


## REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BRUSSELS-CAPITAL REGION

### Grant programme for housing renovation and façade enhancement in the Brussels-Capital Region



The Belgian Court of Audit checked whether grants for housing renovation and façade enhancement in the Brussels-Capital Region have been correctly allocated and justified in the first place and whether they have been recovered when necessary. The Court's intent was also to verify that the deadlines set by regulations or recommended by good practice have actually been met. Finally, the Court tried to ascertain that identical operations in other sectors (such as heritage protection and conservation or energy saving) have not been subsidised more than once.

The administration does not have the appropriate tools, so that the Court was unable to confirm the regularity of the grants. Possible or proven subsidy errors have however been noted in one fifth of the sample files. Furthermore, the calculation software uses an incorrect calculation method for one of the work items that must be taken into account when calculating the grant amount, resulting in over-subsidisation. The fact that the administration does not have an efficient software generating cross-cutting data that could be used for steering processes and managing files proactively, makes it difficult for the said administration to carry out its missions properly.

Consequently, the new software under consideration should be implemented as soon as possible in order to take over part of the administration's manual tasks and generate management data. Meanwhile, the administration must continue to develop its internal control system and revise the regulations, in particular by adapting the current draft decree.