



### THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES: THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION OF 13 NOVEMBER 2018

This article analyses the evolution of European Union law on the protection of minorities. It starts by differentiating the principles of “non-assimilation” and of “equality and non-discrimination”, and then highlights the specific characteristics of European Union law also through a summary examination of the systems adopted by the League of Nations, the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the OSCE. In assessing EU legal development, the recent Resolution of the European Parliament on *Minimum standards for minorities in the EU* is reviewed. Through this resolution, the Parliament sought to send a warning to the other European institutions, in particular to the Commission, and to push for adoption of a series of “special protection measures” for minorities, almost appearing to emphasise the insufficient level of protection currently given to minority groups within the European legal area.