
**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2024)4
of the Committee of Ministers to member States
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
by Finland**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 9 October 2024
at the 1509th 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 deposited by Finland on 9 November 1994;

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

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

Having taken note of the comments submitted by the Finnish authorities on the content of the report of the Committee of Experts;

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

1. further strengthen education in Inari Sami, North Sami and Skolt Sami, also outside the Sami Homeland, especially by providing permanent financing for language nests and adult education;
2. take further measures to ensure the effective use of Inari Sami, North Sami, Skolt Sami and Swedish in social and health care services;
3. take resolute measures to ensure the revitalisation of Romani, in co-operation with the speakers, in particular by developing an adequate and sustainable model of teaching in/of Romani, by improving the training of Romani teachers and the production of teaching materials;
4. take measures to increase awareness and tolerance in the society as a whole vis-à-vis the regional or minority languages of Finland and the cultures they represent.

The Committee of Ministers invites the Finnish authorities to submit the information on the recommendations for immediate action by 1 September 2025 and the next periodical report by 1 March 2028.[1]

[1] See Committee of Ministers' decisions CM/Del/Dec(2018)1330/10.4e, and "Outlines for the periodical reports on the implementation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages to be presented by the States Parties", CM(2019)69-final.