

PRESS RELEASE

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22^d Report of the Court of Audit presented to the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region and to the Brussels' United Assembly of the Joint Commission for Community matters



The first part of the 22^d Report of the Court concerns the Brussels-Capital Region and includes five sections.

The first section examines the implementation of the 2015-2016 budget of the Brussels-Capital Region. The evolution of the budget balance, the financial balance, the revenues, the expenses, the outstanding amount of commitments and the debt of the Region are analysed. The Court of Audit found that the financial balances drawn up by the national accounts institute (*ICN/INR*) matches the objectives, namely a balanced budget from an ESA point of view during the 2014-2019 term.

In the second section, the Court of Audit presents the results of two thematic audits. When it comes to the non-profit organisation Iristeam, the Court finds that the rules concerning sound human resources management are being observed. However, it expresses reservations with regard to the equal status for IT and administrative staff and the identical financial advantages resulting from this.

As regards the public procurement contracts of the fire and emergency medical service (*DBDMH/SIAMU*), the Court of Audit concludes that the internal control is too weak and shows many shortcomings, such as some basic principles concerning public procurement are not correctly taken into account.

The next two sections of the 22^d Report concern the certification of the general account of the government services and of the accounts of the administrative services. First, the Court of Audit discusses the certification assignment and then goes through the certified accounts, briefly pointing out some findings from the control reports.

The last section includes a summary of the last control reports concerning institutions of which the accounts do not have to be certified.

The second part of the 22^d Report deals with the general accounts 2014, 2015 and 2016 of the Joint Commission for Community Matters. The Court of Audit abstained from giving an opinion, because the data it received during the audit were insufficient and inadequate; as a consequence, the Court of Audit could not be reasonably sure about the lawfulness, truthfulness and faithfulness of the accounts.

Information for the press

The Court of Audit exerts an external control on the financial operations of the Federal State, the Communities, the Regions and the provinces. It contributes to improving public governance by transmitting to the parliamentary assemblies, to the managers and to the audited services any useful and reliable information resulting from a contradictory examination. As a collateral body of the Parliament, the Court performs its missions independently of the authorities it controls.

The 22^d Report of the Court of Audit presented to the Parliament of the Brussels-Capital Region and to the Brussels' United Assembly of the Joint Commission for Community Matters, as well as the press release, is available (in French and Dutch) on the Courts website (www.courtofaudit.be).