

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2013)3
of the Committee of Ministers
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Serbia**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 June 2013
at the 1173rd 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 Serbia on 15 February 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 Serbia;

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Serbia in its national report, supplementary information provided by the Serbian authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Serbia and information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot visit;

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

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

1. strengthen teacher training and provide adequate teaching materials for all regional or minority languages;
2. provide teaching of/in the Part II languages within the models of minority language education at all appropriate stages;
3. secure the implementation of Articles 9 and 10, in particular regarding Romani and Ukrainian;
4. take the necessary practical measures to ensure that personal names and place-names in the regional or minority languages can be used officially in conformity with the tradition and orthography of the languages concerned;
5. continue to promote awareness and tolerance in Serbian society at large vis-à-vis the regional or minority languages and the cultures they represent.