


## REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY

### Management and financing of health promotion at school by the “Office de la naissance et de l’enfance”



The Belgian Court of Audit examined how the “Office de la naissance et de l’enfance” (ONE – Birth and Child Office in the French Community) manages and finances health promotion at school, including notably student health check, prophylaxis, detecting communicable diseases, collecting health data and promoting health as well as a health-enhancing environment.

The Court assessed whether the objectives assigned to the ONE regarding health promotion in the compulsory education system have been achieved.

It noted that the objective with respect to equal access to effective and efficient school health services cannot be met because of a significant shortage of doctors in rural and low socio-economic areas. This shortage can be explained by multiple factors which were analysed in the report. It also affects the quality of the missions.

Moreover, the ONE and the centres for psychological, health and social assistance at school do not communicate sufficiently. These centres are in charge of promoting health in schools organised by the French Community.

In this context, upgrading the status, the remuneration and career opportunities for school doctors could remedy the current shortage. In addition, a pool of mobile doctors could cover low socio-economic areas lacking of general practitioners.