CONTRASTS AND UNBALANCES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN AND ROMANIAN RELIGIOUS CONTEXT

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The current paper aims emphasising the contrasts and unbalances representing integral parts of the European religious framework during the last decades, as resulting from the European Commission surveys or from specialised bibliography. We have taken into consideration some of specific religious indicators, namely: religious faiths, religious belonging, attendance to the worship ceremonies, but also another criteria as the regulation of the relationships between the state and the church or the residing environment. The second part of the study intends to argue the idea sustaining that also Romania may be seen as an actor within the contorted and controversial frame implied by the early European membership, at least under the existent regional disparities from an ethnic and religious point of view.

“Reflecting on Europe and religion is inexhaustible”
Raimun Panikkar