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INTRODUCTORY WORDS



“ 2023 has been an extraordinary year at CECOP with the scope and intensity of the activities carried out. Social Economy has gained increasing attention at the European and international level, through the Council’s recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions and the United Nations resolution on the role of the Social Economy. The effort put in to represent our cooperatives cannot be overstated requiring our presence at public debates, conferences, workshops, assemblies, and hearings. The work behind the scenes remains paramount of which only a small part is visible. For this reason, I invite you to read the following pages carefully as they are the distillation of the daily effort of CECOP staff. 2024 is the year of the elections, a year in which we must look forward to the formation of a new Parliament and a new Collge of Commissioners. This marks an important year with the ever-growing importance of European Institutions on the economic and social aspirations of cooperatives. CECOP continues its devotion to cooperatives and their representation through the elections; we are glad we can count on our members’ support who accompany and consolidate our work. ”

Giuseppe Guerini, CECOP President



“ 2023 was the European Year of Skills an extraordinary opportunity for CECOP to promote the diversity of skills existing in worker and social cooperatives. The successful #CoopSkills2023 campaign and the conference on worker buyouts brought visibility to the multitude of profiles and know-how in worker and social cooperatives within Europe. Last year we concluded a major advocacy work to impact the Directive on Platform Work, and have found inspiration from the tech cooperatives that joined us in COODING, the first international event on cooperatives and new technologies. We enlarged our focus to the wider topic of transformation of work, AI, and Data cooperatives but we have also been very present both at the national and European levels in the promotion of our Social Economy family by organising workshops and participating in events organised by our European partners. Moreover, our exchange and engagement with members remains at the core of our activities with numerous dedicated activities. 2024 presents us with the big challenge of the European elections, but also a big opportunity for CECOP and our members to highlight the important contributions of worker and social cooperatives in the forever-changing economic context. As we navigate an important year, we thank our members for their continued support and trust. ”

Diana Dovgan, Secretary General

JANUARY

- [Publication “Cooperatives Care” in Polish](#)

FEBRUARY

- [ZOOM IN on our Swedish Member – Coompanion](#)

MARCH

- [International Women's Rights Day Commemoration in collaboration with CICOPA](#)
- CECOP at the Industrial Forum 6th plenary meeting
- CECOP at the SME Envoy meeting in Brussels
- [CECOP's response to the call for evidence on late payments](#)
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- [CECOP speaking at FI Campus 2023 on workers buyout financial instruments](#)
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- [CECOP President visit to Spain ahead of the EU Elections](#)
- [CECOP Newsletter #1 - 2023](#)
- CECOP at the SME Envoy meeting in Stockholm, Sweden
- CECOP Secretary General elected member of the Social Platform's Management Committee
- [New #COOPTALE: Grupo SSI \(Spain\)](#)

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- [CECOP calls for a higher ceiling and more transparency in de minimis state aid for SGEI](#)
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- [CECOP's opinion on the EU Council's adoption of the Platform Work Directive](#)
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JULY

- [CECOP joint press release for the International Day of Cooperatives](#)
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- [Joint statement on the Platform Work Directive ahead of the trilogue negotiations](#)
- [CECOP launches its new campaign #CoopSkills2023](#)

AUGUST

- CECOP launches the bi-annual Data Collection among members

SEPTEMBER

- [CECOP's reaction to the State of the Union](#)
- [CECOP Mutual Learning Sessions #1 among members on Commons](#)
- [COODING event on digital and new technologies in Bologna, Italy](#)

OCTOBER

- MustSEE project final conference
- [ZOOM IN On our Spanish member – COCETA](#)
- [CECOP's session on energy community cooperatives at the EU Industry Days 2023](#)
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- [New #COOPTALE: Pro Nobis cooperative \(Portugal\)](#)

NOVEMBER

- [#CoopSkills2023 flagship Conference on “Workers Buyouts”](#)
- [#CoopSkills2023 video ‘Ceramiche Noi’](#)
- CECOP at the SME Assembly in Bilbao, Spain
- CECOP at the SME Envoy meeting in Bilbao, Spain
- CECOP at the SEE conference in San Sebastian, Spain

DECEMBER

- CECOP at the Industrial Forum 7th plenary meeting
- [CECOP Mutual Learning Sessions #3 among members on Commons](#)

THE NETWORK

CECOP belongs to its members. Being part of CECOP means to be part of a network where members can exchange experiences, build partnerships, and design common strategies and advocacy actions. The coordination and management of the network is central to CECOP's work.

