



WG2 Case study profile

WG2 Thematic Group	WG2.2. Children and childcare
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Title of case study (and priority ranking)	Ambivalences of social innovations discourses and strategies in local childcare governance in the time of crisis.
Country/region/place investigated	Lille and Nantes in France
Social service sector(s) investigated <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children/Childcare 	France has a long tradition of national family and early childcare policies with a quite complex multi-governance implementation process. In this regard, local authorities and local providers of childcare services retain to a certain extent ability to invest, diversify and innovate within the local childcare system. In the face of growing expectations and demands on childcare services, diversification as well as innovation has been a strategies to combine multiple policy objectives in a context of persistence shortage of places.
Category of case study ('what' is investigated) <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsector/policy/programme (meso-level) Actor(s) 	The paper will compare : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution of the local childcare systems in terms of priorities, coverage rate, contracting modes; diversification in type of providers and services... Local discourses, strategies and coalition of the different policy makers and providers ; Position and influence of some innovative childcare practices and services.
Time frame considered <i>(from when to when)</i>	Last decade
Five 'perspectives' <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance social and/or territorial cohesion 	The paper will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predominance of quantitative issues and managerial practices over qualitative and innovative actions; Multi-governance tensions between family allowance office, local authorities and childcare providers; Work life-balance issue in relation with others childcare priorities; The reconfiguration of local dynamics and frameworks for considering innovation in childcare services.
Three processes in restructuring + crisis <i>(Erase non relevant ones)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rationalization/management reforms (NPM, others) Horizontal subsidiarity (involvement of/outsourcing to other suppliers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The autonomy of local childcare systems in the age of public spending restrictions The ambivalences of social innovation discourses and supports in the time of crisis. The contested monopoly of civil society over social innovation discourse and actions?
Specific questions/focus	To what extent do social innovative strategies participative in the restructuring of local childcare policies and services?
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	<i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> NO