


REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY

Management of student allowances

 The Belgian Court of Audit has examined whether student allowances have been granted in a lawful manner by the French Community to less well-off students and has looked into the checking procedures implemented by the administration.

Because of the complexity of the applicable provisions and the length of the procedure, the checks carried out by the administration sometimes lead to reimbursement claims of student allowances that may have been received several academic years before. Moreover, for lack of compliant files, the Court has not always been able to determine whether the financial and pedagogical conditions laid down in the regulation had been met.

In view of such findings, the Court has recommended that the administration review the regulation as a whole, implement a project setting up help desks for claimants, improve record keeping and assess control effectiveness.