

**FROM THE “DIRTY DOZEN” TO “THE GOOD,
THE BAD AND THE UGLY”.**
**SOME PRELIMINARY REMARKS ON THE SUPER LEAGUE
AFFAIRE IN THE LIGHT OF EU COMPETITION RULES**

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ABSTRACT: The paper aims at offering a preliminary analysis of the Super League affaire taking into account the legal aspects as well the political ones. According to the Author, the previous case-law of the Court of Justice, although fundamental to correctly understand the problems involved in the Super League’s case, does not provide a complete answer to the relevant and very peculiar questions behind the Super League which call into question the very concept of the European Sports Model.

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SUMMARY: 1. Introduction – 2. Factual background – 3. Pertinent provisions of FIFA and UEFA Statutes – 4. The Super League affaire in the light of EU competition rules: some general observations – 5. Concluding remarks

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