



# Ecclesiastical Law (Erasmus)

**Unit 8<sup>th</sup>:** European countries with predominantly Orthodox majority

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# Unit Objectives

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- General understanding of the Church and state relations in european countries with predominantly Orthodox majority.





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# **European countries with predominantly Orthodox majority (part B)**

# The principle of institutional separation

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- The only country amongst the European states with predominantly Orthodox majority that -for historical reasons- has a system of state-church is Greece.
- All other countries with predominantly Orthodox majority adopt the system of institutional separation and the subsystem of multi-denominational state.





# The principle of state-church cooperation

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- The principle of state-church cooperation -in concluding agreements- in various countries with predominantly Orthodox majority (Georgia, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine).



# Special recognition

- Special recognition of Orthodox Churches and other traditional denominations in various countries with predominantly Orthodox majority (Armenia, Belarus, Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, FYROM, Georgia, Greece).



# Prevailing religion (Greece)

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- Legal interpretation of the vague term “prevailing religion” in the Greek Constitution.
- Does it really mean “state religion”?



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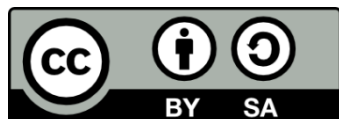
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