

**Question for written answer P-006335/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Follow-up question to E-013847/15

According to the Commission, the EU competition rules only apply to the conduct of undertakings as interpreted by the EU courts.

Does the Commission take the view that 'undertakings' in this sense is applicable as a matter of principle to sporting umbrella organisations, such as the International Judo Federation, which act in a quasi-monopolistic manner, particularly in view of the fact that:

1. numerous sporting associations have a cross-border monopoly with regard to the hosting of sporting competitions;
2. this monopoly is accompanied by a particular influence on the selection of suppliers or providers of sports equipment (clothing, balls, bats etc.);
3. international sporting umbrella associations hold a dominant economic position from a financial point of view alone, not least in view of their international importance and the overriding public interest involved?