
Recommendation CM/RecChL(2022)6 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Switzerland

*(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 Switzerland on 23 December 1997;

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

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

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

1. adopt cantonal and/or local legislation on the use of the French and German languages in public life in the municipalities where they are non-official minority or majority languages;
2. take additional measures promoting the use of the Italian and Romansh languages in economic and social life.

The Committee of Ministers invites the Swiss authorities to submit the information on the recommendations for immediate action by 1 June 2023 and the next periodical report by 1 December 2025.¹

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.