



**Media Statement
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ICN CELEBRATES 17 YEARS OF COOPERATION

The Commission would like to join Competition Authorities worldwide and civil society organisations in celebrating the 17th anniversary of the International Competition Network (ICN).

In October 25, 2001, the competition network was founded and today it connects the world's competition enforcement community through a shared mission of cooperation and convergence.

The ICN is a results-based, project-oriented organisation, which has grown from 16 competition agencies to 104 competition agencies in 17 years, virtually covering more than half of the world's countries. The ICN is exclusively concerned with competition law. It operates by consensus. Its work takes place in practical working groups, with members and non-governmental advisors developing materials and conducting discussions, typically through virtual platforms and conferencing.

Members and experts convene at an annual conference to discuss thematic projects and the implications for competition policy and enforcement. In addition, ICN working groups organise periodic workshops on specific enforcement and policy topics. The Commission is honoured to be a part of the Steering Committee of the ICN since inception, 2001.

Next week (1-2 November 2018), the Commission is privileged to play host to the ICN 2018 Unilateral Conduct Workshop on the occasion of the ICN's 17th anniversary. The workshop will be held in Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa. The ICN has advocated for cooperation and convergence of competition regulation throughout the world, and the Commission is proud to be associated with this organisation.

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