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Romanian Patriarchate’s Representation to EU: Matić Report amplifies rifts in today’s Europe



The Representation of the Romanian Orthodox Church to the European Institutions transmitted that the Matić Report amplifies division in today’s Europe on issues that, according to the founding treaty of the Union, should be regulated exclusively by each member state.

“In stark contrast to the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU, which clearly stipulates that areas such as health and education fall exclusively within the competence of the Member States, the Matic Report seeks to create the impression of a global consensus on topics which, in reality, remain extremely sensitive within the family of EU Member States,” states a release on the website of the Romanian Patriarchate’s Representation.

“The Representation of the Romanian Orthodox Church to the European Institutions notes with regret this result, a sign of an increasing trend to replace, at European level, a genuine policy of promoting the fundamental rights of citizens – such as the right to life, freedom of conscience or parental rights – with shocking ideologies that ignore real needs and problems, while amplifying the rifts between people, cultures and states in today’s Europe.”

There was a hot debate on the draft report at the European Parliament’s Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), where, according to the representatives of the Romanian Orthodox Church, “many civil society representatives pointed to the stark contrast between the noble general intention of the report and the many controversial issues that fall outside the EU’s areas of competence.”

The Matić Report was adopted on Thursday in the European Parliament. Its controversial aspects are:

- promotion of abortion;
- criticism of the right of health professionals to invoke conscientious objection;
- promotion of compulsory sex education for children, starting in primary education;
- promotion of gender ideology (which pretends that gender is a choice, not a given reality in accordance with biological sex).

The Representation of the Romanian Orthodox Church to the European Institutions is a member of the Committee of Representatives of the Orthodox Churches to the EU (CROCEU). Its President is Metropolitan Nifon of Târgoviște and its Vice-President is Metropolitan Joseph of Western Europe.

The Romanian Orthodox Church (ROC) is the biggest Christian Orthodox Church within the EU.

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