

International Competition Network (ICN) Competition Advocacy Working Group Meeting hosted by the CNMC

- The event held on 9 and 10 February featured 50 speakers from competition agencies around the world and was attended by participants from more than 65 countries.
- The sessions involved debates on the role competition plays in driving economic recovery, tackling the challenges of digitisation, and transforming our economy towards an inclusive, green and sustainable model.
- Joaquín López Vallés, director of the CNMC's Competition Advocacy Department, closed the meeting this Thursday.
- The next meeting of the ICN Advocacy Working Group will be held in Nairobi (Kenya), in 2024.

Madrid, February 11, 2022.– Thursday brought the **Meeting of the 2022 [ICN Advocacy Workshop](#)** to an end. The conference was organised by the CNMC in collaboration with the International Competition Network (ICN).

During the meeting, representatives from the competition authorities of the different countries exchanged and shared experiences and best practices with the aim of improving their competition advocacy activities in an increasingly connected and global world.

Sessions with 50 panellists from around the world

The conference was held in an online format and featured eight breakout sessions over the two days. These involved the participation of 50 panellists and moderators from 31 competition agencies and organizations from all continents, as well as hundreds of attendees from more than 65 countries. The participants included representatives from competition authorities, as well as non-governmental agencies (NGAs), experts, and academics from the various jurisdictions that collaborate with the ICN.

The following issues, among others, were addressed during the conference:

- The role of competition advocacy in promoting economic recovery after the crisis of recent years, and how the use of competition principles in public procurement has changed in the aftermath of the pandemic.

- The importance of international cooperation in competition advocacy to address cross-border and cross-sector competition issues, including those related to the challenges posed by the digitisation of markets.
- The links between competition, economic growth, and the labour market were explored, in addition to how competition advocacy can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the transition to a green economy.
- The promotion of competitive neutrality and competition advocacy at the local level to prevent and eliminate competition-distorting policies and regulations.

The CNMC, host and 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.