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Council of Europe publishes report on minority languages in Switzerland

Strasbourg, 12.03.2008 - The Council of Europe Committee of Ministers has today made public the [third report](#) on the situation of minority languages in Switzerland.

On the basis of this report, the Committee of Ministers calls on Switzerland to:

- ensure that the introduction of Rumantsch Grischun in schools is done in a way which has a positive impact on the protection and promotion of Romansh as a living language;
- take the necessary measures to strengthen the use of Romansh in dealings with Romansh-speakers by the cantonal administration and by municipalities;
- pursue the dialogue with the representatives of the Yenish-speakers with a view to applying the Charter.

This report has been drawn up by a committee of independent experts which monitors the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

The full text of the report and the Committee of Ministers' recommendations can be downloaded from the Charter's website: <http://www.coe.int/minlang> ("Documents" section).

Further information can also be found on the Charter's website, or by contacting the Charter Secretariat (Minlang.secretariat@coe.int – Tel: +33(0)3 88 41 31 86).

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