

Recommendation CM/RecChL(2010)3 of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Hungary

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 10 March 2010 at the 1079th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

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

Having regard to the instrument of ratification submitted by Hungary on 26 April 1995;

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;

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

Recommends that the Hungarian authorities 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 regional or minority languages and set up a dedicated monitoring mechanism, as envisaged by Article 8, 1 (i) of the Charter;

2. improve further the financial situation of minority language education and increase the stability of resourcing;

3. increase bilingual education at all stages with a view to moving from the model of only teaching the language as a subject to bilingual education in Part III languages, and increase accordingly the number of teachers able to teach subjects in these languages;

4. improve the offer of minority language programmes on television and develop and finance a comprehensive scheme for the training of journalists and other media staff using minority languages;

5. take steps to ensure that the relevant judicial and administrative authorities implement the obligations under Articles 9 and 10 of the Charter, in particular by specifying those judicial and administrative districts where organisational measures should be taken and informing speakers of regional or minority languages of their rights under Articles 9 and 10;

6. take further resolute measures in language planning for Romani and Beás with a view to making available on a wider scale teaching of and in these languages at all appropriate stages.