
Recommendation CM/RecChL(2019)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by the Czech Republic

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 June 2019 at the 1350th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

In accordance with Article 16 of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;

Bearing in mind the instrument of ratification deposited by the Czech Republic on 15 November 2006;

Having taken note of the evaluation made by the Committee of Experts of the Charter with respect to the application of the Charter by the Czech Republic;

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by the Czech Republic in its fourth periodical report, supplementary information given by the Czech authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in the Czech Republic and on the information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot visit;

Recommends that the Czech Republic take account of all the observations and recommendations of the Committee of Experts and, as a matter of priority:

1. continue efforts to promote awareness and tolerance vis-à-vis all regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent as an integral part of the cultural heritage of the Czech Republic, both in the general curriculum at all stages of education and in the media;
2. adopt a structured policy for the protection and promotion of German including by making teaching in or of German available as a minority language in co-operation with German speakers, and create favourable conditions for its use in public life;
3. further protect and promote Romani, including by extending teaching of Romani as a minority language in co-operation with Romani speakers, and create favourable conditions for its use in public life.