

**NEW TENDENCIES IN E-GOVERNMENT  
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION<sup>1</sup>**

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**ABSTRACT:** *In this article, I would just like to show some new tendencies, methods, which were developed and introduced in the recent years, especially in Hungary regarding e-government developments. It is impossible to show all of them, so I try give a short overview with some examples. If we rely on the Status and trends in the development of e-government secretariat document<sup>2</sup> as a base issued by the United Nation's Economic and Social Council on 7-11 April 2003, we can conclude the analyse of a society as follows: „the nature of governance hinges to a great extent on the performance and behaviour of the Government. Governments are public organizations through which societies pursue development objectives”<sup>3</sup>. We can describe their main functions as seeking legitimacy by articulating consensus reached by the sovereign body. Also responding to society's needs, demands and proposals (via aggregating those needs, demands and proposals and producing solutions<sup>4</sup>). Finally making itself accountable to the oversight body (via transparency)<sup>5</sup>.*

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<sup>2</sup>United Nations, Economic and Social Council, : Committee of Experts on Public Administration Second session New York, 7-11 April 2003 Agenda item: Enhancing the capacity of public administration to implement the United Nations Millennium Declaration Status of and trends in the development of e-government,available: <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan010302.pdf>

<sup>3</sup>See above, page 3., point 4.

<sup>4</sup>See above, page 3, point 4.

<sup>5</sup>See above, page 3. point 4.

<sup>6</sup>See above, page 3., point 5.