

# IS VIRTUAL REALITY REALLY NECESSARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DIGITAL READINESS IN A HUNGARIAN CONVERGENCE REGION

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**ABSTRACT:** *Nowadays it has a special importance to analyze the e-services systems provided by the local authorities given the fact that these public administration authorities are situated in the closest place to the civil society. That is why it is practical and very useful to develop the structure and possibilities of the e-government solutions, which can be available at the local authorities. We have to take into consideration also the smaller villages, cities and bigger county-cities and county governments, as well. In our information society municipalities have to take actions to ensure a high standard of transparency and privacy protection declared by statutes. An attempt is made to evaluate their status from the point of information rights.*

*Furthermore, it is also an obligation - not just the right - to ensure the best public e-services that are available nowadays. In our research, we try to focus on the different types of e-*

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*solutions that can be used on the different levels of the public administration (local authorities, county-level, central organisations). However it is also very important to use "just" those e-services, which are considered useful, helpful by the clients, which can really make their administrative procedures faster and easier.*

*This research scope probably can help the further developments in the forming and ameliorating of the Information Society of different countries, especially the Hungarian model.*

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