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Chania Municipal Market is located in the centre of Chania, in the heart of the city .Up to the late 19th century this was the edge of town. In this area, there were rough butchers', fishmongers' and grocers' shops, etc. This was the farmers' street market, where villagers brought their goods for sale.

The city market was not a pretty sight, so in 1908 the Municipality of Crania decided to improve the area by building a covered municipal market. Building work began in 1911, according to the plans of local engineer Drandakis, modelled on the covered market of Marseille in France.

The Municipal Market was opened by Eleftherios Venizelos in 1913. It is in the shape of a cross and has four doors, one to each arm, which are shut to secure the shops housed here. The market has 76 shops, including butchers' shops, fishmongers', general stores, a chemist's, etc.

It is an architectural jewel of Chania and one of the most impressive covered markets in the Balkans.



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