



WG2 Case study profile

WG2 Thematic Group	WG2.2. Children and childcare
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Institution	University of Kassel, Institute for Social Work and Social Welfare
Title of case study (and priority ranking)	Networking in child protection systems
Country/region/place investigated	Germany, 1-2 metropolitan areas (east/west)
Social service sector(s) investigated (Erase non relevant ones) • Children/Childcare	<i>Short description</i> The case study looks at how the various actors involved in child protection interact in networks (in part voluntarily, in part as a legal obligation)
Category of case study ('what' is investigated) (Erase non relevant ones) • Subsector/policy/programme (meso-level) • Actor(s)	<i>Short description</i> The case study embraces organizational policies and individual strategies of those participating in a set of regional child protection networks, with the main focus lying on collaboration for interventions targetting endangered children under 6 years
Time frame considered (from when to when)	<i>Short description</i> recent experience (2010-2013)
Five 'perspectives' (Erase non relevant ones) • Cost efficiency/quality/user satisfaction • Governance • Labour conditions of social workers	<i>Short description</i> The analytical end-point are findings on the relations between organizational or individual orientations and the nature of the networks and their operations, under conditions of a hybrid governance system; hence, the analysis scrutinizes payoffs and stumbling blocks of network-based forms of social intervention
Three processes in restructuring + crisis (Erase non relevant ones) • rationalization/management reforms (NPM, others) • <i>Horizontal</i> subsidiarity (involvement of/outsourcing to other suppliers)	<i>Short description</i> Key (re)structuring forces are: NPM as a background to the overall regulatory scheme and complex relationships between co-actors involved in the governance process
Specific questions/focus	<i>Short description</i> the tension between competition and collaboration in a hybrid governance context (containing quasi-markets elements)
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	<i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> NO