Report: Colation formation and political bias: Evidence from French municipalities

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This paper investigates empirically the determinants of the formation of an inter-municipal cooperation by using a panel data base coming from more than 1,000 municipalities of the Brittany region in France. The statistical method builds upon a spatial probit analysis. One result is that this cooperation is more frequent when the political colour of potential cooperators is the same. I have a little concern about the fact that 80% of the data are coming from small municipalities which very often do not have any political colour. The relationship authors establish between the first round of presidential elections as a proxy for the local colour in order to explain the determinants of cooperation is very disputable, although I am not a specialist of this topic.