.

The Topic Teams are currently comprised as follows:

1. ICN website (Canada, ACM and Italy)
2. Newsletters and town hall discussions (BKartA, CMA);
3. Member engagement particularly in view of younger agencies (COFECE, ACCC);
4. Regional diversity and cooperation with regional networks (Autorité, CCS, COFECE, CompCom South Africa, Cade Brazil, FAS Russia);
5. NGA participation (Autorité, US FTC);
6. Implementation (US FTC, US DOJ, DG COMP, Cade Brazil; FAS Russia; JFTC);
7. New work topics (DG COMP, FAS Russia, US DOJ);
8. Cooperation with other international organizations (Canada);
9. Improving coordination SG/WGs (Italy, ACCC).

The Website Team reported that it analysed the current website, identified proposed points for revision and incentivized the working groups to undertake concrete steps. On a more general level the Website team identified three major concerns regarding the website: (i) capacity, (ii) security, (iii) lack of possibilities to include modern functionalities. As a next step the team will compile a list of desired functionalities and present this list to the Change Committee.

The Chair informed the SG that he intends to adapt the format of his newsletter to make it easier to add links and additional information. Regarding town hall calls, the Chair intends to stick with the successful format of the last ICN town hall call series.

The Team “Member engagement particularly in view of younger agencies” reported that it plans further work to understand what constraints discourage younger agency participation. The team plans to contact younger agencies and to take advantage of opportunities in which team members meet representatives of younger agencies. The team considers inviting additional agencies in order to enhance the team’s geographic footprint. After having gathered insights, the team will prepare a detailed strategy and action plan.

The Implementation Topic Team reported that it is in the process of preparing a paper to be presented to the Change Committee. The paper will lay down in detail the following recommendations: (i) create a distribution list for ICN work product, (ii) maintain a regular effort to seek and catalogue implementation stories, (iii) offer focused implementation assistance to members, (iv) create cross-WG promotions of work product to raise awareness, (v) create ideas for new implementation tools for key work product, and (vi) create an implementation coordination team.

The New Work Topics Team reported that it will consult the WGs to fine tune the knowledge about what is being implemented and what is planned for the coming years; based on this it

will propose (i) an overview of what's in the pipeline, (ii) what had been suggested by the second decade report and is not being covered, (iii) what should therefore be added as new topics for the future.

### Item 3: Workshops

It was announced that the Competition Bureau Canada will host the next Cartel Workshop.

The workshop hosts and/or Working Groups presented their plans for the upcoming Chief/Senior Economists Workshop in Vancouver; Cartel Workshop in Madrid in October; the Advocacy Workshop in Mexico in November, the Merger roundtable following the OECD Global Forum on Competition in Paris in December and a the Merger workshop in February 2017.

### Item 4: 2017 Annual Conference

The Competition Commission of Singapore presented the Feedback Report for the ICN Annual Conference 2016 in Singapore.

The Portuguese Competition Authority provided an update on the 2017 Annual Conference.

The Chair provided a brief update on the 2018 Annual Conference.

### Item 5: Financing of ICN Events

The Operational Framework Working Group informed the SG that it is in the process of finalizing a paper on funding of ICN events.

### Item 5: Other Business

CWG SG2 gave an update on the host selection process for the Cartel Workshop 2017 and recommend to the SG to invite Canada to host the Cartel Workshop in 2017. The SG followed the recommendation.

### Item 6: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on October 19, 2016.