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The International Cooperative Alliance



*unites,
represents
and serves
cooperatives
worldwide*

Founded in **1895**, it is one of the oldest nongovernmental organisations and one of the largest ones measured by the amount of people represented: **more than one billion cooperative members on the planet.**

It is the apex body for the **3 million cooperatives worldwide** providing a global voice and forum for knowledge, expertise and co-ordinated action for and about cooperatives.

Our advocacy work helps create a more supportive political, legal and regulatory environment in which cooperatives can thrive.



What is a cooperative?

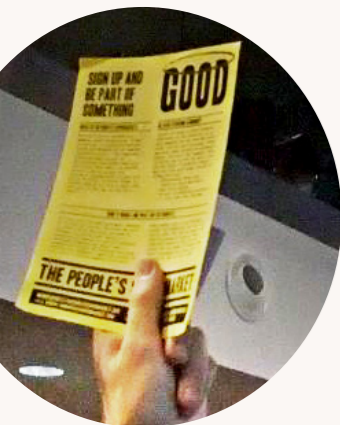
Cooperatives are **people-centred enterprises** jointly owned and democratically **controlled by and for their members** to realise their common socio-economic needs and aspirations. As enterprises based on values and principles, they put **democracy, fairness and equality first** allowing people to create sustainable enterprises that generate long-term jobs and prosperity.

**OWNED AND RUN BY
AND FOR OUR MEMBERS
BASED ON ETHICS, VALUES
AND PRINCIPLES
AT LEAST 12% OF HUMANITY
AND PROVIDE JOBS
TO 10% OF THE
EMPLOYED POPULATION**

**WE ARE
COOPERATIVES**

Cooperatives are “World Intangible Heritage”

— UNESCO —



Cooperatives



More than 12%
of humanity are
cooperators



3 million
cooperatives
in the world!

10%

of the employed
population

Cooperatives
provide jobs
to 280 million
people

2,035 BILLION USD
turnover of the Top 300
cooperatives and mutuals



The global cooperative network

The International
Cooperative Alliance
has members in over

100
countries
in all sectors of activity



A rooted structure

1 GLOBAL OFFICE
(BXL — BELGIQUE)

4 REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS



8 GLOBAL SECTORAL
ORGANISATIONS

HOUSING HEALTH
BANKING CONSUMER
FISHERIES AGRICULTURE
INSURANCE

INDUSTRY & SERVICES

5 THEMATIC COMMITTEES
& NETWORKS



Cooperative identity

We are the guardian
of the Statement on
the Cooperative Identity



The Internet domain
.coop and the
Cooperative Marque
are symbols of the
global cooperative
movement.

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Our work

The International
Cooperative Alliance
advocates the interests
and success of cooperatives.

Unite

We boost inter-cooperation,
bringing together
cooperative members,
providing support instruments
and disseminating know-how.

Promote

We are the custodians
of the cooperative identity
and we endeavour to
create an environment that
allow cooperatives to be
established and grow.

Develop

Cooperatives provide
individuals and communities
with an instrument of
self-help and influence
over their development.

A committed team

The staff of the ICA
and of its regional and
sectoral bodies are based
in various locations around
the globe and are committed
to helping members and the
cooperative movement.

