

French court upholds Uber geolocation, in blow to law

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France's top administrative court has upheld the right of car services like Uber to use geolocation for potential customers, dealing a blow to a law pushed by taxi drivers who say the app-based ride-hailing company is competing unfairly.

Wednesday's decision found that the law violated European Union rules by targeting a specific service. But the decision upheld France's effort more generally to regulate car services. French [taxi drivers](#) have protested repeatedly, and sometimes violently, against Uber, and two of its French executives went on trial over allegations that the company's now-defunct low-cost offering operated illegally.

Uber continues to operate with professional drivers in France. It is banned entirely in Spain and Italy and under pressure elsewhere in Europe.

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