

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2012)5  
of the Committee of Ministers  
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by the Netherlands**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 24 October 2012  
at the 1153rd 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 the Kingdom of the Netherlands on 2 May 1996 and to the supplementary declaration submitted on 19 March 1997;

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

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

Having taken note of the comments made by the Dutch authorities on the contents of the Committee of Experts' report,

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

1. establish a structured dialogue with representatives of the regional or minority language speakers about the implementation of the Charter and the recommendations evolving from its monitoring mechanism;
2. continue to strengthen the teaching of and in Frisian at all levels of education;
3. upgrade the teaching of Limburgish and Low Saxon to the status of regular school subjects and extend the offer of education in these languages, including in pre-schools;
4. explore, in co-operation with representatives of the speakers, possibilities to teach Romanes and to secure and extend the teaching of Yiddish.