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Economy in Greece and around the  
world”**

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# Overview

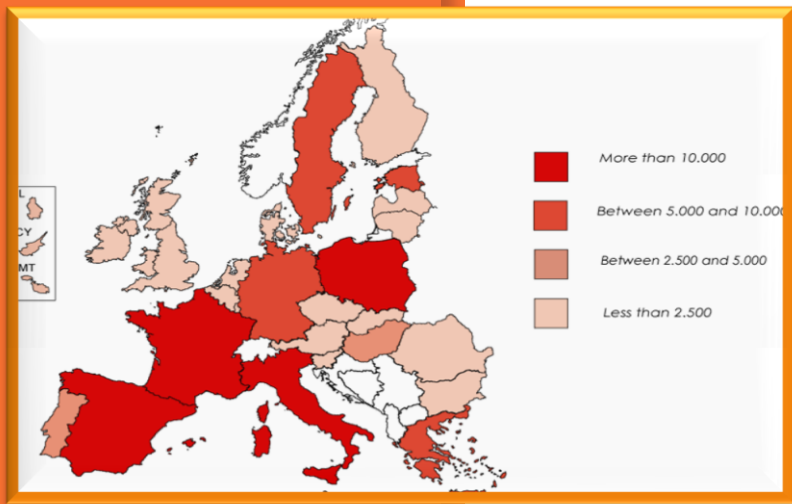
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# About

## Cooperatives Europe

- The European region of the International Cooperative Alliance
- The voice of cooperative enterprises in Europe
- 84 member organizations | 33 European countries  
| across all business sectors

## Representing



**1** European  
Citizen out of 5  
is a coop  
member

**140,000,000**

member co-operators



**176,000**

cooperative enterprises



**4,700,000**

jobs for EU citizens



# The global cooperative system

- 105 countries
- 303 member organization worldwide
- 250 million employees
- 1 billion members
- TOP 300 coops turnover USD 2.2 trillion



## Our activities



We **advocate** for the plurality of business forms in Europe



We **communicate** to raise awareness about the cooperative business model



We promote **inter-cooperation** among cooperatives

## Our guidelines

- Better knowledge of cooperatives
- Level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprise

# Policy priorities

## #CoopPriority17





# Some Projects

## TransfertoCOOPS

With over 450,000 SMEs transferred each year in the EU, transfers into worker-owned cooperatives remain an untapped source of economic dynamism which could ensure secure jobs, sustainable expertise and participation in collective and democratic projects. The TransfertoCOOPS project co-financed by the European Commission and developed by 10 European partners led by CG Scop, aiming to foster a practical and pragmatic approach to improve the environment of transferring businesses into cooperatives and raise awareness of cooperatives' benefits in Europe.

## Transferring your business to your employees

Are you considering selling your business? This may be one of the most important decisions in your professional life. All the more reason not to miss an obvious solution: the purchase of your business by those who, sometimes for years, have helped you expand it.



Why transfer  
your business to  
your employees

The conditions  
for a successful  
transfer

Your questions.  
The answers.

Employees'  
perspectives

The decisive role  
of the chartered  
accountants

What's a worker  
cooperative?

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# Some Projects

## CoopStarter

### **A EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCCESSFUL YOUNG COOPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURS**

The current economic crisis is hitting European businesses hard, and younger generations are paying most of the bill. We are convinced that now more than ever cooperatives are the business model of the future and they are key to sustainable prosperity. As cooperative organisations, we feel a great responsibility to find ways to contribute to a solution to unemployment, especially for young people.

Therefore, 8 partners from across Europe have created the project CoopStarter in order to make the cooperative business model known to younger generations, and to accompany people willing to set up a cooperative through the start-up phase. With this website, we want to encourage and inspire young entrepreneurs to carry out their business ideas, and provide them with the tools to make them successful.

Coopstarter is a network of business support organisations that every day, all across Europe, accompany and support young professionals who want to start or develop a cooperative business.



<http://starter.coop/wp/>

# Some Projects

## iCareCoops

### **Purpose:**

Promoting and supporting foundation  
of  
new care cooperatives through ICT  
solutions

[www.icarecoops.eu](http://www.icarecoops.eu)



# Some Projects

## International development cooperation

### Purpose:

Fostering exchanges and collaboration for an impact-driven cooperative development approach.

[www.coopseurope.coop/development](http://www.coopseurope.coop/development)

## Welcome to Cooperatives in International Development

'Cooperatives in Development' is an initiative that aims to foster exchanges and collaboration for an impact-driven cooperative development approach.

The project is led by **Cooperatives Europe** and builds upon the activities of the **Cooperatives Europe Development Platform (CEDP)**, which is a European network of cooperative organisations active in international cooperation.

251 active #cooperative projects



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### Featured Projects



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