# Unfolding simplification beyond drawbacks



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## Simplification

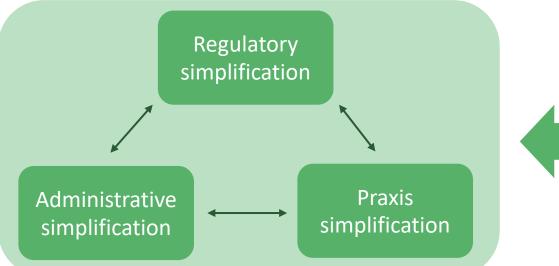
....is high on the political agenda

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

....can mean different thing







# Making sense of EA simplification ('Simplification triangle')

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### Reasonings:

- Increased efficiency
- . Increased quality and effectiveness
- 3. Reduced complexity

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#### ABSTRACT

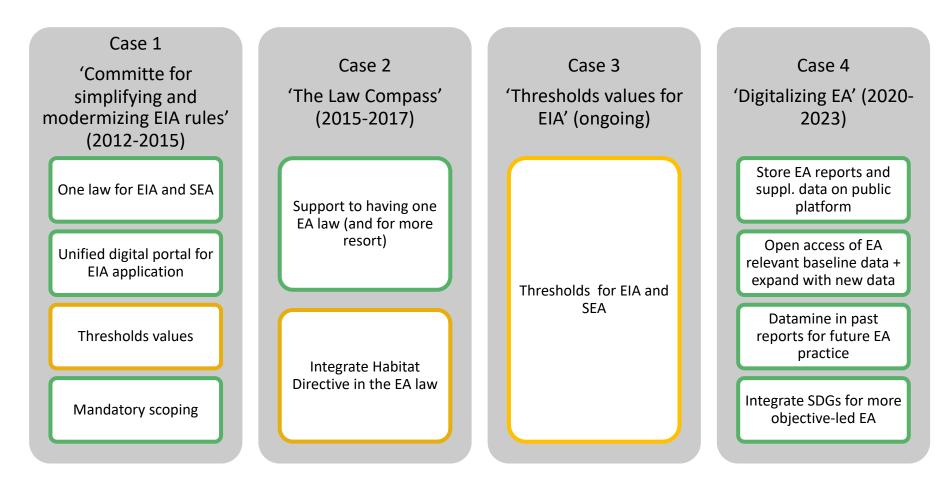
The need for simplifying Environmental Assessment (EA), and potential that simplification holds, has not only been raised by policymakers but also by scholars. Despite recent years' focus and increased push for simplifying EA world-wide – hereunder argued because of the need for accelerating climate investments and green transition – and the fact that simplification is not a new agenda, studies exploring types and effects of simplification remain scarce. Although there is potential in simplifying EA world-wide – which and be an raised including the risk of 'oversimplification. This letter outlines different reasoning behind simplification or types of simplification is illustrated and discussed through four Danish cases, which reveal simplifications an utulfaceted sct of processes for which we need a more precise terminology. The reasoning and types of simplification presented in this letter may offer a basis for communicating the nature of the simplification presented in this letter may be facing – or needing.

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# Situating the four cases in the simplification triangle

	Administrative simplification	Regulatory simplification	Praxis simplification
Efficiency	3 4	2	4
Effectiveness and quality	14	1	4
Complexity	123		



"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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