
Recommendation CM/RecChL(2019)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Hungary

(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 Hungary on 26 April 1995 and the declarations registered at the Secretariat General on 22 July 2008;

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

Having taken note of the comments made by the Hungarian authorities on the content of the report of the Committee of Experts;

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

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

1. develop a structured long-term policy and plan for education in all minority languages;
2. further increase bilingual education at all levels with a view to moving from the model of only teaching the minority language as a subject to bilingual education in Croatian, German, Romanian, Serbian, Slovakian and Slovenian, and increase the number of teachers able to teach subjects in these languages;
3. take further resolute measures in order to improve the educational offer of Boyash and Romani at all levels of education;
4. take measures to encourage speakers of minority languages to use them in their contacts with judicial and administrative authorities;
5. further improve the offer of minority language programmes on television and develop a comprehensive scheme for the training of journalists and other media staff using minority languages.