

## **Preface**

Mobile telecommunication with its technologies and applications are making a revolutionary impact on the ways we live and on the ways organizations perform their activities. This technological impact is clearly accepted as a social phenomenon regardless of its source being just a series of developments in the business world or the developments related to the personal use. The public sector being pressurized both from the successful mobile business world and growing mobile society, is inevitably adapting and benefiting from the use of mobile technologies, devices and applications. Thus, some of eGovernment objectives and implementations are being replaced, supported or totally re-invented using mobile technologies.

Mobile Government, one of the evolving frontiers of eGovernment, deals with the study of these major social and technological changes in the public sector. As its importance is being recognized by many public and private sector experts, it is gradually establishing itself as a field of academic study and practice. The set of articles in this collection, some of the contributed papers to the Second European Conference on Mobile Government (EURO mGOV 2006), presents the work of various experts reporting recent developments in Mobile Government. Some of the topics covered include mobile technologies, the new media, social participation, mDemocracy, usability, architecture, security and safety, mHealth and so on. Some other papers concentrate on practical issues such as public private partnership, policy and regulations, and the influence of mobile business on mobile government. Yet, a few papers deal with understanding of current developments through surveys, examination of existing projects and success/failure factors, and comparisons related to issues in eGovernment and mGovernment such as integration.

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This collection aims to be useful to those working for private and public sector, and to those working as researchers at the academia. It will hopefully serve as another stepping stone in our efforts to create a mobile welfare for the benefit of our society.

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