

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2012)4
of the Committee of Ministers
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Montenegro**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 September 2012
at the 1149th 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 declaration made by Montenegro on 15 February 2006 and updated on 13 October 2006;

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

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

Having taken note of the comments made by the Montenegrin authorities on the contents of the Committee of Experts' report;

Having taken note that according to the Montenegrin Constitution, the Serbian language is not a minority language in terms of the Charter;

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

1. clarify the situation regarding the level of protection of Bosnian and Croatian in terms of the Charter;
2. clarify the territorial application of Part III of the Charter with regard to Romani;
3. intensify the efforts to codify Romani in close co-operation with the speakers;
4. take all necessary measures to ensure the use of Romani in education, including by providing teacher training and teaching materials.