

# Unfolding simplification beyond drawbacks



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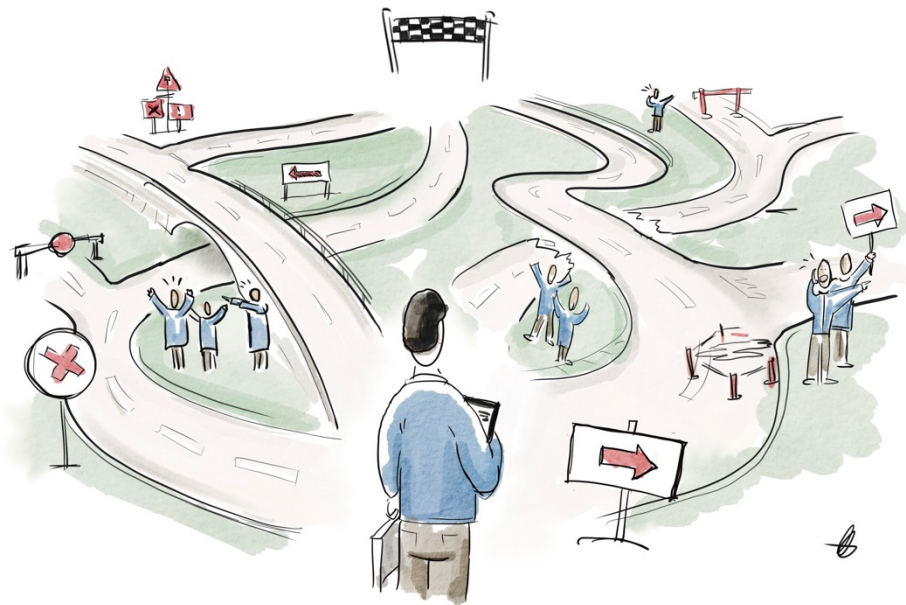


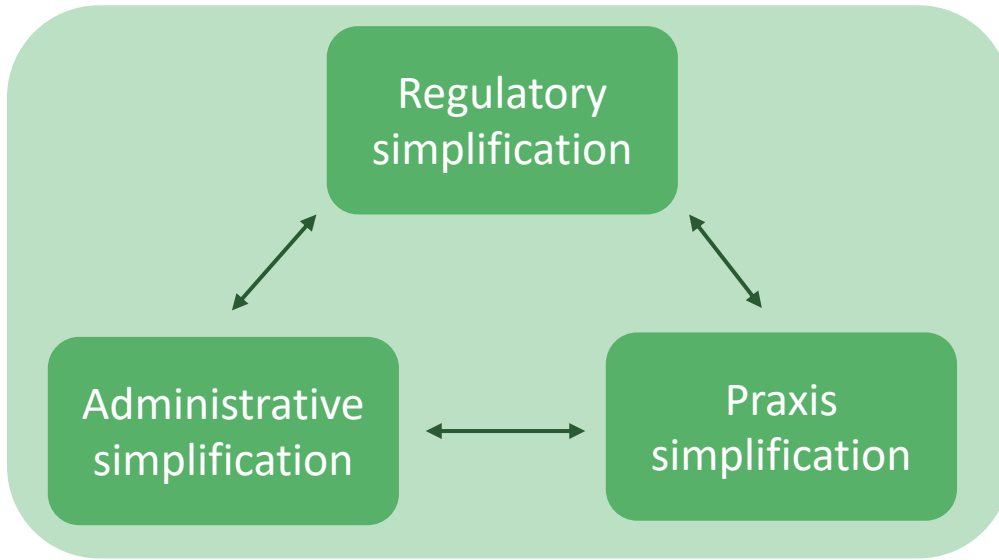
# Simplification

...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

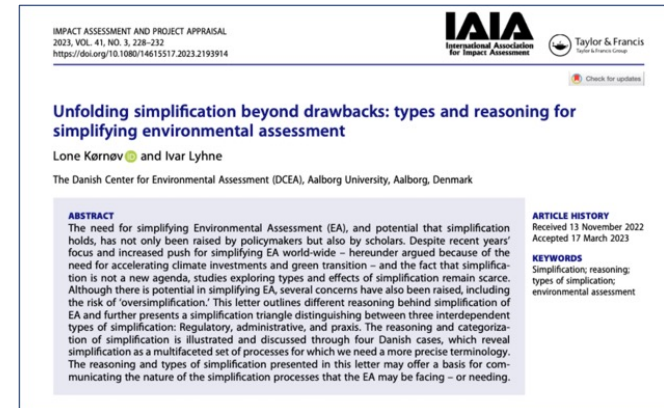




### Reasonings:

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	3	4		2		4
Effectiveness and quality	1	4		1		4
Complexity			1	2	3	

*“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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