

NL Statement against Super League

The Netherlands is against the Super League. A closed competition like the Super League does not respect the UEFA-structure and can threaten the equal opportunities for clubs to participate on top level in Sports. On top of that, it can hinder players in representing their country in European or World Championships.

Independent superleagues challenge the financial solidarity mechanism, which at present exists in most of European sportorganisations. In this system, profits gained by special events and championships reach national organisations and clubs at grass rootslevel and in this way support the further development of the sport and all its participants. In other words, we think that the Super League may threaten the way sport is organized in Europe.

The Netherlands supports the current model that is organised by UEFA. To us, organising a Super League outside of the existing UEFA structures can harm the European football model and poses a threat for other sports in Europe.

Sport is an autonomous sector that has the power to organise itself within the framework of national and international law. Now, the Court has the important and independent position to analyse and decide to further clarify the way sport and it's specificity is organized in Europe.