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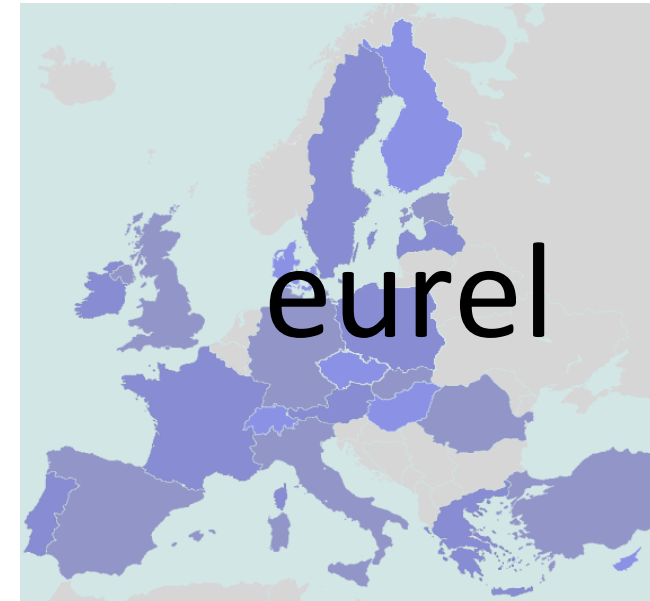
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The EUREL Project

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This website is intended for use by the international scientific community, governmental authorities and political forces. It gathers comparative information concerning the enlarged Europe (EU member states, candidates countries and other European countries). A specific headline is dedicated to Europe as a whole. Data is provided and checked by a network of correspondents, specialists of law or social sciences.

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The **general overview** offers basic geographic and demographic data such as area, population, or main cities. It also provides a short presentation of the religious situation of the country.

The **historical highlights** heading contains two chapters: firstly, a chronology of landmarks dates in the country's history. Secondly, a historical survey providing significant elements of the country's recent history, focusing on religious history.

The **legal status of religions** heading presents legislation governing religious activities and the legal status of religious denominations. It provides the main texts and the specific laws dealing with such things as the fiscal status of religious denominations, schooling, marriage, and many other aspects.

Under the heading **social and religious data**, you will find a survey of the status of religion, through a quantitative approach. This heading includes chapters on the main religions, other religious groups, demography, geography, belonging and participation. Information such as how and where information is collected and spread, and how reliable it is, is given on the sources.

Under the heading **religion and society**, we assess the impact of religion on different aspects of social life and its legal treatment in the country. This heading is divided into five chapters: schooling, religious minorities (with a specific interest for Islam), social welfare, religion and media, and influence of religion on health matters and on matters concerning death.

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The **research and higher education** heading informs, on each country, on the institutional framework of instruction and research in law and sociology of religions.

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