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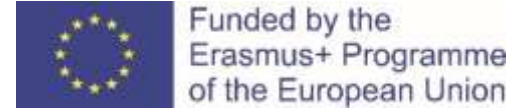
Prison education in Flanders

Education behind Belgian bars

Vocvovw

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Belgian context



Complex structure: 6 governments in one country

Federal state Belgium

a. Matters of public interest

b. Justice, Health, Social security, defense, foreign affairs, home office, finance, ...

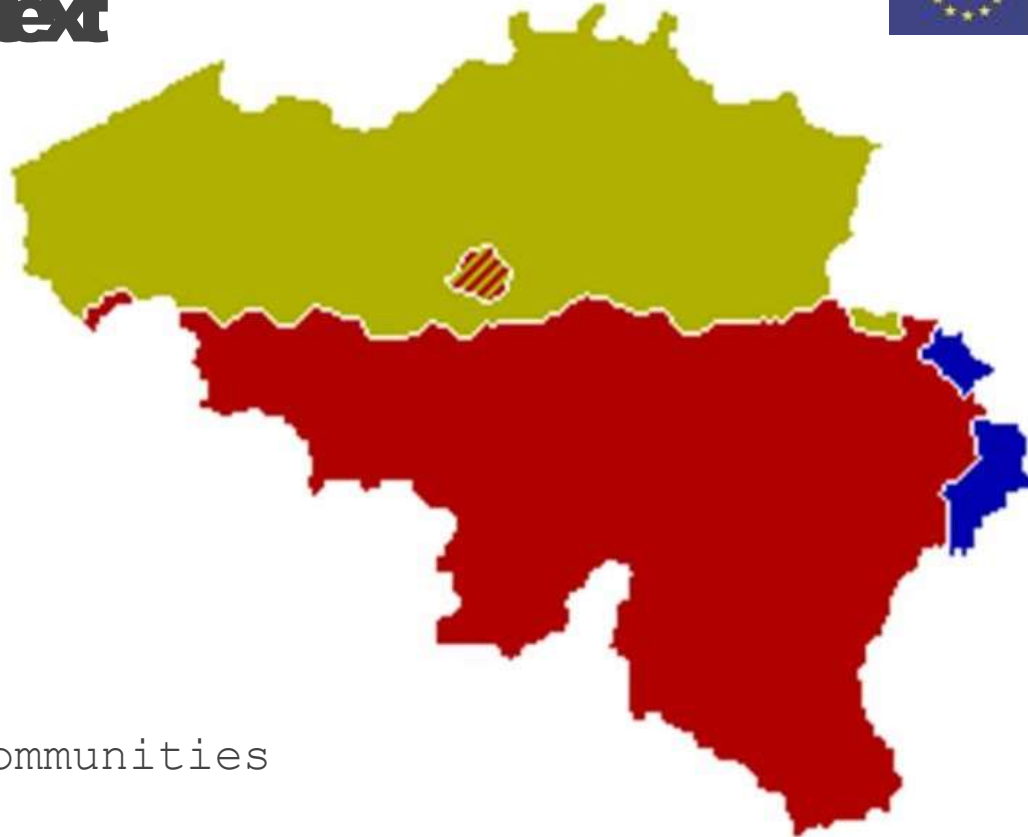
3 language communities: Flemish-speaking, French-speaking, German-speaking

a. Matters of personal interest

Belgian context



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3 language communities

Belgian context

3 regions: Flanders, Wallonia, Brussels

a. Matters of regional interest

b. Economy, environment, agriculture, energy, transport

Flemish-speaking community and Flanders => one government

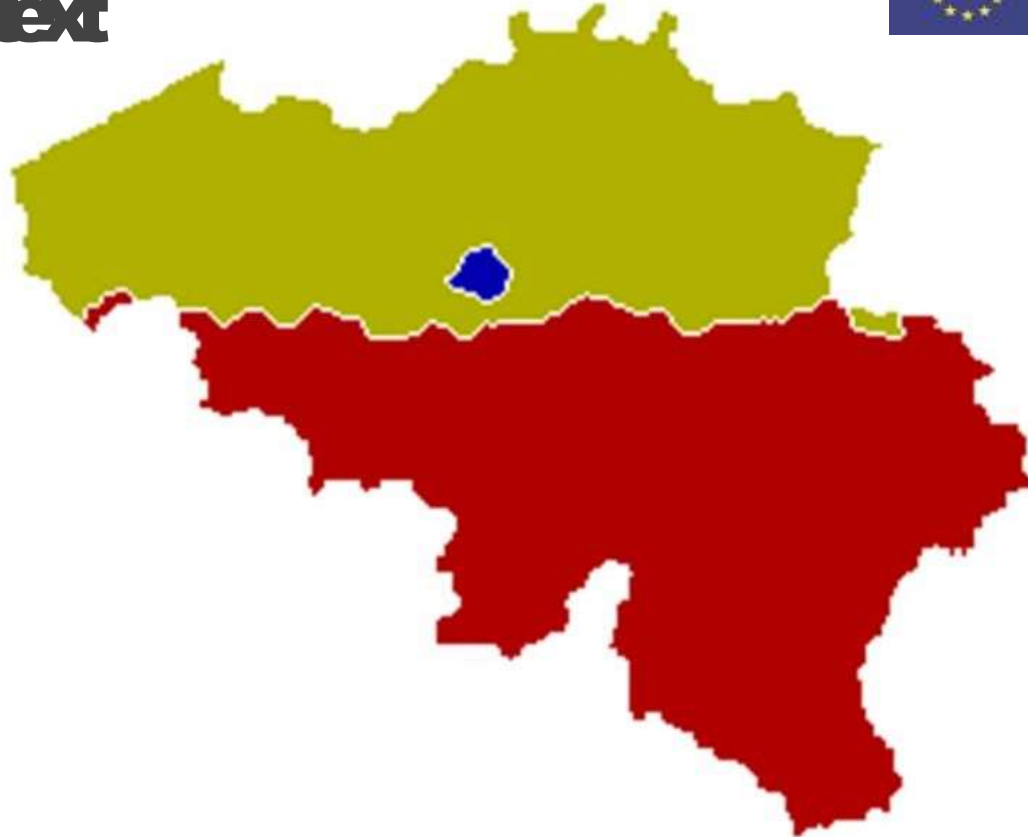


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Belgian context



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3 regions

Flemish competences in federal prisons



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Justice (prisons) = federal responsibility

Education, welfare, sports, ... = Flemish responsibility

2013: Flemish legislation about assistance and services for
prisoners + cooperation between Flanders and the federal
state

Philosophy:

Prisoners are still entitled to their human rights

The only right they have lost is freedom

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Implementation of this philosophy

Prisoners can't reach the services outside

Flanders has the responsibility to bring the outside world into prison
- same quality - voluntary basis

Flemish initiative (not in Wallonia)

Flemish policy areas involved

Education

Culture

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Professional roles foreseen in the decree

policy assistant: 1 full time coordinator from the Ministry of Welfare
in each prison

individual welfare counsellors

administrators (schedules, rooms, participation lists, ...)

Additional roles subsidized by the Ministry of Education

education coordinator

bringing outside schools for adult education and teachers inside
prison

Questions?

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