

Note from the Chair for the September 16th, 2015 Steering Group Meeting

Dear colleagues,

I hope everyone had a pleasant and refreshing summer break and I would like to welcome you back to a promising year and interesting period of ICN work.

In our recent meetings, the Steering Group had very enriching discussions about potential future topics that the ICN should be addressing in the second half of this decade and about some goals that the ICN should be striving for in the current working year.

ICN – Next steps

Attached to this note you will find a draft message from the Chair to ICN-members that I intend to send out after our meeting.

The purpose of this draft message is to present some concrete conclusions of our discussions to the wider membership and to invite their feedback. The draft outlines our current thinking on:

- i. potential future topics for ICN work,
- ii. envisaged steps to strengthen internal and external communication,
- iii. additional ways to promote implementation,
- iv. our support for all efforts to improve inclusiveness,
- v. our intention to reach out even more to young members, and
- vi. the commitment to continue the successful cooperation with other international organisations.

I would like to invite your comments, whether you agree with the general outline of this message and its conclusions and whether we have covered the important points to share with the wider membership. At a later stage, we will then share these ideas with NGAs and invite their feedback as well.

If we have sufficient time, we may also continue our substantive discussion on how to deal with the potential topics for the ICN in the near future and with some of the other issues mentioned.

I invite all Steering Group members to actively participate in the discussion.

2016 Special Project

The Competition Commission of Singapore will present an updated outline of the 2016 Special Project on Government Advocacy and Disruptive Innovations.

2016 Cartel Workshop

The CWG co-chairs will inform the Steering Group about the process of selecting of the host for the Cartel Workshop 2016 and will ask the Steering Group to approve its proposal.

2016 Economist Workshop

The Canadian Competition Bureau will discuss co-hosting with the University of British Columbia an ICN Workshop for Economists in September 2016.

Other Business

The Operational Framework Working Group co-chairs will provide an update on their work during the summer period.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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President of the Bundeskartellamt