



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **French Community Commission: *Implementation of internal control procedures related to subsidies***



The Court of Audit has examined the general organisation of the internal controls carried out by the French Community Commission and, particularly, the quality of its internal control over the subsidisation process.

The Court notes that several recommendations of its first report from January 2008 have not been implemented and that some problems that had already been identified in 2008 are still unresolved: shortcomings in the granting and monitoring process of subsidies, poor security of payments and recovery of unduly paid amounts, risk of multiple subsidisation, etc.

Since the completion of the Court's latest audit work, the French Community Commission has taken measures to eliminate the existing shortcomings and an internal control department has been created. However, a provision of the 2019 general expenditure budget still states that the internal control decree, which is being drafted, will not be applicable in 2019.

#### ***Information for the press***

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The audit report on the *Implementation of internal control procedures related to subsidies granted by the French Community Commission* has been sent to the French Community Commission Assembly. This report (in French) and the press release are available on the Court's website ([www.courtofaudit.be](http://www.courtofaudit.be)).