



ICN Cartel Working Group (CWG)

Mission: Address the challenges of anti-cartel enforcement, including the prevention, detection, investigation and punishment of cartel conduct. At the heart of antitrust enforcement is the battle against hard core cartels directed at price fixing, bid rigging, market allocation and output restriction.

CWG Working Group Co-Chairs: Russia (FAS), France (Autorité de la concurrence) and Italy (AGCM). Sub-Group Co-Chairs: Hungary (GVH), Turkey (TCA), Chile (FNE) and Netherlands (ACM)

2020-2021 Cartel Work Product

ICN Member Survey on Trends and Developments in Anti-Cartel Enforcement in the Second Decade of the ICN (2011-2020)". Report summarising survey responses and highlighting key changes over the past decade.

Updated Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the [ICN Anti-Cartel Enforcement Manual](#) (Digital Evidence Gathering, Cartel Case Initiation and Investigative Strategy), in line with the content and findings of the "Big Data & Cartels [Scoping Paper](#)".

"Horizontal Cooperation Agreements and Crisis Cartels at times of Covid-19" Project: webinars series focusing on (i) the assessment of horizontal cooperation agreements and sector exemptions, (ii) practical challenges in cartel investigations and (iii) the assessment of crisis cartels at times of Covid-19.

Webinar series on various topics including [Compliance in Cartel Cases](#) and [Hub-and-Spoke Cartel Cases](#).

2021-2022 Proposed Work Product

Dissemination, Implementation & Outreach Project: the CWG will identify key existing work products to be updated, disseminated and promoted within its members, with focus on international cooperation (e.g., the [Anti-Cartel Enforcement Template](#)) and digital tools for cartel investigations (e.g., see above the project on Big Data & Cartels).

"Horizontal Cooperation Agreements and Crisis Cartels at times of Covid-19" Project: document collecting agencies' inputs and publicly available information on: i) agencies' guidelines and practice in assessing horizontal agreements and ii) lessons learnt from past crisis cartels.

Webinar series on topics of interest including international cooperation in cartel cases, the impact of digitalization in cartel enforcement, crisis cartels at times of Covid-19 (see project above) and compliance in cartel cases or cartel criminalization.