

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Non-Governmental Advisors (NGA) to the International Competition Network (ICN)

The Belgian Competition Authority (“BCA”) is launching a call for expressions of interest from competition experts to become Non-Governmental Advisors (NGAs) and contribute to the activities of the International Competition Network (ICN).

I. The ICN and the role of NGAs

The BCA is a member of the ICN (International Competition Network), a network created in 2001 that now brings together nearly 150 competition authorities around the world.

The ICN aims to promote convergence between competition laws and policies, as well as cooperation between competition authorities, in order to improve the effectiveness of competition regulation at the international level.

Appointed by each national competition authority that is member of the ICN, NGAs play an essential role within the network. Alongside these authorities, they are called upon to contribute actively to the work of the ICN through five working groups focusing on antitrust enforcement, unilateral conduct, merger control, competition advocacy and agency effectiveness.

NGAs are therefore involved in one or more working groups in order to contribute to the projects undertaken there. The work carried out, such as the drafting of best practice guides or other reference documents, is presented each year at the ICN's annual conference. NGAs are regularly invited to participate in the ICN's numerous events, such as webinars, workshops and the annual conference, alongside representatives of member authorities and other NGAs.

The BCA will recruit between two and four NGAs for the period 2026 and 2027.

II. Call for expressions of interest

The BCA is launching a call for expressions of interest from competition experts to become its non-governmental representatives within the ICN for an unpaid two-year term (2026-2027).

Any expert in competition law or economics who is a national of a Member State of the European Union can apply, including professors of law or economics, corporate lawyers, economists, specialized solicitors or experts from the judicial environment. They must have at least five years' experience in the field of competition law and/or the implementation of competition rules.

Candidates must be prepared to be actively involved in the work of the ICN and to participate in various events throughout their term of office. Candidates' international experience, among other objective criteria, will be taken into account. Fluency in spoken and written English is required.

In their application, candidates are invited to explain the added value they could bring to the work of the ICN, in particular in the working groups with which they would like to be associated, and how they envisage contributing to this work.

NGAs may under no circumstances represent their private interests in the work in which they participate within the network.

III. Applications

Applications may be sent until 31 January 2026 by email to the following address: international@bma-abc.be, attaching a *curriculum vitae* and a brief cover letter.

Further information can be obtained from Axel Desmedt, President of the BCA.