



# **The role of the Hungarian National Association of Local Authorities (TÖOSZ) in the provision of e-government at local level in Hungary**



# The brief introduction of TÖOSZ

- **The foundation of TÖOSZ**

TÖOSZ was established on 10 March 1989, the number of settlements was 152 when established.

Now in 2005 more than 1700 local authorities participate in the work of the Association.

- **The functioning of TÖOSZ**

National interest representing organ, created for the collective representation and promotion of the rights and interests of local authorities

BUT TÖOSZ differs from the other representing associations – oldest, largest and it comprises all types of local authorities (villages, large village, town, town with county rights, and county)

# The primary tasks of TÖOSZ are in particular

- promotion of local self-government operation
- revealing, conciliating, mediating, protecting and representing interests
- encouraging the enlargement and successful operation of local authority assets
- professional and organizational support to the cooperation of local authorities
- conciliations concerning the budgetary decisions of the Parliament
- giving an opinion of draft acts and other state decision drafts
- exercising the right of presentation
- goodwill missions concerning debates between members
- participating in the international cooperation of local authorities, promoting international relations of the members
- organizing different services
- operating consultative, interest revealing and coordinating forums for the members
- promoting information flow and relations between members
- assisting members in case of grievances and in legal affairs
- promoting the social control of power exertion.



# TÖOSZ projects

- Cooperation between **the National Office of Territorial Development (OTH)** and TÖOSZ
- Cooperation with the **Hungarian Development Bank (MFB)**
- Cooperation with the **Human Resources Operative Program (ROP)**
- TÖOSZ is also cooperating with the **National Development Office (NFH)**
- The efficient cooperation of **the Ministry of Information Technology and Communication (IHM)** and local authorities, TÖOSZ became one of the coordinators of e-government strategy