

**Recommendation CM/RecChL(2012)8
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 28 November 2012
at the 1156th 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 declaration made by Norway on 10 November 1993;

Having taken note of the evaluation made by the Committee of Experts on 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 fifth periodical report, supplementary information given by the Norwegian authorities, information submitted by bodies and associations legally established in Norway and 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 authorities of Norway take account of all the observations and recommendations of the Committee of Experts and, as a matter of priority:

1. ensure that social and health care institutions within the Sámi Administrative District, particularly in relation to elderly people, offer services in North Sámi;
2. adopt a comprehensive structured policy for Kven, combined with an action plan, in co-operation with the speakers;
3. clarify the status of the Lule and South Sámi languages in relation to Parts II and III of the Charter;
4. continue their efforts to provide teaching in/of Lule and South Sámi, including the development of teaching materials and teacher training;
5. strengthen the efforts to develop positive attitudes towards the Romani and Romanes languages.