

Future Policy Directions for Administrative Burden Reduction (Why Is Administrative Simplification So Complicated?: Looking beyond 2010)

Chapter 2 presents policy options in line with trends and developments and provides policy makers with guidance on possibilities and common mistakes to be avoided when designing, undertaking and evaluating administrative simplification programmes. The report finds that the focus of administrative simplification projects should be broadened. Governments should quantify administrative burdens and set quantitative targets for their reduction, however quantification should be used cautiously and complemented by qualitative methods. Administrative simplification should be integrated and co-ordinated with other activities in the area of regulatory reform. Efficient institutional structures for co-ordination and monitoring of administrative simplification projects should be created, and communication with stakeholders must be strengthened. Last but not least, administrative simplification efforts should be evaluated for their "value for money". An evaluation strategy should be developed before launching the project.

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