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# Work Together

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## **Giuliano Poletti, former head of Legacoop new Italian Minister of Labour and Welfare**

Italy's Prime Minister-designate Matteo Renzi, announced the line-up of his cabinet on 21 February. Giuliano Poletti, former head of the cooperative association Legacoop, has been appointed as minister of Labour and Welfare. [Read more](#)



## **The Mondragon Corporation has already relocated 417 worker-members from Fagor Electrodomésticos**

A total of 417 members of Fagor Electrodomésticos are already working in other cooperatives of the Mondragon Corporation. The strong commitment of the Corporation to employment is materialized thus, just two months after the declaration from Fagor, filing for protection from creditors. [Read more](#)



## **New Global report on Cooperatives and Employment to be launched in October**

The organisers of the 2014 International Summit of Cooperatives have entrusted CICOPA to draft a new study on cooperatives and employment presenting the current state of employment in cooperatives around the world. [Read more](#)

## **Europe**

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## **Social cooperatives at the high level debate during the European Commission conference on social enterprises**

European policy makers, as well as representatives from Member States have agreed on the crucial role of cooperatives in the current situation in the framework of the two day event "Social Entrepreneurs have your say" organized by the European Commission and the

European Economic and Social Committee in Strasbourg (France) on 16 and 17 January. [Read more](#)



## An increase of 32 % in the creation of worker cooperatives in Spain

Worker cooperatives in Spain have grown by 32% in the third quarter of 2013, compared to the same period last year, according to data recently released by the Spanish Ministry of Employment and Social Security, demonstrating how this business model grows and its resilience in spite of the economic situation. [Read more](#)



## New EU-rules on public procurement

On January 15th, the European Parliament adopted new rules on public procurement. The new legislation, based on a European Commission proposal published two years ago, and agreed with Council in June 2013, is supposed to ensure better quality and value for money when public authorities buy or lease works, goods or services. [Read more](#)



## Join in, be part of the European Route of the Cooperative Culture !

Are you a cooperative contributing to preserve and value the local industrial, cultural and natural heritage? Are you interested in developing the tourism potential of your cooperative and learn from other European experiences? Keep on reading... [Read more](#)

## South America



### Trama, the cooperative of TV channels in Argentina

The cooperatives in Argentina have decided to take a strategic step up in telecommunications, now the change in laws governing such services, rules that the non-profit entities can be therefore providers of radio and television. Over two hundred cooperatives providing

public services thus became cable operators. [Read more](#)



## Cooperatives, opening doors to return to Paraguay

ZAPACOOP has been an experience that demonstrates the value of worker cooperatives for the return of workers, who for various reasons have decided to return to their homes after years of living abroad. This is the successful case of this cooperative active in the production of shoes as the point of origin of a group of workers who developed the jobs in Buenos Aires. They saw that it could be an opportunity to return home, organize their knowledge and work cooperatively. [Read more](#)

## North America



### Data Commons Cooperative, a movement building organization in Canada

The Data Commons gathers information and creates tools that make it easy for members to access each others' data, and broadcast information to the public. What this means for worker cooperatives and developers in Canada is easy access to information that has been absent in the past - the ability to know just who and where other cooperatives are. [Read more](#)

## Asia



### CICOPA participates at the 1st Asia-Pacific Cooperative Registrars' Conference in Malaysia

More than 200 participants from 17 Asian countries took part at the 1st Asia-Pacific Cooperative Registrars' Conference in December 2013. The contributors include

Cooperative Registrars, Government representatives, cooperative leaders and experts from various Asian countries. [Read more](#)

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