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The foundation European Language Rights launched its "It Kin Net" campaign, which is Frisian for It Can Not. Purpose of our campaign is to rise the general public's awareness about the undeniable right of the Frisian National minority of having an own identity.

Through the ratification of the Strassbourg Convention for the Protection of national minorities the Netherlands is obligated to promote the conditions necessary for persons belonging to the Frisian minority to maintain and develop their culture, and to preserve the essential elements of their identity, namely their religion, language, traditions and cultural heritage.

By law the Frisian minority enjoys protection against cultural colonialism, forced assimilation, ethnic discrimination and language racism. The European Charta of regional languages even broadens the legal protections, by ensure the free use of the Frisian language and to encourages its usage in public life.

Legally Frisians are also subject to the principles of equality.

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