
Recommendation CM/RecChL(2022)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Germany

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 23 November 2022
at the 1449th 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 Germany on 16 September 1998 and the declarations registered at the Secretariat General on 21 March 2003 and 7 January 2021;

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

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Germany in its seventh periodical report, supplementary information given by the German authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Germany 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 German authorities on the content of the report of the Committee of Experts;

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

1. strengthen the educational offer for Sater Frisian, North Frisian, Lower Sorbian, Low German and Romani;
2. ensure that a sufficient number of adequately trained teachers for regional or minority language education is available;
3. take further measures to strengthen the offer of media in regional or minority languages;
4. strengthen the use of regional or minority languages in the administration in practice.

The Committee of Ministers invites the German authorities to submit the information on the recommendations for immediate action by 1 January 2024 and the next periodical report by 1 July 2026.¹

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.