STATUTORY MEETINGS

Statutory meetings are the space where democracy is put into practice inside of our network. The 2023 CECOP General Assembly took place in Gothenburg, Sweden, and was hosted by our Swedish member, Coompanion. [Resources](#) are available only for members.

During the year, CECOP's governing bodies met regularly – on two board and three Executive Committee meetings.

ENLARGING THE NETWORK

In 2023, the CECOP family welcomed two new members, the newly established Federation of worker cooperatives in the UK, workers.coop, and the association of social cooperatives in Poland, OZRSS.



THE NETWORK

THE MEMBERS' MUTUAL LEARNING SESSIONS

Members' Mutual Learning Sessions are a space for members to share, learn, and discuss topics of interest to them.

The 2023 edition focused on cooperatives and commons to delve into and comprehend the diverse methods employed by social and worker cooperatives in promoting commons. The three online sessions were co-organized with our European member DIESIS and saw the participation of members from Bulgaria, Poland, Finland, Italy, France, Spain, and the UK.

Resources are available only for members.



WORKING GROUPS

Working Groups are an opportunity for members to share experiences and best practices, and feed secretariat's advocacy work.

Since 2018 the members of the Working Group on Non-standard and Platform Work followed closely the work on the Directive on improving the working conditions of platform workers. Having largely concluded its work on the directive, the members of the Working Group decided to enlarge its scope to the issues of AI, data, and digital transition for cooperatives which led to a rebranding of the group to Working Group on Transformation of Work.



CECOP LINK

CECOP Link is the internal newsletter for members. This is a fantastic way to stay in touch with members and for them to get exclusive insider information on EU issues, as well as to stay informed of CECOP's latest developments.

During the year 2023, we sent out 9 CECOP Link editions! (Available only for members).

THE NETWORK

#CECOPONTOUR

Any event or activity organized or attended is an occasion for CECOP to meet its members or visit a cooperative but at moments we like to take a closer and more personal look. This year, CECOP staff travelled to Italy, Spain, and Sweden.

During our attendance at the Social Economy Conference, in Gothenburg, in June, the CECOP team visited a local cooperative group Vägen Ut!.

Later in the year, we attended the International School of Social Cooperatives in Naples, organised by CECOP Italian member Confcooperative Federsolidarietà, to learn and exchange on topics relevant to social cooperatives.

In November, we were hosted by the Mondragon Training Center in Otalora, Spain. The visit, as part of an international delegation of cooperators, was an opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities for cooperatives and to set some strategic objectives for the future.

In addition, our President Giuseppe Guerini was invited by the regional federation for worker cooperatives for Navarre, ANEL, to learn more about cooperatives in the region and discuss common policy objectives. In May, the president met in Madrid with the Spanish Director-General of Social Economy, and our Spanish member COCETA to discuss the priorities for the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council.

We welcomed in Brussels a group of cooperators from France, that are organising field visits under the umbrella of COOPROUTE – the European Route of Cooperative Culture. This was an opportunity to retrace the history of the project COOPROUTE that CECOP had led in the years 2013-2017. We are very happy to see this movement is very much alive!



OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN 2023

CECOP represents the interests of its members to the EU institutions, other European stakeholders, and the wider cooperative movement. We promote worker ownership, democracy at work, sustainable growth, quality employment, the inclusion of the most disadvantaged citizens, and social justice. We also advocate for improved economic and policy frameworks for cooperative development. We are represented in the EU Industrial Forum, SME Envoy, GECES, DG EMPL's Stakeholders Dialogue, and we are members of Cooperatives Europe, Social Economy Europe, REVES, and Social Platform.

In the spotlight 2023: The European Year of Skills: the many skills of workers and social cooperatives

In the framework of the [European Year of Skills](#), the European Commission promoted skills development to, among others, help European citizens “get the right skills for quality jobs”. As an organisation representing cooperatives where workers have a central place, CECOP embraced the opportunity to shed light on the different aspects of skills in worker and social cooperatives, from training, up-skilling and re-skilling, safeguarding skills, skills for participatory and democratic governance, and skills for the most disadvantaged workers.

#COOPSKILLS2023 CAMPAIGN

In July we launched the [#CoopSkills2023 campaign](#) that included a docuseries highlighting how cooperatives and their representative organisations invest in skills development and adapt to current transitions.

CECOP'S CONFERENCE “WORKERS BUYOUTS WHAT IS THE COOPERATIVE KEY TO SUCCESS?”

Our [flagship conference](#) took place in November and focused on the support system provided by the cooperative movement: the know-how, and the technical, and human expertise it encompasses to make workers buyouts successful and sustainable in the long term. It gathered representatives from the Cabinet of Commissioner Schmit, EIB, as well as best practices and testimonies from cooperative support organisations from Italy, France, Spain, and the UK. It helped us to reiterate the importance of national and EU support for favourable frameworks for workers buyouts.

