CONNEX is a network of excellence in the field of social sciences funded by the European Union within the Sixth Framework Programme of Research. It is dedicated to the analysis of efficient and democratic multilevel governance in Europe and will have a duration of four years.

Multilevel governance stands for the high interdependence of political responsibilities executed at regional, national and European level. Efficiency and democratic accountability is needed because it is the very foundation of legitimate governance. 41 partner institutions from 23 European countries and more than 170 scholars cooperate within the network. The consortium is coordinated by the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), a research centre at the University of Mannheim, Germany.

CONNEX seeks to integrate independent fundamental research and to mobilise outstanding scholars from different disciplines to deepen our knowledge on European multilevel governance and to build a Europewide research community which stands for scientific excellence. It also aims to contribute to the public debate on the future of European governance.

Its objectives are reflected in the following 3 tasks:

**Task 1**: to provide information and easy access to accumulated knowledge (stock-taking)

**Task 2**: to integrate research on the conditions and instruments of efficiency and democracy in a multilevel system

**Task 3**: to disseminate state of the art knowledge and to communicate with the wider world of academia, policy makers and other possible users of this research.

**Research Structure**

The joint programme of activities is focusing research on 4 core thematic areas, organised in 6 research groups:

**Research Group 1**  
**Institutional dynamics and the transformation of European politics**  
(Morten Egeberg - University of Oslo)

**Research Group 2**  
**Democratic governance and multilevel accountability**  
(Deirdre Curtin - University of Utrecht)

**Research Group 3**  
**The citizens’ perception of accountability**  
(Michael Marsh - Trinity College Dublin)

**Research Group 4**  
**Civil society and interest representation in EU-Governance**  
(Beate Kohler-Koch - University of Mannheim)

**Research Group 5**  
**Social capital as catalyst of civic engagement and quality of governance**  
(Frane Adam - University of Ljubljana)

**Research Group 6**  
**The transformation of the European policy space**  
(Renaud Dehousse - Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris)

**Main Activities**

1. **Conferences and workshops**  
   Organized by the members of the research groups in accordance with the CONNEX joint programme of activities. See CONNEX website for the list of past and forthcoming workshops and conferences at:  
   [www.connex-network.org](http://www.connex-network.org)

2. **Training**  
   Research internships, conference support, summer schools and training workshops all available to young scholars and PhD students interested in the field.

3. **GOVDATA**  
   Free online research project database containing information on nearly 1600 separate research projects conducted between 1994 and 2005.  
   [www.connex-network.org/govdata/](http://www.connex-network.org/govdata/)

4. **GOVLIT**  
   Free online database of academic literature on European Governance with bibliographic information on over 2500 articles, books, reviews and other materials.  
   [www.connex-network.org/govlit/](http://www.connex-network.org/govlit/)

5. **EUROGOV Papers**  
   A peer-reviewed working paper series focusing on European Governance research.  
   Published online at:  
   [www.connex-network.org/eurogov/](http://www.connex-network.org/eurogov/)

6. **LREG: Living Reviews in European Governance**  
   The articles published by this innovative E-journal are continuously kept up to date by their authors. Fully electronic and available at:  
Partner Institutions:

1. University of Mannheim, Germany
2. Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris, France
3. University of Utrecht, Netherlands
4. University of Oslo, ARENA, Norway
5. University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
7. Panteion University Athens, Greece
8. University College Dublin, Ireland
9. University of Sussex, UK
10. University of Rome, Italy
11. Uppsala University, Sweden
12. University of Leuven, Belgium
13. Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, Austria
14. Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
15. University of Twente, Netherlands
16. Darmstadt University of Technology, Germany
17. Uni. Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
18. University of Turin, Italy
19. Athens University of Economics, Greece
20. University of Hagen, Germany
21. Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Grenoble, France
22. University of Leiden, Netherlands
23. University of Lausanne, Switzerland
24. London School of Economics, UK
26. IMEMO, Moscow, Russia
27. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
28. Queens University Belfast, UK
29. University of Bristol, UK
30. University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
31. University of Konstanz, Germany
32. University of Roskilde, Denmark
33. Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania
34. Birbeck College, London, UK
35. Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
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