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Summary

The article reveals that the European Union did not formulate any uniform model of its relation with Churches and religious associations. Religion is not a hot interest of the EU which declares to be religiously neutral. However, for many years when its structures were under construction there were created mechanisms which determine how to deal with Churches and religious associations. In time those mechanisms found their reflection in treaty law and were sanctioned as relations between institutions of Churches and EU. The article presents basic principles of the relation between Churches and EU, and items of the treaty law of EU which institutionalize that relation.