

Report to the Federal Parliament :

Administrative simplification – Performance of the Belgian Agency for Administrative Simplification and implementation of the federal action plan



The Belgian Court of Audit has examined to what extent the federal administrative simplification policy has been correctly piloted, the federal action plan for administrative simplification is a useful instrument and the goals have been achieved.

The Court's audit has demonstrated that the concept of administrative simplification has not been sufficiently developed and translated into well-substantiated and coordinated goals. Combined with poor regulatory and political support, this explains the lack of impact of the Belgian Agency for Administrative Simplification's actions. None of the successive federal action plans have been assessed. The ten guidelines provided for in the fourth federal action plan (2015-2019) have hardly been implemented due to a lack of decisions and resources, scattered responsibilities and merely binding actions.

The Belgian Court of Audit recommends, under an integral government-wide vision, to strengthen the policy framework and better guide the administrative simplification policy, to improve the action plan as a steering and coordination instrument and to strive for more policy-relevant monitoring and comprehensive reporting.