Government agencies have attempted to overcome the problems of ineffective public services and financial crisis by cooperating with other organizations. They have utilized various ways of collaboration such as public-private partnerships and contracts with non-profit organizations to provide citizens with advanced public services. Collaborative governance can increase organizational resources and foster efficiency and effectiveness in dealing with unpredictable environment. In this research, I explore the impact of collaborative governance on the performance of government works through literature review. The literature in collaborative governance shows the positive impact of collaboration on performance. In addition, the performance of the collaborative governance is influenced by diverse elements of networks which in turn influences the outcomes at various levels.

1. The Performance depending on Fields

Each field uses different measure of performance based on its goals:
- Emergency Management
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Health Care
- Environmental Governance

Researchers examine how diverse elements of networks influence collaborative networks.
- The number of actors
- The ways of collaboration
- Relationship among network members

2. The Perception as a Measure of Performance

Performance often is measured not only through objective indicators but also through perceptions of citizens or network members.

- Span et al. (2012) measured the components of networks through several indicators, but measured the results of performance through subjective perceptions.

3. The Performance depending on Network Structures

The network performance explores the network structures, relations, and individual shapes of networks. The network itself is considered as an outcome of collaborative governance. The measurement of network contribute to increasing performance of specific goals of policies or social services by expecting the network members' positive behaviors and designing a new network structure.

- Kapucu and Garayev (2014) showed how the different network structures, a horizontal and a vertical structure, resulted in the expected structural and positional performance at emergency management.
- Kapucu and Demiroz (2011) analyzed the outcomes of the collaborative network through the relationship structure and processes of an inter-organizational governance network.

Although collective actions occasionally bring a negative impact on the performance, many collaborative governance researches show the positive impact of collaboration on performance. Today's many researchers conclude that the performance of the collaborative governance is influenced by diverse elements of networks such as structures, managers’ characters, and informal relations, and contingency factors. At the same time, collaborative governance itself influences the outcomes of multi-level, at this point, collaborative governance or collaborative networks seem to challenge the improvement of the performance and the measure of the performance.

Collaborative governance research seems to expand their research scopes and methods by diversifying the level of research questions. They have studied how organizations increase the effectiveness of the corporation, and reduce the side effects of it. In addition, the increasing collective actions between organizations require scholars to study conflict management related to the network governance.