


## Report to the Federal Parliament : Medical Misadventure Fund – Organisation and Functioning



The Belgian Court of Audit has examined to what extent the Medical Misadventure Fund has achieved the goals set in the Medical Misadventure Act (2010) and whether the regulatory and organisational framework provides the Fund with sufficient guarantees to perform its missions. The audit has demonstrated that the goals have not yet been achieved and that the Fund's organisational and work processes experience problems. Only one in every ten victims of medical misadventure turns to the Fund. Moreover, the victims must wait four years in average before receiving the Fund's opinion. In the few cases where the Fund guarantees a compensation, payment is made with extreme difficulty. The Fund's operating costs are disproportionately high considering the limited number of claims resulting in compensation.

The Court has made recommendations regarding the Fund's administration and its claim management and has pointed the need for a back-to-basics approach in the long run. The Fund's regulatory framework and mission must be further assessed, a task in which the management committee plays an essential part.