

Legal status

Cluster A contains information about the ratification of international treaties. Cluster B concerns constitutional provisions on religions/beliefs and on RBMs. Cluster C is about laws on FoRB and religious/belief organizations/associations, and on statutory provisions on RBMs. Cluster D contains information about bilateral agreements (note that for scoring purposes, only agreements of a general nature have been taken into consideration. Agreements on specific topics, such as those concluded in Romania with the Orthodox Church, or agreements between the state and umbrella organizations of religious/beliefs groups, such as those concluded in Estonia and Sweden, have not been considered). Cluster E concerns the different systems to obtain legal personality.

Additional information about how scores are awarded, and detailed indications of the applicable international standards are provided in the sections “Guide to reading data” and “What are we talking about” of the page “Policy areas. Legal status of RBMs”.

P-index

A coefficient of 0.50 was applied to questions 3, 6.1, 6.4, 7, 7.1.

Cluster A

Questions 1 and 2. If the international convention is ratified, score 1; if not, score 0 (if the ICCPR is ratified with a reservation concerning art. 27, score 0).

Cluster B

Questions 3 and 4. If specific religions/beliefs (question 3) or RBMs in general (question 4) are mentioned in the constitution, score 1; if not, score 0.

Question 5. Depending on the number of RBMs that are mentioned, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBM; 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

Cluster C

Questions 6 and 6.3. A score of 0 is given regardless of whether the answer is yes or no, as states have no obligation to enact a law on FoRB or belief/religion organizations.

Questions 6.1 and 6.4. If the law contains provisions promoting RBM rights, score 1; if the law does not contain such provisions, score 0; if there is no law, N/A.

Questions 6.2 and 6.5. Depending on the number of RBOs that are concerned, the following scores are given: score 0, no RBO; 0.33, one RBO up to 1/3 of all RBOs; 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBOs; 1, more than 2/3 of RBOs.

Cluster D

Question 7. If agreements have been signed, score 1; if they have not been signed, score 0.

Question 7.1. Depending on the number of RBMs that have concluded an agreement, the following scores are given: 0, no RBM; 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

Cluster E

For more detailed information on the criteria followed in assigning scores, see the section devoted to cluster E of the “Guide to reading data” in the page “Policy areas. Legal status of RBMs”.

Questions 8. A score of 0 is given regardless of whether the answer is yes or no, as states have no obligation to enact such laws.

Question 8.1. Depending on the number of RBMs which are concerned by these laws, the following scores are given: 0, no RBM; 0.33, one RBM up to 1/3 of all RBMs; 0.66, 1/3 to 2/3 of RBMs; 1, more than 2/3 of RBMs.

Question 9. Yes, score 0; no, score -1.

Question 9.1. Depending on the number of RBMs which are recognized as civil law organizations, the following scores are given: 0.33 if the registered/recognized RBMs are at least one and up to 1/3 of all RBMs; by 0.66 if they are over 1/3 and up to 2/3; by 1 if they are over 2/3. These scores are multiplied by 0 (international standards are respected, but RBM rights are not promoted).

Question 10. The question concerns only the countries where there is just one category of registration or recognition of RBOs. A score of 0 is given regardless of whether the answer is yes or no, as international standards do not require that states provide registration/recognition of RBOs as religious/belief organizations.

Question 10.1. The question concerns only the countries where there is just one category of registration or recognition of RBOs. Score 1 if registration/recognition as RBO is the highest level attainable by a RBM in the country; score 0.50 if in the country a higher level exists. These scores are multiplied by 0.33 if the registered/recognized RBMs are at least one and up to 1/3 of all RBMs; by 0.66 if they are over 1/3 and up to 2/3; by 1 if they are over 2/3. Countries without a single category of registration or recognition: N/A.

Question 11. The question concerns only countries where there are two or more categories of registration or recognition of RBOs. A score of 0 is given regardless of whether the answer is yes or no, as international standards do not require that states provide registration/recognition of RBOs as religious/belief organizations.

Question 11.1. The question concerns only countries where there are two or more categories of registration or recognition of RBOs. Score 1 if registration/recognition as RBO is the highest level attainable by a RBM in the country; score 0.66 if in the country a higher level exists. This score is multiplied by 0.33 if the registered/recognized RBMs are at least one and up to 1/3 of all RBMs; by 0.66 if they are over 1/3 and up to 2/3; by 1 if they are over 2/3. Countries without two different categories of registration/recognition of RBOs: N/A.

