THE GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE CASE DATABASE

ENABLING RESEARCHERS TO SHARE HIGH QUALITY CASE STUDIES

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ADVANCING COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE



Collaborative governance generates **enormous interest** from scholars and practitioners. However, the study of collaborations is **limited by the extensive work** required for high quality case studies, making it harder to collect sufficient cases and conduct **more robust analyses**.

The collaborative governance case database provides a free **common pool** resource for researchers **to share high quality case studies**, enabling them to share, collect, and analyse **larger numbers of case studies**.



The first case contributions and publications are already underway. All researchers can now join and use the database to get more from their case studies and expand their analyses.

MORE VALUE AND IMPACT FOR YOUR CASE STUDIES



Add a case, get access to the full database of cases for your own research. Adding a single case gives access to dozens of other relevant cases.



Add a case, get cited by other researchers using your case for their analysis. Database contributions are peer-reviewed and are referenced when used.



Use the case format from the database as a platform for joint research projects, mobilizing colleagues to collect data about specific themes or types of cases

PROCESS ENSURES QUALITY AND RECOGNITION



 Researchers submit case descriptions using the standardized format



Cases are checked on clarity, consistency and credibility by peers



3 Approved cases from all researchers are stored in the online database



4 Participating researchers select cases from database relevant for their analysis



• Resulting publications cite the cases used

DATABASE WELCOMES DIFFERENT TYPES OF CASES

Database uses broad case definition

"A set of actors collaborating on a shared issue over a specified time period within a given geographical space."

The database allows contributors to chart the evolution of a collaboration overtime.

If the actors, issue, or geographical scope change drastically, the data may also be entered as separate but related cases.

Database welcomes diversity of cases

All types of collaborative governance cases from all policy domains are welcome.

Cases may involve a collaboration between two or more government entities, only nongovernment entities, or a mix of the two.

Cases may represent successes or failures or something in between.



Not sure if your case would fit the database?

Please contact us with your idea, we are happy to help!



FORMAT SUPPORTS DIVERSE THEORIES AND METHODS



Wide range of themes covered by case format allows use of different theoretical frameworks, with themes including:

- Case context
- Starting conditions
- Institutional Design
- Leadership
- Collaborative Process
- Accountability
- Outputs and outcomes



Researchers get full access to quantitative and qualitative data from all the cases in the database, enabling diverse methods:

- Most Similar/Most Different comparisons
- Medium-N fuzzy set QCA
- Large-N statistical regressions
- Time-series of evolution of collaborations
- Coding using qualitative answers
- Etc.

FORMAT GATHERS DIVERSITY OF DATA ON CASES

Survey uses diverse types of questions to collect various types of data

Multiple choice questions

| 16. How was the collaboration first initiate | d? |
|--|--------|
| Self-initiated by participants | • |
| Self-initiated by participants | |
| Independently convened by a third party Externally directed by law or authority Don't Know Select | a r |

- Long form open questions
- 21. Please describe in max. 600 words the (a) the prehist how the collaboration was initiated, (c) the sense of it the incentives to collaborate, (d) any significant chan

The process started off in a very adversarial way. Rec the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to court to force it to species and further court cases followed to try to stop t stakeholders were very antagonistic towards one anoth the collaboration was initiated by Clark County Govern

• Likert scale questions

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|---|---|---|-------|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| | | | Score | | | Don't know | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |

Contributors also report their confidence rate

| 20. How confident do you feel the answers you provided reliable, and rooted in data and observation? | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reasonably confident | | | | | | |
| Select | | | | | | |
| Highly confident | | | | | | |
| Mostly confident | | | | | | |
| Reasonably confident | | | | | | |
| Not very confident | | | | | | |

RELEASING FIRST CASES AND PUBLICATIONS

Over **25 authors** are adding more than **40 initial cases**, covering a diversity of countries and policy domains. The database will be officially launched with a **Special Issue** of *Policy & Society* in autumn 2020, containing articles introducing and using the database.





The Special Issue articles and the initial 40 cases will be **open access** so that researchers can get a first taste of the database. This also means that lecturers can use the 40 cases as part of their **teaching materials**. However, further cases will only be accessible to contributors to the database.

GET INVOLVED: ADD A CASE, START A PROJECT



Researchers who contribute cases to the database right now will have **early access** to all the 40 cases before they become available in autumn 2020. They will also have **full access** to the further cases being added, giving them access to a range of cases to expand their comparisons and analyses.

We are keen to support all research projects using the database, from a campaign to collect specific cases or data (e.g. law enforcement cases or leadership data) and preparing Special Issues (e.g. focusing on environment policies) to any other creative idea you may have.



The database belongs to the research community. Please contact Scott Douglas (s.c.douglas@uu.nl) to contribute your case and start your project.