

Article 6

**The Republic protects
linguistic minorities with
appropriate measures.**

This article deals with linguistic minorities.

A linguistic minority is a small community that speaks a different language to the official one. An example of a linguistic minority would be French and German people living in Valle d'Aosta or Albanian people living in Calabria.

In order to protect linguistic minorities, their languages are used for teaching, in state affairs, official acts of regional and local entities, local administration and courts, topographical indications and on radio and television programmes.

It is a basic principle because the victorious powers of the Second World War gave some territories to Italy on the condition that she provide protection to the linguistic minorities.