Question 11.2. The question concerns only countries where there are two or more categories of registration or recognition of RBOs. The score is 0.33. This score is multiplied by 0.33 if the registered/recognized RBMs are at least one and up to 1/3; by 0.66 if they are over 1/3 and up to 2/3; by 1 if they are over 2/3. Countries without two different categories of registration/recognition of RBOs: N/A.

Questions 12-12.1. The question concerns only the countries where there is just one category of registration or recognition of RBOs. Score 0 if RBMs need to meet number requirements that comply with international standards; 0.33 if RBMs do not need to meet number requirements; -0.33 RBMs need to meet number requirements that do not comply with international standards.

Questions 13-13.3. The question concerns only countries where there are two or more categories of registration or recognition of RBOs. Score 0 if RBMs need to meet number requirements that comply with international standards; 0.33 if RBMs do not need to meet number requirements; -0.33 if RBMs need to meet number requirements that do not comply with international standards.

E- and G-index

Only the questions with a score different from that given in the P-index are listed. A coefficient of 0.50 was applied to questions 3 and 7.1. The questionnaire contains some questions (questions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.1, 6.4) that concern only RBMs and are not applicable to majority religious organizations. To avoid distorting the results, these questions are not considered in the G-index.

Cluster A

Questions 1 and 2. Yes: score 1 to each RBM; no (or ratification with a reservation to art. 27), score 0 to each RBM; majority religious organizations, N/A.

Cluster B

Questions 3. Score 1 to each RBO which is mentioned; score -1 to each RBO which is not mentioned.

Question 4. If there is a general mention, score 1 to each RBM; if not, score 0 to each RBM. Majority religious organizations, N/A.

Question 5. Score 1 to each RBM which is mentioned; score -1 to each RBM which is not mentioned; majority religious organizations, N/A

Cluster C

Questions 6.2 and 6.5. Score 1 for each RBO which is concerned; score -1 for each RBO which is not concerned. N/A if there is no law on FoRB or RBOs.

Cluster D

Question 7.1. Score 1 to each RBO with agreement; score -1 to each RBO without agreement.

Cluster E

For more detailed information on the criteria followed in assigning scores, see the section devoted to cluster E of the page "Policy areas. Legal status".

Question 8.1. score 1 for each RBO regulated by a specific law; all others, N/A.

Question 9.1. Score 0 for each RBO registered/recognized as a civil law organization; all others, N/A.

Question 10.1. Score 1 if registration/recognition as RBO is the highest level attainable by a RBO in the country; score 0.50 if in the country a higher level exists. N/A for all RBOs which are not registered/recognized as religious/belief organizations. N/A for RBOs registered/recognized as religious/belief organizations in countries with two or more categories of registration/recognition.

Question 11.1. Score 1 if registration/recognition as RBO is the highest level attainable by a RBO in the country; 0.66 if in the country a higher level exists. N/A for all RBOs which are not registered/recognized as religious/belief organizations at the highest level; N/A for RBOs

registered/recognized as religious/belief organizations in countries with just one type of registration/recognition.

Question 11.2. Score 0.33 to each RBO registered/recognized as a religious/belief organization at the lowest level; all others, N/A; N/A for RBOs registered/recognized as religious/belief organizations in countries with just one category of registration/recognition.

Question 12 and 12.1. Score 0 to each RBO which needs to meet number or time requirements that comply with international standards; 0.33 to each RBO which does not need to meet these requirements; -0.33 if the requirements do not comply with international standards. Countries with two or more categories of registration/recognition: N/A.

Question 13 and 13.2. Score 0 to each RBO which needs to meet number or time requirements that comply with international standards to be recognized/registered at the lowest level; 0.33 to each RBO which does not need to meet these requirements; -0.33 for each RBO which needs to meet number or time requirements that do not comply with international standards. Countries with just one category of registration/recognition: N/A.

Question 13.1 and 13.3. Score 0 to each RBO which needs to meet number or time requirements which comply with international standards to be recognized/registered at the highest level; 0.33 to each RBO which does not need to meet these requirements; -0.33 to each RBO which needs to meet number or time requirements which do not comply with international standards. Countries with just one category of registration/recognition: N/A.