

This department is in charge of:

- **handling requests for work permits** and professional cards for foreign workers
- **inspection of companies** regarding compliance with legislation concerning the use of foreign workers
- **handling requests for reimbursement** for paid educational leave and for the Fund for Professional Experience
- **granting subsidies** to projects aimed at supporting employment
- **authorization of private employment agencies** (temping, recruitment and selection, outplacement) and verification that legal obligations are observed
- **authorization and funding of social enterprises**
- **authorization of service voucher companies**
- **inspection** of private employment agencies and service voucher companies
- **performing discrimination tests** during recruitment procedures

The controls are carried out by the [Regional Employment Inspection](#).

Key annual figures

- Around 14,000 work permit requests examined
- 1,450 requests for reimbursement of paid educational leave and a budget of 12 million euros
- 212 million euros dedicated to the system of service vouchers

and almost 400 companies approved to operate with service vouchers in the Brussels-Capital Region

- Over 9 million euros to support the social economy
- 600 accredited private employment agencies in the Brussels-Capital Region
- Recognition and funding of 108 companies and not-for-profit organisations in the social economy
- Nearly 3,000 interventions at employers

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