

## 1 **Greek Data Protection Authority and e-governance after the crisis**

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3 E-governance is not simply a technologically advanced way of governing. It also  
4 embodies a new representation of the relationship between the administration and the  
5 citizens, that is an knowledge based administration open to the market and the civil  
6 society. For members states of E.U. it also represents a new paradigm of  
7 communication between E.U's organs and national administrative agencies, the  
8 network paradigm targeting to eliminate bureaucracy, to reduce costs and to exchange  
9 information in order to adjust policies.

10 Since it allows to gather and combine a limitless amount of information regarding  
11 the citizens its great advantages have to be balanced with respect of privacy and  
12 security measures which protect the citizens from the excessive exercise of public  
13 power and exploitation by the private one. The whole operation is being covered by  
14 the Data Protection legislation and it is supervised by national Data Protection  
15 Authorities. Greece disposes of a fully developed legislative framework. In addition  
16 its D.P.A. is one of the best examples which proves that independent administrative  
17 authorities are one major institutional tool to modernize administrative systems. .

18 E-governance has been introduced to the public dialogue and to some legislative  
19 texts especially after 2000. However e-governance has been considered as a remote  
20 target to achieve since the mere computerization of public services has been delayed  
21 and not because of the financial cost. The economic and political crisis have triggered  
22 a fast incorporation of e-governance in order to rationalize Greek administrative  
23 system's cost. The article will investigate the extend and the problems of this  
24 operation especially through the decisions of the Greek D.P.A. after the crisis.

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