

Collective Work: Best Practices for Collaborative Investigative Reporting

Planning Investigative Collaborations

The more time invested in planning, the better. Below are questions to consider.

- What is the scope of the collaboration?
- What are the anticipated contributions of each organization?
- What is the plan for working together throughout the process?
- How do collaborators prefer to communicate?
- How will the project be managed?
- How will information and findings be shared?
- How will content be shared?
- What are the anticipated obstacles? And how might they be resolved?
- How will the editorial, fact-checking, legal review and publication processes work?
- How will the consistency of information and key facts be insured?
- How will the collaboration be branded and publicized?
- Who will follow up on breaking news related to the story, post-publication?
- How will the project be submitted and credited for awards?
- How will revenues (if you're lucky enough to have any) be shared?

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