

Special Issue

Economies of Scale and Collaboration: Financial Sustainability in Local Government

Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue will present research papers that assess the efficiency and sustainability of local government with a focus on issues concerning mergers, outsourcing and various types of collaboration. Authors are encouraged to submit papers that examine local government policies regarding different forms of collaboration and upscaling, incorporating efficiency gains due to economies of scale. We are particularly interested in papers with a focus on sustainability of service delivery and finance. A strong quantitative and empirical component is required, preferably including analyses based on methodologies such as Stochastic Frontier analysis and Data Envelopment Analysis. From a policy perspective the papers must contain clear policy recommendations. All types of local government services may be included.

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