ICN Technologists Group Work Plan

Overview

Working Group Mission

The mission of the ICN Technologists Group is to facilitate collaborative, ongoing discussions that enable the sharing of learnings and best practice relating to the common opportunities and challenges arising from developments in technology and AI.

Current Chair

Competition Agency	Agency representative names	Contact emails
Competition and Markets Authority	Karen Croxson, Chief Data, Technology and Insight Officer	ICNTG@cma.gov.uk

Strategic Goals

1. Coordinate a set of interest groups, co-chaired by ICNTG member agencies

2. Host regular knowledge sharing and community events to engage the full community as a whole

3. Facilitate 'standalone' projects, led by ICNTG member agencies

Section One: Projects for 2026-27

Pursuant to strategic goals, the ICNTG undertake the following projects during the 2026-27 ICN year.

Project title	**Description of final work product**	**Project duration** (anticipated milestones)	**Final output type and delivery date** (month, year)	**Lead contact**
Interest Group 1: Use of AI, including Governance and agentic workflows	*Summary report of interest group activities*	*Minimum 1 year, could be extended depending on community appetite*	*Summary report* *February/March 2027*	**Singapore CCS: Herbert Fung** **Herbert_FUNG@ccs.gov.sg** **EU Commission: Penelope Papandropoulos** **Penelope.PAPANDROPOULOS@ec.europa.eu**

Milestone date	**Format type**	**Description**
September, 2026 **(TBC)**	Virtual Event	Interest Group-only Event. Infrastructure tools – cloud solutions and models for deploying AI
December, 2026	Virtual Event	ICNTG-wide Knowledge Sharing Event. AI Governance
January, 2027	Virtual Event	Interest Group-only panel or demo session on Productivity Tools

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Interest Group 2. Forensic Analysis and Detection Tools	*Summary report of interest group activities*	*Minimum 1 year, could be extended depending on community appetite*	*Summary report* *February/March 2027*	**UK CMA: Neelam Duggan** **neelam.duggan@cma.gov.uk** **ComCom New Zealand: Nick Wilkins** **nick.wilkins@comcom.gov.nz** **Italy AGCM: Emanuel Weitschek** **emanuel.weitschek@agcm.it**

Milestone date	**Format type**	**Description**
September 2026 (TBC)	Virtual Event	Interest Group-only Event. An in-depth look at how best to use digital forensics during a search warrant
October 2026 (TBC)	Virtual Event	Interest Group-only Event. An in-depth look at the use of digital forensics after a search warrant

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Interest Group 3: Algorithmic Collusion	*Summary report of interest group activities*	*Minimum 1 year, could be extended depending on community appetite*	*Summary report* *February/March 2027*	**Australia ACCC: Sally Foskett sally.foskett@accc.gov.au** **Mexico CNA: Victor Hugo De La Vega vdelavega@antimonopolio.gob.mx** **Brazil CADE: Alessandra Lima da Silva Rosa alessandra.rosa@cade.gov.br**

Milestone date	**Format type**	**Description**
November 2026	Virtual Event	Interest Group-only Event. Key findings from the technical research paper
November 2026	Paper	Interest Group-only Activity. A technical research paper

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Interest Group 4: Impacts/ opportunities of tech and AI for markets and technologist capabilities	*Summary report of interest group activities*	*Minimum 1 year, could be extended depending on community appetite*	*Summary report* *February/March 2027*	**Spain CNMC: Alfonso Garcia** **alfonso.garcia@cnmc.es** **Kenya CAK: Marcellina Anduro** **manduro@cak.go.ke** **Chile FNE: Diego Montero** **dmontero@fne.gob.cl**

Milestone date	**Format type**	**Description**
(TBC)	Virtual Event	ICNTG-wide Knowledge Sharing Event. The use of monitoring tools (practical workshops and demos)
November 2026	Virtual Event	Interest Group-only Event. On key outputs from the year

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ICNTG Agencies' use of Tech and AI	*A report summarising the outputs of the ICNTG, focusing on insights into member Agencies' use of tech and AI.*	*1 year*	*April 2027*	**CMA** **Nicky.brassington@cma.gov.uk**

Milestone date	**Format type**	**Description**
12 November 2026	Virtual Event	Senior leaders webinar showcasing technologist impact: A virtual webinar event for the wider ICN community, to consist of panel discussions/lightning talks from the ICNTG community.
April 2027	Report	Summary report of ICNTG content from the year.

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ICN Technologists Forum	*In person conference event to support the objectives of the ICNTG to share best practice and learnings relating to common opportunities and challenges.*	*1 year*	*Spring 2027 Brussels*	**DG Comp** **Penelope.PAPANDROPOULOS@ec.europa.eu**

Section Two: Completed Projects

Complete this table for projects completed from the previous ICN year only (2025-26)

Project title	**Description and output**	**Link to final WG product** *E.g. webinar recordings, PowerPoint slides, reports on ICN website. Where possible, please provide a link.*
Technologist Forum 2025	Organised and hosted the second Technologists Forum in May 2025, which was well attended and received positive feedback. Grown the community to 239 members, from 24 agencies, covering all continents. Initiated a regular cadence of community events and formed four interest groups co-chaired by member agencies.	N/A

Interest group, community and knowledge sharing events	We have hosted three knowledge sharing events, three ICN community events. Interest groups have held a first event or activity: 1. Forensic Analysis and Detection Tools: ICNTG Knowledge Sharing Event. 101 / Digital forensics technology. Interest Group-only Events on 1. Preparing for an investigation – OSINT, bid-rigging and merger detection tools, and 2. An in-depth look at preparing for the use of digital forensics in a search warrant. 2. Algorithmic Collusion: Interest Group-only Activity. Short survey for Interest Group members to identify case studies and challenges with algorithmic collusion. ICNTG-wide Knowledge Sharing Event on 'Algorithmic Collusion: Case Studies and Challenges'. 3. Impacts/ opportunities of tech and AI for markets, and technologist capabilities: Interest Group-only Activity. Short information gathering exercise on projects under development or implemented in agencies. Interest Group-only Activity on outlining a simple 'technologist capability baseline' for competition authorities.	N/A – sessions are not recorded and material not available due to sensitivities in content. Content to be included in the ICNTG Agencies' use of tech and AI report.

ICNTG Survey	A survey covering the following topics for member agencies: • Technologist capabilities structure • Tools • Challenges and opportunities • Use of AI Results shared in a report (disseminated within the community) and a presentation at the May 2026 ICNTG community event	Report & slides available upon request. Content to be included in the ICNTG Agencies' use of tech and AI report.

	Survey design and analysis led by Australia ACCC, alex.reutertown@accc.gov.au	
Project TARDIS	This project created a database of public full-text decisions of competition authorities members of the ICN (International Competition Network) in a machine-readable format. It currently contains data from France, New Caledonia and Switzerland authorities. This involved defining a data format (e.g., JSON or Parquet), extracting text from published decisions (often PDFs), and hosting the resulting data on a shared platform. The resource can improve analysts' ability to locate decisions related to specific firms across multiple jurisdictions and enable AI-powered tools. • Yann.guthmann@autoritedelaconcurrence.fr • Quentin.deltour@autoritedelaconcurrence.fr	AutoriteDeLaConcurrence/Tardis: Holding data for the ICN Tardis project