


REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY

Internal control of secondary artistic education with reduced teaching time in the French Community



The Belgian Court of Audit conducted an audit on the secondary artistic education with reduced teaching time. This non-compulsory education scheme is open to both children and adults and covers plastic arts, dance, music, speech and theatre. The purpose of the audit was to assess to which extent the French Community can control the application of the legislation setting out the objectives of this subsidised education scheme and the related management framework.

The Court found shortcomings in the internal control system of the general education administration, in particular as regards the accounting control of operating grants and registration fees.

Moreover, the French Community is not in a position to verify that the objectives set by the Parliament have been achieved or that the number of places available in educational institutions and their spreading on the whole territory make it possible to meet the cultural demand.

The Court's recommendations are aimed at strengthening internal controls and developing procedures to monitor the performance of this education scheme.