Football's TV rights: rejection for lack of sufficient evidence of Canal + Group's complaint against the LFP

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On 29 January 2021, Canal Plus Group ("GCP") referred practices allegedly implemented by the *Ligue de Football Professionnel* ("LFP") to the *Autorité de la concurrence* when the football *Ligue 1's* broadcasting rights were put back on the market in January 2021. It reproached the LFP, following the failure of Mediapro, of having committed an abuse of a dominant position by releasing on the market only the rights returned by Mediapro, without including rights corresponding to lot 3 (Saturdays 9 p.m. and Sundays 5 p.m. matches), awarded on 29 May 2018 to beIN Sports, which had subsequently sub-licensed it to GCP.

That complaint on the merits of the case was accompanied by a request for interim measures.

At the end of its investigation, the *Autorité* dismissed GCP's complaint on the merits of the case and the associated request for interim measures, considering that they were not supported by sufficient evidence.

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