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## **Governance Challenges of Contemporary Public Service Management**

After long decades of rather straightforward strategic goals in public service management, new global trends emerge. The economic crisis of 2008-2009 clearly indicated the beginning of an era with different political priorities, transforming fiscal policy objectives and governance methods. In the relatively narrow field of public services one can witness spreading mistrust in private sector participation, increasing need for stricter regulations, desire for re-municipalisation of outsourced local services, greater public pressure for improved transparency and anti-corruption mechanisms, better use of technology and effective environmental protection.

### **Academic and policy research**

The “[Public Service Research Group](#)” (PSRG) at the University of Debrecen focuses on the administrative, financial, regulatory and management aspects of these issues. The PSRG project was launched in 2012 with the financial support of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Its main focus is on the territorial aspects of public service provision, by investigating the key dimensions of intergovernmental relations, such as administrative structures, ownership and finances, sectoral priorities and the impact of the European Union.

So far the Public Service Research Group has published five comprehensive [books](#) with [several studies](#) on regulatory models, sectoral analysis of utility services, public education, social services, urban planning, administrative services and on law enforcement. Each research paper has a special emphasis on the transforming role of the European Union legal, regulatory and financial instruments. The PSRG project aims to actively reach out to the broader professional community and the public audience, as well.

### **The “Public Goods& Governance” blog**

In 2015 July the expert network of PSRG has launched a popular blog on “Public Goods and Governance”(PG&G): <http://www.kozjavak.hu/>. The blog – in parallel to the research project – aims to analyze and discuss the latest developments of public service management and governance paradoxes both in Hungary and in its global environment, as well. The blog is committed to the values of democratic state and modern market economy. Its mission is to provide a public forum and to create a professional community for lively discussions, which facilitate ideas and formulate recommendations on various topics of widely interpreted public service management.

During the first year on the Hungarian version of the blog 110 articles have been published, with several commentaries on the most interesting and challenging briefs. The [English version](#) of the PG&G blog was started recently, but already has twelve articles. The blog also runs a bi-lingual news section focusing on the related reports of the Hungarian and the European media.

## **Invitation to authors**

The blog statistics show that on the average an article was read by 815 visitors and the most interesting texts were read by more than ten thousand people. The blog is used as an information source on public service management, so the readers often return to an article well after its actual publication.

The typical articles of the blog are short one thousand-word-long messages. All the published materials are under the PG&G blog's copyright. They are automatically uploaded in the Hungarian [repository of scientific publications](#) but can be submitted to the international [Social Science Research Network](#), as well.

We invite the interested authors to contribute to the English version of the “[Public Goods & Governance](#)” blog. Please send your article to the Editor ([bartha.ildiko@law.unideb.hu](mailto:bartha.ildiko@law.unideb.hu)).

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