

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2016)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 27 April 2016
at the 1254th 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 to:

1. strengthen teacher training and provide adequate teaching materials for all regional or minority languages;
2. provide teaching of/in languages covered only by Part II of the Charter at all appropriate levels;
3. establish an adequate offer of Romani in education;
4. strengthen the use of all regional or minority languages in administration;
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.