

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2015)4
of the Committee of Ministers
on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages by Norway**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 15 September 2015
at the 1235th 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 Norway on 10 November 1993;

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

Bearing in mind that this evaluation is based on information submitted by Norway in its 6th periodical report, supplementary information given by the Norwegian authorities, information submitted by bodies or associations legally established in Norway and the information obtained by the Committee of Experts during its on-the-spot visit;

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

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

1. implement a structured policy for Kven, giving priority to offering education and to strengthening the presence of Kven in the broadcast media;
2. increase efforts to provide teaching in/of Lule Sami and South Sami, including the development of curricula and teacher training;
3. continue to raise awareness of and develop positive attitudes towards Romanes and Romani, and strengthen their offer in education.