

Commonly expressed public opinion that sporting rivalry organisation markets in Poland are adversely affected by large-scale irregularities is confirmed at the stage of preliminary juristic analysis. One can be under the impression that Polish sport is an enclave where law is not in force and attempts to enforce it are treated as an attack on the autonomy of Polish Sports Associations. The current project aims to examine whether commonly working competition mechanisms and legal regulations that are closely related to them may contribute to the limitation of irregularities in Polish sport. The main objective of the project is to establish whether the specificity of sports rivalry organisation markets requires that public authorities take steps resulting in the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition.

Irregularities in Polish sport most often take place in Polish Sports Associations. The impulse to reflect on that is the fact that in 2015 the Polish legislator took steps that strengthened their position and hampered undertaking competitive activities by other entities. Within the project, it will be examined whether the changes in law were justified and if they are in compliance with constitutional standards and the European Union law.

The project will also include the examination of the reasons of the inefficiency of the current instruments, which theoretically may be used to fight against sports competitions organisers' malpractice. An attempt will be made to suggest steps that might help to improve the present situation.

Much time and work will be devoted to research into possibilities that may appear in connection with the introduction of new rules governing actions for damages resulting from the infringement of the competition law and the provision of the right to belong to trade unions for self-employed persons. Experience of other European Union states and the United States allows a statement that amendments to law will open the way to rebuild the system of protecting athletes and other participants of sporting life against dominant sports competitions organisers' abuse of power.