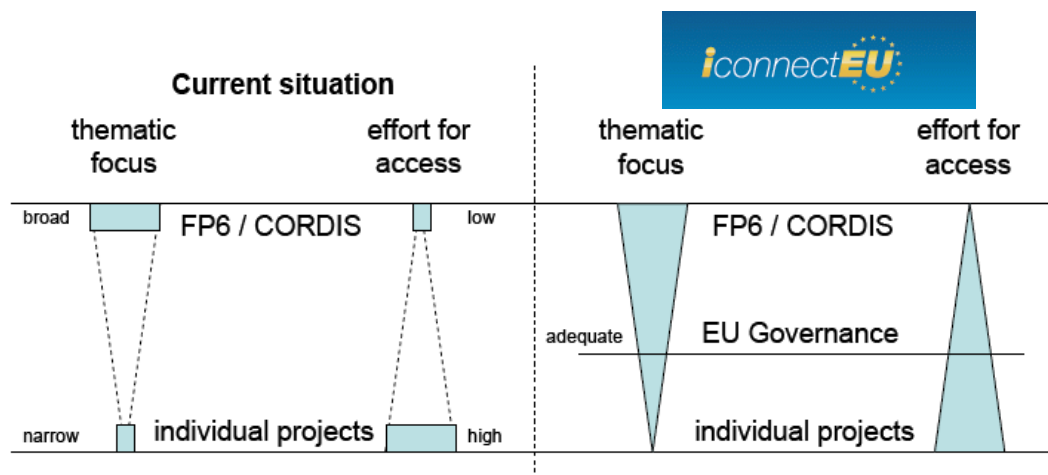


**IConnectEU** (speak: I connect You) aims at increasing the visibility and impact of collaborative research in Europe by improving the dissemination of and the accessibility to research outcomes from projects with similar topics and audience. For such projects, a joint platform for disseminating their outcomes is not available yet. This has negative effects on visibility, accessibility and sustainability for the projects themselves as for the public which wants to access these outcomes.

The objective of **IConnectEU** is therefore to create a generic infrastructure for joint dissemination activities across thematically related projects, consisting of a software platform, a reference model for integrated dissemination, and guidelines on how to implement the infrastructure in different domains. The **IConnectEU** infrastructure creates a layer of access to thematically related research which is positioned at an intermediate level between the CORDIS database holding all EU funded research and the individual projects' web sites. By defining this layer from a thematic perspective rather by formal criteria, **IConnectEU** seeks to define a topical broadness which is adequate for a user's information need and which reduces the efforts for accessing the needed information in comparison to existing systems.



Eight projects funded in the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme under Priority 7 “Citizens and governance in a Knowledge-based society” and dealing with the broad topic of Governance in the EU serve as a use case for creating a pilot portal which integrates their currently unconnected dissemination activities. The portal is available at [www.iconnecteu.org](http://www.iconnecteu.org) and includes a thematically organized catalogue with the actors, activities and results of the projects. This includes information about the participating institutes and researchers, their activities (e.g. workshops and conferences), and their results (e.g. publications, databases, statistical data etc.). All information is interconnected and interlinked, supporting navigation and browsing across all projects and types of information.

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