


Report to the parliament of the french community

Public service continuity of primary education in the french community



The Belgian Court of Audit performed an audit on the extent to which the public service continuity of primary education is ensured, which is governed by decree. This implies the presence of teachers in classrooms throughout the year.

The French Community is responsible for managing the education system. It ensures that the teachers assigned to schools by both public and private organising authorities are paid and sets out the rules for how the education system must work.

The Court of Audit points out that the French Community, while aware of the teacher shortage, can only make limited observations. The French Community is unable to estimate the number of teaching hours that were not given during the year due to a lack of supply teachers.

The Court of Audit also finds that the impact of the measures implemented by the French Community to tackle the shortage is hardly measurable. Moreover, those measures run alongside others aimed at improving the supervision of pupils.

The Court of Audit recommends monitoring the measures taken and exploring additional avenues for reform, such as reforming the monitoring of absenteeism, managing the applications for positions through IT and examining whether the standards for opening and closing schools are still up to date.