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## THE INTRICACIES OF META-ORGANIZATIONS, EGOS SUBTHEME 37

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Growing contemporary phenomenon of collective action among organizations

Meta-organizations, meta-meta-organizations

Understanding dynamics of meta-organizing, of partial organizing at the level of MOs

Still challenging as a community to position ourselves regarding other concepts and literatures: inter-organizational relations, networks,...

But some top recent publications, great signal for the community (Organization science, several prizes ...)



Among others:

- The **origins** and motivations for creating meta-organizations
- **Specificities** of meta-organizations and meta-organizing (compared with organizations and organizing), **categories** or **families** of meta-organizations
- **Comparative analysis** of meta-organizations and their landscapes (countries, regions...)
- **Change** and **dynamics** of and in meta-organizations
- **Power** of, power over and power to (resources, decision making, etc)
- **Coopetition** (among members, MO/members, MO/MO)
- **Complexity** of meta-organizations and meta-organizing for individuals
- Role of meta-organizing in the **governance** of organizations (grand challenges)

## RECENT LITERATURA AND IDEAS FOR TARGET JOURNALS



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- Spillman, L. (2017). Meta-Organization Matters. *Journal of Management Inquiry*, Online Preview.
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- ... and many more, including great conference papers !

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And come see us in Edinburgh 😊 😊 😊



+ Planning a paper development workshop in Toulouse School of Management in early 2019

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