1. Record Nr. UNINA9910634075903321 Autore Busch Max Titolo Rechtliche Beurteilung von Mikrotransaktionen und Lootboxen // Max Busch Pubbl/distr/stampa Gottingen:,: Universitatsverlag Gottingen,, 2022 ©2022 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (x, 263 pages) Collana Universitatsdrucke Disciplina 346.4303 Compensation (Law) - Germany (West) Soggetti Lingua di pubblicazione Tedesco **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto The purchase of additional items in videogames, also called 'Microtransactions', has recently grown to become one of the dominating methods of monetization in the games industry. However, many versions of these monetization schemes face severe backlash because it appears that the ways to monetize games are increasingly influencing the contents of the medium and that those games are purposefully designed to bring vulnerable players to spend more money than they meant to. In this thesis, those points of criticism were taken into consideration and as a starting point to explore the legality of these kinds of monetization schemes from a legal standpoint. This was done with regards to the Unfair Competition Law, Youth Protection regulation and general civil law. Also, the chance-based variant of microtransactions, the so called 'Lootboxes', have been examined with

regard to their legality under gambling regulations.