

**Cafebabel Greece**

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**Year of Foundation** 2009

**Legal status** Non for profit civil company

**Countries of action** Europe and Turkey with a constant European interaction with other members of cafebabel network

## Mission and aims

CAFEBABEL GREECE: As technology speeds on, we fantasize increasingly!

Cafebabel Greece is the Greek Section of Cafebabel.com, a Pan-European socially networked and Participatory Media based in Paris, France.

As part of the Babelian network, Cafebabel Greece, based in Athens, is primarily a hub of /and about young people, young journalists, bloggers, students, entrepreneurs, intellectuals, political thinkers, artists that participate in the same community. In other words we are the place where people feeling, living, acting, thinking like Europeans can meet, exchange, share information, discover, write and read about Europe and Europeans at large.

Aims:

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The development, promotion and cultivation of the principles and ideas of the European Union, in an effort to create a European public opinion.

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The exchange of opinions and the activation between company members of the respective BABEL INTERNATIONAL organization, registered in Strasbourg, France, as well as of the respective groups, unions and companies located in the European Union – or outside of it.

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The improvement of relations between the members and the undertaking of joint actions with other EU companies, members of similar groups, organizations and bodies within the context of EU Principles and other International Organizations and Unions.

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The promotion of views on political, social, cultural, educational, environmental and other scientific matters.

## **Members & Governance**

Elina Makri, President

Giorgos Kokkolis, Vice President

Simos Rousianidis, Administrator of Treasury

## **Projects, activities (accomplished missions and on going actions)**

Cafebabel Greece has a vast experience in European journalism and international communication; communicating daily and nurturing relationships with contributors and its international network.

In the framework of these scopes and editorial missions, Cafebabel Greece participates since

2006 in “Europe on the ground” projects organized by [cafebabel.com](http://cafebabel.com) where 40 young journalists, photographers, photojournalists or videomakers are sent 'on the ground'. The aim is to un-“cover” our European cities.

On January 2011, in the frame of Orient Express Reporter -a large scale project to get citizens from EU and from South-Eastern Europe closer- [the Greek team organized a debate in Athens about the dispute over the name Macedonia](#) in order to bring grassroots awareness about the complicated political situation between the two countries which prevents them from cooperating.

On July 2011, the Athenian team organized in Athens one more EU project with [cafebabel.com](http://cafebabel.com), “[Green Europe on the Ground](#)” in order to valorize local, positive citizen initiatives that have emerged from environmental preoccupations and comparing this on a pan-European playing field.

Cafebabel Greece is the youth organization responsible for the dissemination in Greece of “[OurSpace](#)” project, a FOCUSED Web 2.0 platform, to support the active participation and real-time collaboration among the European youngsters.

The Greek team of [cafebabel.com](http://cafebabel.com) along with its journalists and bloggers, is responsible for the animation and the editorial part of the greek page of [cafebabel.com](http://cafebabel.com): [Athens.cafebabel.com](http://Athens.cafebabel.com)