

REPORT TO THE WALLOON PARLIAMENT

Audit of the Walloon Energy Commission (CWAPE)



The Walloon Parliament instructed the Belgian Court of Audit to write an audit report on the Walloon gas and electricity regulatory commission CWAPE.

The Court has found that the tasks entrusted to CWAPE are in line with those expected from an energy sector regulator.

Besides, the conditions for guaranteeing the independent, impartial and transparent functioning of CWAPE, as required by the European directives, have generally been met since the supervision of CWAPE by the legislative branch. However, in a regulatory environment characterised by a high degree of technicality and facing constant change, the supervisory role vested in the Walloon Parliament can be complex. The Court has then checked whether the independence bestowed upon a regulator was actually enforced at the different stages of the budgetary process.

The Court has also examined whether CWAPE has sufficient means and powers to perform its tasks. The comparison with another regulator has not revealed any evidence of excessive resources or powers entrusted to the Walloon regulator with regard to its tasks and the configuration of the Walloon energy market. The budgetary requests seem to be well-founded but CWAPE's financing model needs to be improved.

Finally, the Court has analysed how efficiently the Walloon regulator has used its resources. The internal control set up within the organisation globally meets the decree and regulatory requirements.