
Recommendation CM/RecChL(2018)2 of the Committee of Ministers on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Austria

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 4 April 2018
at the 1312th 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 submitted by Austria on 28 June 2001;

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

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

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

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

1. adopt a structured policy for the protection and promotion of all minority languages, especially in Vienna, and create favourable conditions for their use in public life;
2. include in the general curricula an adequate presentation of the history and the culture which is reflected by the regional or minority languages in Austria;
3. take practical measures for the use of the Burgenland-Croatian, Hungarian and Slovenian languages before the relevant judicial and administrative authorities;
4. secure adequate funding for newspapers in Burgenland-Croatian, Hungarian and Slovenian.