

Recommendation CM/RecChL(2018)5 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 3 October 2018
at the 1326th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

In accordance with Article 16 of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;

Bearing in mind 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;

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

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

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 the Sami languages, also outside the Sami Homeland, especially by providing permanent financing for language nests and adult education;
2. take further measures to ensure the accessibility of social and health care in Swedish and in the Sami languages;
3. increase and improve the training of Romani teachers, extend the production of teaching materials in Romani and increase the provision of teaching of Romani;
4. take measures to increase awareness and tolerance vis-à-vis the regional or minority languages of Finland.