



Haris Karonis

Haris Karonis is the founder and CEO of Realize group of companies, Viva.gr and Viva Payments. He started in 1996 as Sales & Marketing Manager at Groovy Net (one of the first internet service providers in Greece) and one year later he was appointed General Manager.

In 2000 he founded Realize S.A., a leading company based in Athens, which has been at the cutting edge of technology offering integrated communication solutions, corporate communication and transaction based marketing for various large corporations from different business sectors.

5 years later, Haris founded Viva Online Services Ltd. as an alternative to other offline and online travel agencies, knowing that he could create the most user-friendly and fast interface for online bookings, while at the same time offering the best possible prices online.

In 2010 he founded Viva Payment Services S.A., a Payment Institution licensed by the Bank of Greece, which offers innovative payment services to businesses and professionals, combining maximum security with flexibility and support. The company launched in 2013 "VivaWallet", a mobile app that revolutionizes the way people travel, buy tickets and pay for services, offering for the first time in Greece a full portfolio of online services in one mobile app. Viva Payments also began its international expansion by obtaining a passport to provide payments services in 30 countries of the EEA.

Besides his industry appointments, Haris Karonis has offered consulting services in numerous Greek companies and is currently the Vice President and Member of the Board of HAMAC (Hellenic Association of Mobile Application Companies), as well as an Investor in Odyssey Venture Partners.