

NEW TRENDS IN THE TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENTS ON THE RECENT TRANSFORMATION OF HUNGARIAN TERRITORIAL STATE ADMINISTRATION

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ABSTRACT: *The topic of this study is the assessment of the recent developments in the territorial (“intermediate”) institutional system of Hungarian public administration, the main embodiment of governmental authority in the realm of territorial public administration. In the following pages, I embark on to find out whether there exists an international trend in the evolution of state administrative systems, and if it does, how is it related to Hungarian methods and regulations.*

My conclusion is that while the effective Hungarian regulations tend to be similar to international tendencies in their basics, they are far from being identical. They are rather parallel phenomena: similarly to foreign trends, Hungarian tendencies of development aspire to reimagining the territorial representation of the government; the methods, however, are substantially different.

I am fully convinced that besides retaining their classic roles in public administration, the current financial-economic crisis will transform the territorial bodies of government to a strategic agent of local social-economic tendencies.

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