



## Ticketing platform Ticombo files UEFA antitrust complaint with EC; seeks ECJ referral from Belgian court

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Ticombo, a ticketing marketplace, has lodged an antitrust complaint with the European Commission (EC) alleging UEFA abuses a dominant position with its football event ticket resale policy, the company announced today (4 June).

The resale policy imposed by UEFA constitutes an abuse of a dominant position, in particular in connection with Euro 2024, the complainant said in an emailed press release.

The European football federation is granting itself, in a self-proclaimed manner, a monopoly of the resale market, excluding all other operators, according to Ticombo. UEFA then organises an (exclusive) resale platform on which it imposes unfair conditions on sellers and buyers (consumers), Ticombo alleges.

"UEFA also engages in price-fixing by ensuring that tickets – in principle – are not resold at a price lower than the primary market price (original sale)", according to Ticombo.

The safety arguments put forward by UEFA in an attempt to justify such a self-proclaimed monopoly are in no way such as to justify the monopoly and even less so, the abuse of its dominant position, Ticombo said.

Separately, the company and some consumers have filed an action against the Belgian State's rules that prohibit any type of resale of tickets, in particular on the Ticombo platform.

A 2013 Belgian law on the resale of admission tickets to events attributes a legal monopoly on this resale market to match organisers, the company claims.

In the proceedings, Ticombo is asking the Brussels Court of First Instance to seek guidance from the European Court of Justice (ECJ) on whether "the Belgian rules lead to structural inequality between organisers and other ticketing platforms and if they reinforce the self-proclaimed monopoly on the resale market of the organisers of major sporting events".

Ticombo is represented by Dupont Hissel.

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#### Companies

UEFA  
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#### Agencies

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