

SUMMARY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE

Policy on preventing and combating addictions in the Brussels-Capital Region



The Belgian Court of Audit has examined the public policy on preventing and combating addictions in the Brussels-Capital Region, focussing on aspects such as the identification of needs, the setting of objectives, the performance of the steering process, the coordination, and the legality and regularity of the granting and payment of subsidies.

The current public policy against addictions is not sufficiently supported by a coherent set of strategic and operational objectives for the whole Brussels-Capital Region.

For this reason, the results of the Court's audit on the implementation of the measures against addictions and the various subsidy mechanisms designed to support the process cannot provide reasonable assurance that the policy has been carried out effectively and efficiently.

Although the identification of needs is mainly based on a bottom-up feedback approach, the information is collected by several sources and forwarded to the national and European levels, with no regional body being designated to correctly identify the needs based on the data gathered and, if necessary, prioritize them so that the most appropriate response can be provided.