

REPORT SENT TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY COMMISSION

The integration programme for foreigners organised by the French Community Commission – Implementation and financing



The Belgian Court of Audit examined the integration programme for foreigners organised by the French Community Commission. This programme includes language courses and aims to facilitate the integration of newcomers residing in the Brussels territory.

The Court observed that the operational management of the integration programme is generally efficient. The administrative control exercised over how subsidies, accreditations and conventions are granted is satisfactory. However, the programme's steering cannot be efficient given the lack of clearly objectified political guidelines and corresponding indicators. Furthermore, the information system does not allow for the programme to be assessed from a quality or efficiency perspective.

The entry into force of the mandatory programme on 1 June 2022 has raised numerous questions on its future implementation. Budgetary, operational and strategic risks will have to be contained.

The Court formulated recommendations on these main findings. Among others, the information system should be strengthened and guidelines should be defined to steer the programme.

During the adversarial debate, the Minister for Health and Social Action stated that the report seems to contain interesting recommendations to be taken into consideration for the ongoing adoption of the new system. Apart from his administration's technical remarks, he made no other comments.