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A contribution to the 2030 Agenda goals

Employing 16 million people worldwide, worker, social and producers' cooperatives express their commitment to keep contributing to the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. As enterprises based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity, they are working to achieve those goals for years now. [Read more](#)



Canada: a call for an economy based on renewable energy, care for ecosystems and human

Canada has several good examples of how cooperatives in industry and services are precious towards a sustainable and competitive economy also by cooperatives' direct involvement in environmental activities. The 'leap manifesto' takes climate justice further. It is a "vision for how Canada can tackle climate change in a way that changes our country for the better." [Read more](#)



Social inclusion through recycling: the Argentinian example

The possibility for worker cooperatives to offer services of garbage collecting in Argentina has lead to the assimilation of its values and principles: the protection of the environment and labor conditions of the works have become known concepts within the business development of these organizations. The organizations of cardboard manufacturer was created in the 90's, in the province of Buenos Aires. [Read more](#)



The UK's social care sector through the eyes of two cooperatives

Cooperatives offering health and social care services, deeply rooted in the Italian territory, are now emerging in the UK. Democratically run and worker-owned enterprise, the cooperative CASA, created in 2004 that

currently employs 750 people, and Leading Lives, formed as a part of a divestment program in 2012 that currently employs over 500 people and supports 1200 vulnerable adults, are examples in the UK's social care sector. [Read more](#)



Worker cooperatives in Chile in touch with education and sustainability

The worker cooperative federation in Chile, TRASOL, represents 14 cooperatives in a rural zone of the country. All share a common vision when it comes to jobs with obligations towards society and the environment in which we live. Some cooperatives are working on themes tied to energies that are sustainable and renewable, as well as energetic sufficiency and much more. [Read more](#)



Social agriculture: social cooperatives in Italy fostering territorial cohesion and development

Social innovation in Italy is making a difference, even in agriculture. Multiple experiences of social agriculture have "sprouted" around the country. Those initiatives closely connect agriculture with the local welfare, making it a tool for territorial cohesion and development. But what is "social agriculture"? [Read more](#)



Socio politic and ecologic impact: a Uruguayan example

Specialized in trash collection, bin and public parks cleaning, the creation of the cooperative has had an important sociopolitical impact in the zone: 73 individuals were rehabilitated in the social and productive network. [Read more](#)



In Italy, 4 out of 10 women are at the helm of social cooperatives

The cooperative is among the types of company that has the highest number of women in senior positions in Italy: 23% versus 16% in other types of companies. The average of cooperatives managed by women has

increased by 5% from 2008. Women at the helm are mainly social cooperatives, 4 out of 10. [Read more](#)

Intercontinental



Global meeting of the cooperative movement: what happened?

From the 10th to the 13th of November 2015, the cooperative movement came together in Antalya (Turkey) to discuss different topics and mainly the future of cooperatives, the main theme of this year's global conference being "In 2020 what will your cooperative look like?" [Read more](#)



A new video about Young cooperators in the world

Young cooperators from worker, social and producers' cooperatives tell their stories from Japan, Argentina, Italy, Spain, France, United States, Brazil, Poland, and South Africa. Created collaboratively by organizations representing cooperatives and the cooperatives themselves that got involved in this project, from the filming to the editing process, 'Working together for a cooperative future' is now available in English and Spanish. [Read more](#)



Cooperatives and the world of work ILO conference: strong presence of worker, social and producers' cooperatives

The research Conference on Cooperatives and the World of Work organized by the International Labor Organization (ILO) on 8-10 November in the framework of the ICA global conference had a prominent participation of representatives and researchers in the field of worker and social cooperatives. [Read more](#)



Manuel Mariscal, re-elected as President of CICOPA for the next 4 years

The Spanish cooperator and Vice-president of the Spanish Confederation of worker cooperatives Manuel

Mariscal has been re-elected President of CICOPA, the International organization of industrial and service cooperatives in the framework of the General Assembly held in Antalya, Turkey 14 November. [Read more](#)



Canadian & French worker cooperatives movement agreement on business transfers to employees

The Canadian Worker Cooperatives Federation and the French confederation of cooperatives and participatory societies have recently signed the first economic agreement between Europe and America concerning the sharing of knowledge and expertise in the world of worker cooperatives. The aim of the agreement is to exchange best practices and expertise on how to accompany business transfers to employees in the cooperative form. [Read more](#)

Europe

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Council adopts conclusions on social economy: a historic commitment for the Member State

CECOP welcomes the first conclusions adopted by Member States and believes this is an important commitment toward a more sustainable economic and social direction for Europe. Worker, social and producers' cooperatives are democratic and employees-owned enterprises and are an important part of the social economy, contributing to sustainable entrepreneurship and employment, industrialization and innovation, social cohesion and preservation of local skills and crafts. [Read more](#)



Juan Antonio Pedreño elected president of Social Economy Europe

Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of the Spanish worker cooperative confederation (COCTEA) and of CEPES, the Spanish business confederation of social economy, has been unanimously elected President of Social Economy Europe, representing the interests of the

European social economy, for the next 3 years. [Read more](#)



Between local stakes and universal emergency: cooperatives are committed to the ecological transition

During the Cop 21, conference on climate held in Paris during which UN members must sign a new international agreement against global warming, French worker cooperatives have been showcasing their good practices in sectors as diverse as renewable energy, circular economy and soft mobility. [Read more](#)

South America

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The Uruguayan government launches a cooperative business incubator

The government and the cooperative movement in Uruguay have signed an agreement for the identification and promotion of strategic sectors for cooperative businesses. The initiative aims to strengthen and increase the promotion capacities of cooperatives in sectors of innovation and knowledge, such as software, TIC, design, audiovisual, biotechnology, tourism, logistic, and many others. [Read more](#)

North America



The USA Cooperative Youth Council: Who are they and what do they do?

Founded in 2012, the USA Cooperative Youth Council is a directly participatory organization that wishes to initiate, coordinate, promote and participate in educational efforts and programs that empower youth. The Youth Council is democratically run, and a board is elected to govern the activities. [Read more](#)

Africa



The role of cooperatives in tackling the challenges faced by Africa

The cooperative model is helping people across Africa overcome barriers and build better lives. Zimbabwean politician and a former Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Sithembiso Nyoni said at the at the ICA's Global Conference in Antalya. She talked about the role of cooperatives in tackling the challenges faced by Africa, including climate change. [Read more](#)

Asia



The cooperative movement in Japan: a fight against unemployment and poverty

Aguriin, the cooperative, featured in CICOPA's video "Working together for a cooperative future" is a biodiesel fuel (BDF) plant managed cooperatively and that employs young people with mental disabilities or difficulties to be socially involved. [Read more](#)

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