

# ICN in brief

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Working Group and Special Steering Group projects for ICN year 2024 – 2025

Working Group	Project and work products	Format	Lead Contact
AWG	Interactions between Sector Regulators and Competition Authorities	Report	<a href="#">JFTC</a> Japan
	Evaluating the effectiveness of advocacy initiatives	Report	<a href="#">PCC</a> Philippines
	Assessing Progress in Development of Successful Advocacy Strategies to the Judiciary	Report	<a href="#">GCRA</a> Guernsey
AEWG	Planning, Monitoring and Measuring Effectiveness	Webinar or short written product	<a href="#">GVH</a> Hungary
	Making Enforcement Cooperation Effective	Webinars and written product	<a href="#">AGCM</a> Italy <a href="#">HCC</a> Greece
	Effective Training on Competition	Written product, webpages, training videos	<a href="#">HKCC</a> Hong Kong <a href="#">AGCM</a> Italy <a href="#">HCC</a> Greece
	The Role of Chief/Senior Economists for Effective Enforcement	Workshop	<a href="#">GVH</a> Hungary
	Review and update of the AEWG work products	Written products	<a href="#">GVH</a> Hungary <a href="#">HKCC</a> Hong Kong <a href="#">AGCM</a> Italy <a href="#">HCC</a> Greece
CWG	Proactive Detection & Sanctions Toolkit	Webinars	<a href="#">DOJ</a> United States <a href="#">NZCC</a> New Zealand
	The Anti-Cartel Enforcement Manual	Written product	<a href="#">CMA</a> United Kingdom
	Cartel Workshop 2024	Workshop	<a href="#">COFECE</a> Mexico
	Crisis Cartels - Horizontal Cooperation and Crisis Cartels at times of Covid-19.	TBA	TBA
MWG	Update ICN Recommended Practices chapter 'Unilateral Effects on horizontal mergers'	Written product and webinars	<a href="#">DG-Comp</a> European Commission
	Update ICN Recommended Practices chapter 'Coordinated Effects on horizontal mergers'	Written product and webinars	<a href="#">DG-Comp</a> European Commission
	Update ICN Recommended Practices 'Merger Analysis': new Chapter on 'Counterfactual'	Written product and webinars	<a href="#">CMA</a> United Kingdom
	Update ICN Recommended Practices chapter 'Market Definition'	Written product	<a href="#">CCB</a> Canada
	Update ICN Recommended Practices chapter 'Use of Market Shares: Thresholds & presumptions'	Written product	<a href="#">AdIC</a> France
	Update ICN Recommended Practices chapter 'The Legal Framework for Competition Merger Analysis'	Written product	<a href="#">FTC</a> United States
	Tools and practices for effective and timely management of merger cases	Written report	<a href="#">CCM</a> Mauritius

<b>MWG</b>	Series of webinars on Investigative Techniques in Merger Reviews	Webinars and Summary report	<a href="#">KT</a> Norway
	2024 ICN MWG Workshop	Workshop	MWG Co-Chairs & TFTC Taiwan
<b>UCWG</b>	The use of urgency enforcement tools in the context of abuse of dominance proceedings	Questionnaire & written product	<a href="#">AdIC</a> France <a href="#">CADE</a> Brazil
	Follow-up on theories of harm and remedies in digital markets	Questionnaire & written report	<a href="#">CADE</a> Brazil <a href="#">CNMC</a> Spain <a href="#">TCA</a> Türkiye
	Updating the UCWG Handbook Chapter on Exclusive Dealing	Webinar & written product	<a href="#">SCA</a> Sweden
	Webinars: Synergies between unilateral conduct enforcement and mergers review; Self-preferencing, Data-related remedies; Implementation of UCWG products	Webinars	<a href="#">CADE</a> Brazil <a href="#">CNMC</a> Spain <a href="#">TCA</a> Türkiye
<b>Special SG Projects</b>	<b>Competition Concerns in Food Markets</b> Survey responses are being analysed and a Draft Report webinar about “Competition Concerns in Agriculture and food markets” will take place in August 2024. The finalised report will be ready for approval in September 2024. From September to February 2025 the Project Group aims to see implementation of recommendations across the ICN.	Report	<a href="#">CCS</a> South Africa <a href="#">CAK</a> Kenya
	<b>International Enforcement Cooperation Project</b> The group had a breakout session at the 2024 ICN Annual Conference titled ‘From soft cooperation to joint enforcement’. A dedicated ICN webpage is regularly updated to highlight work products related to international enforcement cooperation.	Webpage	<a href="#">ACCC</a> Australia <a href="#">FTC</a> United States <a href="#">AGCM</a> Italy <a href="#">GVH</a> Hungary <a href="#">AdC</a> Portugal
	<b>Technologist Group</b> A joint statement on building agency digital capacity was released in March following the inaugural Technologist Forum. The Group welcomes topics for planned upcoming engagement calls.	Joint Statement	<a href="#">FTC</a> United States
	<b>Sustainability Workshop</b> A 2 day workshop running in July 2024 will allow competition agencies to deepen their dialogue and engage in multilateral exchanges. Discussions to cover antitrust and merger control to advocacy and regulatory initiatives related to sustainability.	Workshop	<a href="#">AdIC</a> France
	<b>The Open ICN Programme</b> Combining the Bridging Project and the Focus Group, the aim is to increase member participation opportunities via pairing between established and younger agencies, and an ‘open door’ policy to invite feedback.		<a href="#">COFECE</a> Mexico