

## **The CNMC hosts the Annual Advocacy Working Group Meeting of the International Competition Network (ICN)**

- The President, Cani Fernández, will open the meeting today together with Gonzalo García Andrés, Secretary of State for Economy and Business Support, and Andrés Barreto, Superintendent of Industry and Commerce in Colombia.
- The event will be held on 9 and 10 February to discuss the role of competition in driving economic recovery, its impact on the labour market, the digital economy and sustainability objectives.
- The meeting will feature more than 40 speakers from competition agencies around the world, and will be attended by participants from 59 countries.

**Madrid, February 9, 2022** .– Today sees the start of the **Annual Meeting of the 2022 [ICN Advocacy Workshop](#)**, organised by the CNMC in collaboration with the International Competition Network (ICN).

The opening remarks will be given by Cani Fernández, President of the CNMC, and Gonzalo García Andrés, Secretary of State for Economy and Business Support, while Andrés Barreto, Superintendent of Industry and Commerce in Colombia, will speak on behalf of the ICN.

### **Sessions with more than 40 panellists from around the world**

The Conference will be held online and will feature eight breakout sessions. More than 40 panellists and moderators of 25 nationalities from all continents will be taking part in these. The participants in the various sessions will be joined by attendees from 59 different countries, including a large number of representatives from competition authorities around the world, as well as leading international experts in the field.

The breakout sessions will include discussions on issues such as the role of competition advocacy in fostering the recovery of our economies after the recent crisis, the drive towards sustainability, the transition to a green economy and the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals, and how to address the challenges posed by digitisation. The Conference will also tackle how to promote competition at local level, the importance of international cooperation between authorities, the role of competition advocacy in the area of employment to promote the proper functioning of labour markets, how to boost improvements in terms of the functioning of public procurement and measures to promote competitive neutrality in markets.

The CNMC, organiser of the global [2022 ICN Advocacy Workshop](#), reaffirms its commitment to competition advocacy and international collaboration in order to strengthen competition policy and its contribution to society.