WORKERS BUYOUTS – THE CONFERENCE REPORT

While highlighting the interventions, best practices, and key findings shared during our conference, the [conference report](#) addresses 9 support measures needed from the EU level to ensure that workers in cooperatives “get the right skills for quality jobs”. It serves as a road map for future EU policies supporting workers buyouts.



OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN 2023

Framework conditions for industry and service cooperatives: industrial and service cooperatives at the centre of the new Social Economy Action Plan

CECOP works together with European institutions and other EU partners to make sure that worker and social cooperatives remain at the centre of the discussion in the implementation of the Social Economy Action Plan adopted in 2021. Similarly, CECOP closely follows European legislation and strategic policy initiatives on topics such as taxation, state aid, and access to finance to make sure they take into account the uniqueness of cooperatives.

A FAVOURABLE FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATIVES

In 2022 CECOP contributed to the European Commission's (EC) call for evidence on developing framework conditions for social economy through Council recommendation. We are glad to see that our views were considered in the final proposal. The proposal is ambitious, however, it lacks measures in some crucial areas such as the recognition of worker ownership as an independent industrial relationship.

CECOP IS A MEMBER OF GECES

Since 2018, CECOP is a member of GECES (the Commission Expert Group on Social Economy and Social Enterprises). Last year most of its work was oriented toward the preparation of the Council recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions.

CECOP AT THE SOCIAL ECONOMY CONFERENCE IN GOTHENBURG AND SAN SEBASTIAN

In June, CECOP co-organized with its Swedish members Coompanion and other European networks, during the semester of the Swedish presidency in the Council, the European Social Economy Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden. The event focused on the Social Economy Action Plan and its implementation. Later in the year, CECOP participated at the European Social Economy Conference in San Sebastian, taking place during the Spanish Presidency of the EU Council where its members were invited to intervene in different panels.



CECOP WORKSHOP “SOCIAL ECONOMY AS DRIVING FORCE FOR GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION”

Within the framework of the Social Economy conference in Gothenburg, in collaboration with Social Economy Europe, we organised the parallel workshop on “Social Economy as a driving force for green and digital transition” on the uniqueness of Social Economy in tackling the twin transition. The workshop looked at best practices, innovative management models, and the necessary support measures social economy actors need in their role as facilitators of the twin transition.



OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN 2023

CECOP AT THE OECD CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

In March, CECOP President, Giuseppe Guerini, attended the OECD conference with 'Inclusion, innovation and inspiration'. Guerini shared lessons learned from the good practices on social impact measurement from the CECOP network.



STRONGER TOGETHER

On the occasion of the International Day of Cooperatives (1 July), together with our Spanish member COCETA and the International Organisation for Industry and Services cooperatives, CICOPA, we published a joint press release to call on the Spanish Government to make the most of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU to promote a fostering ecosystem for cooperatives.

Following the decision of the EU Commission to remove contact information from the 'Whoiswho' directory, civil society organisations to demand the directory be restored and more transparency from the Commission.

State aid and cooperatives

CECOP'S OPINION ON THE DE MINIMIS STATE AID FOR SGEI

The de minimis state aid Regulation contributes to support cooperatives providing services of general economic interest (SGEI). The European Commission's proposal to increase the ceiling of the de minimis state aid to adapt to the current inflation effects is good but not ambitious enough.



OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN 2023

Business environment for industrial and service cooperatives: Industrial and service cooperatives at the centre of the European Industrial Strategy and green & digital transition

The current business landscape is a demanding one, as enterprises must adapt to the new needs of the constantly changing market. CECOP works to guarantee a favourable business environment for industry and services cooperatives and promotes them as an example of resilience, democracy, sustainability, and innovation.

CECOP'S VIEW ON THE SOTEU

President Ursula Von der Leyen's speech for the European State of the Union address (SOTEU) missed addressing the situation of social exclusion and poverty faced by many Europeans. Investment in quality social services and essential services is crucial. Challenges linked to the EU's aging population and high demand for care cannot be seriously met without a strong European stance. Worker and social cooperatives are ideal actors to achieve the vision announced by President von der Leyen and should benefit from appropriate support and recognition at the EU and national levels.

However, we welcomed the importance given to the re-industrialization and the strategic independence of European industries. As a member of the EU Industrial Forum, CECOP looks forward to engaging with the European Commission on this matter.

