

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2016)6  
of the Committee of Ministers  
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages  
by Switzerland**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 December 2016  
at the 1273bis 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 Switzerland on 23 December 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 Switzerland;

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

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

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

1. continue promoting the use of Italian in cantonal administration and in the public sector under cantonal control in Graubünden/Grischun/Grigioni;
2. take measures to ensure that mergers of municipalities in Graubünden/Grischun/Grigioni do not hamper the use of Romansh;
3. recognise Franco-Provençal as a regional or minority language traditionally used in Switzerland and apply the provisions of Part II to it, in co-operation with the speakers.