

Recommendation CM/RecChL(2013)5
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 July 2013 at the 1176th 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 made by Hungary on 26 April 1995;

Having taken note of the evaluation made by the Committee of Experts on 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 fifth periodical report, supplementary information given by the Hungarian authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Hungary and information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot visit;

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

Recommends that the authorities of 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 regional or minority languages and set up a dedicated monitoring mechanism, as envisaged by Article 8, 1(i) of the Charter;
- 2. further 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;
- 3. take resolute measures in order to increase the number of teachers for Romani and Beás;
- 4. take steps to ensure that the relevant administrative authorities implement the obligations under Article 10 of the Charter, in particular by specifying those administrative districts where organisational measures should be taken, and informing speakers of regional or minority languages of their rights under Article 10;
- 5. further 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.