

The CNMC investigates UEFA for restricting competition in the organisation of European football competitions

- The authority may have restricted the ability of nine football clubs to organise or participate in European competitions other than its own.
- It may have also adopted a series of measures to ensure that clubs complied with these restrictions.

Madrid, 6 June 2025. The Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission (CNMC) is investigating the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) for possible conduct contrary to Articles 1 and 2 of the [Spanish Competition Act](#) and Articles 101 and 102 of the [Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](#) (Case S/0017/21). The UEFA may have restricted competition in the organisation of European football competitions.

Opening of the investigation

The CNMC is investigating an agreement by UEFA with nine football clubs to prevent them from organising or participating in European competitions other than UEFA's. The authority may have also believed to have taken a series of measures to ensure that clubs complied with these restrictions.

The agreement was signed after UEFA announced it could exclude teams from its competitions and/or impose various measures on them.

The CNMC has initiated the case following a complaint filed by the company A22. After analysing the information gathered during the preliminary inquiry phase, it has identified reasonable grounds of potential infringements of Articles 1 and 2 of the Spanish Competition Defence Act, as well as Articles 101 and 102 of the TFEU.

The opening of this case does not prejudice the final outcome of the investigation. There is now a time limit of 24 months for the adoption of a decision on the case.