

The Competition College has refused an interim measure concerning cruises on the river Meuse

The Competition College of the Belgian Competition Authority (BCA) has on 6 July 2021 refused to impose an interim measure on La Citadelle de Dinant SA and the Compagnie des Croisières Mosanes SPRL (Defendants) after a request by Dinant Evasion SA and Dinant Croisières SPRL (Plaintiffs).

The Plaintiffs argued that the Defendants abused a dominant position by offering a combined tariff with discount for a visit of the Citadel with use of the cable lift and a cruise on the Meuse, being the only ones with a ticket office at the Citadel.

In the light of the limited percentage of clients of the Defendants who bought combined tickets and the visibility of the Plaintiffs in town, the College has judged that it was *prima facie* not established that the Defendants hold a dominant position on the market of the cruises. There was therefore no reason to examine whether the offering of combined tickets constitutes an abuse of a dominant position in the meaning of art.IV.2 of the Code of economic law.

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