

PRESS RELEASE

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International FEBEA conference on ethical finance & impact entrepreneurship

For the first time in Greece, this year the annual FEBEA Conference and General Assembly is scheduled on **May 30th and 31st at the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry**, co-hosted by Cooperative Bank of Karditsa. The bank has the honour to represent Greece in Europe with regard to ethical banking as an active member of FEBEA since 2015, being the first Greek member of the Federation.

The Conference wants to open a debate on how ethical finance actors, impact entrepreneurs and local communities can collaborate to promote sustainable development and social innovation. The conference will also showcase successful experiences around Europe.

At a time when the confidence in the financial institutions has been shaken by the multi-annual crisis, it is clear that it is necessary to strengthen social actions and promote sustainable models for banks and financial institutions, based on ethical, social and environmental criteria.

At the FEBEA conference "*ETHICAL FINANCE & IMPACT ENTREPRENEURSHIP - Leveraging community potential towards sustainability*" **Yiannis Dragasakis**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy & Development of the Hellenic Republic will deliver a speech on the relation between finance and ethics and **Andrea Baranes**, President of Fondazione Finanza Etica, will deliver a key note speech on the dimensions of sustainability in ethical finance.

"There are many voices in Europe that insist on the urgent need to link finance with sustainability in a clear and decisive manner. A connection that must necessarily incorporate the economic, social and environmental dimensions with all its consequences, paying special attention to the impact that financial practices have on citizens and communities." - **Pedro M. Sasia, Chairman of FEBEA**

Conference programme and practical information are available at <https://febea-conference2019.eu/>



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