Governance of Sport and Physical Activity Policy Implementation Networks: Key determinants, configurations and processes

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How can sport and PA policy be governed effectively?

A wicked problem is characterized by:
- Difficulties in defining the problem
- High inter-dependency and social complexity
- Never-ending

Chapter 3: Sport and PA policy, a wicked problem

Chapter 4: Strategies for sport and physical activity policy implementation

Chapter 5: New Public Governance and Sport and Physical Activity Policy

Chapter 6: Collaborative and Public Networks

Chapter 7: Network governance

Chapter 8: Network effectiveness

Public Management Paradigms:
- Public Administration (PA)
- New Public Management (NPM)
- New Public Governance (NPG)

Types of collaboration with the government
- Co-production
- Co-management
- Co-governance

Network types
- Cooperative networks
- Coordinated networks
- Collaborative networks

Types of network governance
- Shared governance
- Lead-organisation governance
- NAO-governance

Main features
- A shared concern
- Inter-dependencies among members
- A unique structural arrangement

Theoretical model of network effectiveness
- Contextual determinants
- Structural determinants
- Managerial determinants
How can collaborative networks, as strategic approach to the wicked problem of sport and PA, be governed effectively.

- Empirical research on whole networks is still limited
- Especially in the context of Sport and PA is research on collaborative network rare
- Lack of comprehension of network determinants of network effectiveness.
- Need for comparing multiple networks to enlighten the key differences or find patterns of success.
- From management perspective, governance processes are interesting to unravel as these will also impact network effectiveness.
- Further insights are requested into the role of governments in collaborative networks.
## Specific Research Questions

RQ1 (study 1): What determinants influence the network effectiveness in sport and PA?

RQ2 (study 2): How are the determinants of network effectiveness interrelated for network collaboration in sport and PA?

RQ3 (study 2): Is there equifinality in network effectiveness for sport and PA implementation networks?

RQ4 (study 2): What are the key antecedents and managerial determinants in collaborative public networks for sport and PA implementation?

RQ5 (study 3): How is network governance influenced by perceptions of (inter)dependencies and power dispersion?

RQ6 (study 3): What strategies can address the challenges caused by the perceptions of interdependencies and power dispersion in the network?
How can collaborative networks for sport and PA be governed effectively?

Article 1: Critical success factors for physical activity promotion through community partnerships

Article 2: A Comparative Study Of Health Promotion Networks: Configurations of determinants for network effectiveness

Article 3: Inter-dependencies and power dispersion challenges in elite sport networks

Conclusions
General conclusions

Collaborative networks can be applied for Sport and PA policy implementation in two different ways: implementation tool & governance tool

Critical success factors for network collaboration were revealed.

Interplay of determinants and equifinality of network effectiveness were empirically shown

Influences of interdependencies on network governance were analyzed and instruments to counter these influences were discovered
Publicaties
