



**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 2:00 pm (CET)**

**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  
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, including Makan Delrahim, US DOJ Antitrust Division, as a new SG member. The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on September 27, 2017.

**Item 2: Town Hall Teleconference**

The Chair provided a debrief of the Town Hall teleconference, which was held on September 27, 2017. Andrea Coscelli, Chief Executive Officer UK CMA, Johannes Laitenberger, Director-General DG Competition and Toh Han Li, Chief Executive Competition Commission of Singapore, discussed the question “What can competition authorities do for open markets?” The teleconference was very successful, as approximately 150 lines were engaged. An ad hoc newsletter highlighted the main messages.

### Item 3: Social Media

The Vice Chair for Communication and the Website Team presented a paper on social media use at ICN. SG members agreed on the next steps:

- The SG agreed that on the basis of the Porto Twitter experiment, the same procedure will be followed for future ICN events. The Vice Chair for Communication will open an ICN Twitter account and draw up tweeting guidelines, but will confine tweeting to ICN events. The responsibility for and provision of capacity for tweeting work product before, during and post annual conference will rest with the AIN.
- SG members do not see Facebook as an appropriate medium for ICN.
- SG members deferred a decision on the use of Linked-In.
- The ICN blog will be reactivated and maintained by AIN. The blog activities will be reviewed after a period of one year.
- The ICN Training on Demand (ITOD) will continue its use of YouTube.

### Item 4: ITOD

ITOD training modules reflect ICN consensus. The ITOD team provided an update on current activities including a module on investigative Process. Another module planned for the 2017-18 ICN year will deal with international cooperation. Future module possibilities include: A Framework for Single Firm Conduct, Initial Assessment of a Merger Filing or Conduct Complaint, Merger Remedies, Independence of Agencies and Balancing Competition and Public Interest Factors.

### Item 5: Annual Conference

The Competition Commission of India provided an update on the Annual Conference planning and the Special Project which will include two surveys. The SG agreed to discuss the agenda including all plenary and BOS topics at the December meeting.

### Item 6: Workshops

The Canadian Competition Bureau reported on the use of agency names instead of names of jurisdictions at the 2017 ICN Cartel Workshop in Ottawa in October 2017. Implementing this rule conforms with the Operational Framework, as the ICN is made up of member agencies. As such, the SG agreed to continue this practice at upcoming ICN events, such as the Unilateral Conduct Workshop in Rome, the Merger Working Group training-style workshop in Mexico City and the 2018 ICN Annual Conference.

### Item 7: OECD

A SG member raised the idea that the ICN Guidance on Investigative Process and other ICN work products on due process might be a suitable area for joint work with the OECD.

#### Item 8: Other Business

The Italian Competition Agency informed the SG about the UNCTAD 16th meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy and related meetings (5-7 July 2017), particularly about a newly established discussion group on international cooperation.

#### Item 9: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on December 6, 2017.