

**Priority question for written answer P-000157/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Italian Football Federation criteria in violation of CJEU ruling in Case C-333/21

On 21 December 2023 the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) ruled in Case C-333/21¹ that the organisation of interclub football competitions is an economic activity that must comply with competition rules and respect the freedoms of movement. The FIFA and UEFA rules that approve, control or sanction members taking part in other competitions, such as the Super League, are an unlawful restriction on the freedom to provide services.

Although the CJEU's ruling in Case C-333/21 is very clear, the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) came forward with criteria on the very same day of the ruling requiring a 'written commitment not to participate in competitions organised by private associations not recognised by FIFA, UEFA and FIGC'. These criteria are contrary to the ruling in Case C-333/21.

1. Does the Commission agree that the FIGC criteria are against EU law?
2. Will it take the necessary steps to alert FIGC about this illegal behaviour?
3. What actions will it take if the FIGC, even after being alerted, fails to comply with EU law?

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¹ Judgment of 21 December 2023 in Case C-333/21, *European Superleague Company SL v Unión de Federaciones Europeas de Fútbol (UEFA), Fédération internationale de football association (FIFA)*, ECLI:EU:C:2023:1011.