**Number:**

Project Number. There are 522 (521) projects in the data set. Instead of a long number, I have taken the line number as their indentification.

**Programme:**

There are 4 different programmes in which the projects can be implemented, namely; Highlands and Islands ERDF, Highlands and Islands ESF, Lowlands and Uplands ERDF, and Lowlands and Uplands ESF.

ERDF programmes are more focused on business support and regional development. While ESF is more focused on getting people into work – focusing on the development of education, skills, life long learning.

**Priority**

Within each fund there are specific priorities. Within Scotland there are 13 different priorities. Namely:

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| OP | Fund | Priority | Objective |
| H&I | ERDF | 1 | Enhancing business competitiveness, commercialisation and innovation |
|  |  | 2 | Enhancing key drivers of sustainable growth |
|  |  | 3 | Enhancing peripheral and fragile communities |
| H&I | ESF | 1 | Increasing the workforce |
|  |  | 2 | Investing in the workforce |
|  |  | 3 | Improving access to lifelong learning |
| L&U | ERDF | 1 | Research and innovation |
|  |  | 2 | Enterprise growth |
|  |  | 3 | Urban regeneration |
|  |  | 4 | Rural development |
| L&U | ESF | 1 | Progressing into employment |
|  |  | 2 | Progressing through employment |
|  |  | 3 | Improving access to lifelong learning |

**Dependent variables:**

The projects are assesd based upon their financial spending and achieved outputs. All projects before they begin set how much they will spent, and how much of which output they will achieve.

**Absorption.Capacity.2:** is a percentage of their financial spent.

**Percentage.achieved:**  is a percentage of their achieved outcomes.

**Independent variables**

**These are network variables calculated in Pajek.**

* **Degree.Centrality**: Count of the number of partners in the project.
* **Eigenfactor:** Centrality measure of the project based on the centralities of its partners
* **Betweenness.Centrality**: the extent to which the project connects parts of the network that otherwise would not be connected
* **Cohesive.Subgroup**: the extent to which the project is embedded in the network.
* **LADC:** The number of projects in which the lead applicant is also a lead applicant.
* **ProjDC:** The number of projects in which the lead applicant is a partner in a project.
* **BTC:** Betweenness centrality of the lead applicant- to what extent is the lead applicant a connecter of parts of the network that otherwise would not be connected.
* **EVC:** Eigenfactor centrality of the lead applicant: To what extent is the lead applicant connected to projects with lots of partners.
* **Kcore:** To what extent is the lead applicant embedded in the network.

**Control variables:**

* **Approved.Intervention.Rate:**

the set percentage of the project that’s is allowed to be funded by the ERDF or ESF.

* **Grant.Award:**

The amount that is actually awarded to the project

* **total.actual.spend:**

The amount of money the project actually spent, including the fund but also other match funding.

* **New.Type.Organisation**:

Type of lead applicant

* **Type.Expenditure:**

Is the project a capital or expenditure project. There are differet eligibility criteria for the different projects.