



ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, 2 June 2021, 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
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Portuguese Competition Authority
Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation
Competition and Consumer 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 welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members. The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 2 May 2021.

Item 2: ICN Annual Conference

The 2021 ICN Annual Conference will be hosted by the Hungarian Competition Agency (GVH) and it will take place from 13-15 October 2021 in a virtual format. The conference host updated the SG members on the status of the conference planning.

The Working Group Co-Chairs presented the plenary session topics:

- Advocacy Working Group: Is Competition Compliance Only for Big Businesses?
- Agency Effectiveness Working Group: What an effective agency looks like in the post-COVID world

- Cartel Working Group: International Cooperation in Fighting Cross-Border Cartels: Issues and Challenges
- Merger Working Group: Merger control in the 3rd ICN Decade
- Unilateral Conduct Working Group: Analysis of Theories of Harm and Design of Remedies Concerning Unilateral Conduct with Dominance/Substantial Market Power in Digital Markets

Item 3: 3D Project

The Third Decade Project has three core components: (1) Substantive Content Review to identify gaps in topic coverage, (2) Tools Review to identify ways to strengthen the ICN's work and communication processes, (3) Operational Framework Review. The Operational Framework Review is carried out in coordination with the Operational Framework Working Group (OFWG), co-chaired by the Competition Bureau Canada and the Competition Commission of India. The OFWG informed the SG that it has organized a series of calls and that the discussion has focused on ICN membership, SG rotation and decision making, and the way the ICN communicates its views. A first draft will be presented to the SG in September.

Item 4: ICN Website

The ICN Secretariat presented a new calendar function as a hub for information on working group activities and events.

Item 5: SG members' hot topics presentation

The Chair informed the SG members that following the hot topics presentation on international cooperation activities at the May SG Meeting, the Chair's Office received very positive feedback.

DG COMP presented the Digital Markets Act followed by a brief discussion.

SG members highlighted that it should be considered to continue this format as part of future SG meetings, where appropriate, without adding new work streams or duplicating work done in the working groups or other organisations.

Item 6: Farewell

The term of Alexandre Barreto as President of CADE Brazil will come to an end in June. The Chair and the SG members thanked President Barreto for his dedication and commitment to the ICN.

Item 7: Other Business

N/A

Item 8: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 7 July and 15 September 2021.