Public administrations at various levels have developed meaningful tacit knowledge on intersectoral collaboration, currently recognized as state of the art in the treatment of horizontal issues.

This special issue is intended to add more explicit knowledge on some dimensions of these practices. It will focus particularly on intersectoral collaboration experiences involving organizations and institutions operating both in different sectors (health, education, economic development, environment, security, culture…) and in different spheres (public, private, non-profit).

Four main themes, partly interrelated, will be addressed:

- How is intersectoral collaboration programmed? How is it built in organizational life? Is it taken into account in decisional processes, in job descriptions, in performance assessment?

- What is the impact on innovation and efficiency? What is the evidence on the impact of intersectoral collaboration on innovation and effectiveness improvement?

- How can it better succeed? Can generic factors be identified for successful implementation of intersectoral collaboration, such as a specific type of leadership, a collective learning process, the degree of constraint in sectoral involvement, symmetry in collaboration at different spatial scales, etc.

- Does intersectoral collaboration change the organization? Does it have long-term impacts on institutional design? Is it progressively formalized? Are the participating organizations explicitly accountable for their contributions to the collaborative efforts, in addition to their specific sectoral responsibilities?

Papers can present the results of research and/or experience (successful or failed); they can also propose critical insights about the actual practice or new tracks of experimentation.

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