

## **Measuring The Effects of SINERGIA Programme on Scientific Collaboration**

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### **Abstract**

SINERGIA programme is one of the funding schemes of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The main goal of the programme is to promote collaborations among research groups affiliated to different research institutions. It is common belief that two scientists can do together more than the sum of what they can do alone. Productivity of the two scientists benefits from sharing ideas, discussing and interacting together (Katz and Martin 1997). To evaluate the contribution of SINERGIA to collaborations among scientists, we consider co-authorship as a proxy for scientific collaboration and we ask: Does an awarded SINERGIA project foster co-authorship? Does an awarded SINERGIA project enlarge the “home group” co-authorships network? We use a novel database including all SINERGIA projects, funded and not-funded, in the time period 2008-2012.