

**Recommendation RecChL(2007)4
of the Committee of Ministers
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Hungary**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 June 2007
at the 999bis 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 Hungary on 26 April 1995;

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

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

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

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

1. take resolute measures in language planning for Romany and Beás with a view to starting effective teaching of and in these languages at all appropriate stages;
2. improve the financial situation of minority language education and increase the stability of resourcing;
3. actively promote the establishment of further bilingual schools at all stages of education with a view to moving from the model of only teaching the language as a subject to bilingual education in Part III languages, increase accordingly the number of teachers able to teach subjects in these languages, and set up the dedicated monitoring mechanism envisaged by Article 8, 1(i) of the Charter;
4. take steps to ensure that the relevant local and regional authorities (which the Hungarian authorities are urged to identify in accordance with the previous recommendation of the Committee of Ministers) implement the obligations under Article 10 of the Charter, and specify those judicial districts where measures have to be taken with regard to the obligations under Article 9 of the Charter;
5. improve the offer of minority language programmes in the media, in particular by allocating a suitable radio frequency as well as developing and financing a comprehensive scheme for the training of journalists and other media staff using minority languages;
6. improve the conditions for the transferral of educational and cultural bodies and institutions to minority self-governments.