

# Annual Report 2009



**Μουσουλμανική  
Ένωση Ελλάδας**  
ΓΙΑ ΙΣΟΝΟΜΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΙΣΟΠΟΝΤΕΙΑ



The Muslim Association of Greece (MAG) is a nonprofit association located in Athens, Greece, where approximately **700 000 Muslims live.**

Since its establishment in 2003, MAG has worked to bring together all Muslims in Greece and has exerted efforts to promote a **positive image of Islam and Muslims in Greece.**

The Muslim Association of Greece advocates for equality from the law and in society.

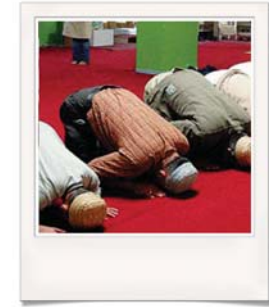
**Leading the national Islamic affairs in Greece,**

we work with the government to ensure the Muslim voice is represented.



## Our Vision: Mutual Respect

MAG strives for Islam to be a respectful way of life in Greek society.



## Our Mission: Official Advocacy

MAG is the official advocate for all national Islamic affairs in Greece.

## Our Method: Diplomatic Relations

MAG fosters diplomatic relationships with authorities for mutual understanding and positive change.



## Some Major Accomplishments

MAG successfully dealt with a 'torn Quran by the police' incident that gained major international attention by preventing intense riots and took the legal route gaining the respect of the entire society and restoring a good image of the Arab and Muslim community in Athens, despite some extreme voices who wanted blood and fire on the streets.

- ✿ Hosted both Eid prayers at the Olympic stadium for all of Athens
- ✿ Worked with many major international media networks as the official voice for the Muslims in Greece and Greek Muslims around the world
- ✿ Met regularly with Greek authorities for national Islamic affairs
- ✿ Launched the MAG website in three languages, launched the Ora Islam project and website as the first Islamic encyclopedia website in the Greek language, and launched the Euphoria project, a support program for Muslim converts



## Some Major Activities

MAG represented the Muslim community in Greece at several conferences including international conferences on Palestine in Milan, Istanbul, Athens, inter-religious dialogues, conferences for European Muslims in England, Istanbul, Netherlands, Kuwait, academic conferences such as the International Congress of the Aristotle University Faculty on integration of Muslims in primary schools, and unity and identity conferences with Shia Muslims in Greece.

- ✿ Coordinated intercultural programs with the Athens municipality
- ✿ Hosted Ramadan dinners with the embassies of Greece
- ✿ Co-organised Gaza demonstration events as members of 'Free Gaza' and 'A boat for Gaza'
- ✿ Hosted a tribute to the famous Quran reciter Abdul Baset Abdel Samad (Quran recitation event) at Al Salam Mosque / Afghani Cultural Center

## Services



- advocacy for national Islamic affairs
- relations with Greek authorities
- relations with major media networks
- education about Islam and Muslims
- community development

## Issues MAG Advocated to Authorities

- obtaining governmental rights to have an official mosque in Greece
- obtaining governmental rights to have a cemetery for Muslims
- being proactive by working with authorities to deal with Islamophobia in the society



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