

## **SUMMARY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE**

### **Report to the Parliament of the French-speaking Community Steering by the French-speaking Community of European funds for the recovery and resilience plan**



The Belgian Court of Audit examined how well the French-speaking Community has steered the European funds for the recovery and resilience plan. These funds should finance 4.5 billion euros of Belgium's plan. The envelope allocated to the French-speaking Community under this plan amounts to 378 million euros.

The Court found that the French-speaking Community has set up an ad hoc steering mechanism which, as it pointed out, has incurred consultancy expenditure.

Besides, the existence of an administrative steering mechanism is no guarantee that all the revenue expected from the European Union will be collected. In particular, investing in the renovation of school buildings entails the risk that the expenditure will not be refund by the UE on the grounds that deadlines may not be met.

The Court also noted the complexity of demonstrating to the EU that its standards have been met, particularly in preventing conflicts of interest or double subsidies. This is due to the many stakeholders – including the organising educational authorities – involved in implementing the measures.

The Secretary General of the Ministry and the Minister-President of the Government of the French-speaking Community have taken note of the report's content.