

Unfolding simplification beyond drawbacks



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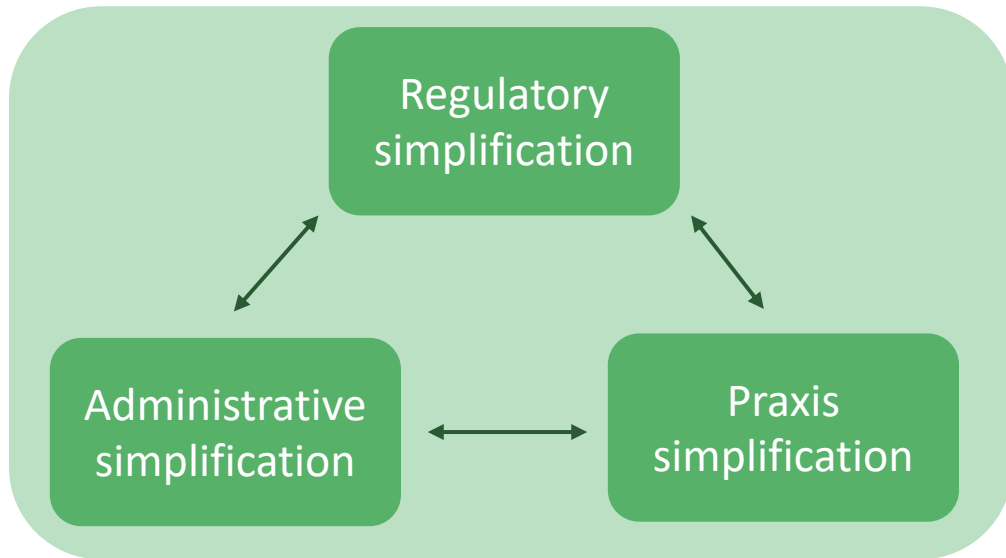
Simplification

...is high on the political agenda

...can lead to an EA practice coming closer to or further away from the objective of the EA regulation

....can mean different thing





Reasonings:

1. Increased efficiency
2. Increased quality and effectiveness
3. Reduced complexity

Making sense of EA simplification (‘Simplification triangle’)

Case 1

'Committe for simplifying and modernizing EIA rules' (2012-2015)

One law for EIA and SEA

Unified digital portal for EIA application

Thresholds values

Mandatory scoping

Case 2

'The Law Compass' (2015-2017)

Support to having one EA law (and for more resort)

Integrate Habitat Directive in the EA law

Case 3

'Thresholds values for EIA' (ongoing)

Thresholds for EIA and SEA

Case 4

'Digitalizing EA' (2020-2023)












Store EA reports and suppl. data on public platform

Open access of EA relevant baseline data + expand with new data

Datamine in past reports for future EA practice

Integrate SDGs for more objective-led EA

Situating the four cases in the simplification triangle

	Administrative simplification	Regulatory simplification	Praxis simplification
Efficiency	 		
Effectiveness and quality	 		
Complexity		  	

*“There is a need to be aware of and avoid **oversimplification**, where simplification brings us away from what EA is supposed to contribute”* Kørnøv and Lyhne, 2023

And at the same time not miss the opportunities to bring us closer

**Thank you
for your
attention!**

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