**S2 Table. Interpretation of ERGM configurations**

a) Structural configuration (circles = organizations, squares = projects)

| **Parameter** | **Graph configuration** | **BP Net code** | **Interpretation** |
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| k-stars |  | SA2 | Network activity (variance in degree distribution). Tendency for projects to include more partners (SA2, SA3). Propensity of organizations to be more active, i.e. to participate in more projects (SP2, SP3). |
|  | SP2 |
|  | SA3 |
|  | SP3 |
| Alternating-stars |  | KSA | Dispersion of projects / organisations degree distribution. Centralization in projects (KSP) and organisations (KSA) degree distribution.  Popular project / organization has an increased probability of receiving further ties. |
|  | KSP |
| Three-path |  | L3 | Potential closure. Tendency for organisations to participate in popular projects. |
| Four-cycle |  | C4 | Full bipartite closure. Tendency for participating in conservation clusters (given that an organization already collaborates in a project with another organization, there is a tendency to collaborate in a second project with that organization). |

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| **Parameter** | **Graph configuration** | **BP Net code** | **Interpretation** |
| Alternating-two-paths | … | KCA | Dispersion of affiliation sharing distribution. Tendency for organizations to share multiple projects (KCA) and for projects to share multiple organizations (KCP). |
| … | KCP |
| Edge-cycles |  | ECA | Interaction between closure and activity. Organizations (ECA) or projects (ECP) hubs tendency to be involved in closed structures. Hubs are nodes with degree *h*+2, where h is the number of nodes liked by four-cycle structure (in our graph configuration *h*=1). |
|  | ECP |
| Alternating-edge-cycles | … | AECA | Centralization in activity associated with closure. A greater centralization for degree distribution of organizations (AECA) or projects (AECP) that are part of a closure structure. |
| … | AECP |

b). Binary attribute effects. (circles = organizations with attribute, squares = projects, empty circles or squares = elements with or without attributes)

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| **Parameter** | **Graph configuration** | **BPNet code** | **Interpretation** |
| Organizational type density |  | *Attr*-RA | Tendency for an organizational type (with the respective attribute) to form ties, regardless of the attributes of the linked node. |
| Across-type bridging for organizations |  | *Attr*-TsoA1 | The tendency for the respective organizational type to connect to projects implemented by different organizational types. |
| Within-type bridging for organizations |  | *attr*TsoA2 | The tendency for an organizational type to connect to projects involving same types of organizations. |