THE EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL FORUM

In its effort to support cooperatives for a just and democratic transition and the implementation of the EU Industry and SME Strategy, CECOP participates in the European Industrial Forum, an organism that supports the Commission in its analysis of industrial ecosystems and in assessing the different risks and needs of industry as it embarks on the twin digital and green transitions. In 2023, CECOP

took part in two Industrial Forum plenary meetings. The first meeting discussed the EU Green Deal Industrial Plan. Participants addressed incentives and support that are needed for the EU to combine innovation while reducing its dependency on raw materials and remaining competitive in global markets. The second meeting focused on the future of the EU Single Market, allowing participants to discuss related challenges and address aspects such as supply chain, de-risking strategies, and risks associated with critical technologies.

WORKER COOPERATIVES IN THE TRANSITION PATHWAY FOR CONSTRUCTION

In March 2023, the European Commission published the green and digital transition pathway for the construction ecosystem. Thanks to CECOP's involvement in the EU industrial forum, the publication recognises the major contribution of worker cooperatives to providing quality, safe working conditions as well as upskilling and life-long training.

EU INDUSTRY DAYS

During the EU Industry Days, CECOP organised a session "A win-win for the enterprises and the planet? How energy community cooperatives are creating a more resilient and energy independent future for European enterprises". The event discussed the model of energy community cooperatives and the opportunities that can derive from this model for a more citizen-driven, independent, and resilient energy system. It's a great opportunity to promote the cooperative business model to the EU industry community of experts and stakeholders.



OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN 2023

CECOP AT THE SME ENVOY MEETINGS

CECOP continued to represent and promote industrial cooperatives as an active member of the SME envoy, an expert group organised by DG GROW gathering high-level national SME representatives and European business organisation.

Several meetings were held in Brussels, Stockholm, and Bilbao. CECOP could address recommendations and express its expectations on issues related to the Late Payment Directive, the Insolvency Directive, the impact of energy prices on SMEs, and the EU initiative on SME Relief Package and mid-caps. Supporting business transfers to employees was underlined as crucial for the Single Market in preserving European know-how and excellence in key sectors in Europe.

FINANCING WORKER BUYOUTS

In March, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank organised the event “FI Campus – Financial Instruments in changing times”. CECOP together with its members, CGSCOP (France), COCETA (Spain), and CFI (Italy) intervened in the panel, “Delivering financial instruments for workers buyout: employees taking over their company”.

We presented a European perspective on the expertise of worker cooperatives as well as benefits of creating a worker cooperative business as a result of a buyout.



CECOP'S OPINION ON THE NET-ZERO INDUSTRY ACT

The European Commission's proposal for a Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA), stemming from the Green Deal Industrial Plan adopted early in the year, aims to scale up the manufacturing of clean technologies in the EU. CECOP welcomes the NZIA as it facilitates the European industry's transition towards low carbon producing technologies, yet also expresses that the proposal fails to capture some needs as well as to include relevant actors.

CECOP'S RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR EVIDENCE ON LATE PAYMENTS

The Late Payment Directive was adopted in 2011 to combat late payments. However, according to EC's data, more than 60% of EU businesses are still not paid on time. This particularly affects SMEs, causing 1 in 4 bankruptcies. In response to the EC impact assessment given a revision of the Directive, we highlighted several issues, including that all policy measures suggested by the EC to prevent late payment must apply not only to private businesses but also to public law entities, or that unfair practices and clauses must be clearly defined.

STRONGER TOGETHER

In March 2022, CECOP joined hundreds of organisations and academic institutions and signed the manifesto for a green, just, and democratic European economy.

OUR ADVOCACY WORK IN 2023

Promoting rights and decent work for everyone through worker, social, and platform cooperatives

Unequal access to employment, education, and social services reinforces and deepens existing inequalities. Worker and social cooperatives play a crucial role in fighting the causes of these inequalities across Europe by providing quality work and inclusion opportunities. CECOP brings forward the advantages of the entrepreneurial model of worker and social cooperatives for youth, women, people with disabilities, migrants, and any other vulnerable category at risk of social exclusion.

CECOP'S RESPONSE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S POSITION ON THE PLATFORM WORK DIRECTIVE

On 12 June, the EPSCO Council of the European Union adopted with a qualified majority its position on the Platform Work Directive. The compromise differs from the European Commission's initial proposal mostly by limiting the presumption of employability of platform workers. In [response](#), CECOP expressed hope that the triilogue negotiations with the European Parliament and the European Commission will restore the initial ambition to protect the workers and guarantee the right classification of employment status.

COODING – THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL EVENT FOR COOPERATIVES ON DIGITAL AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES!

With organisations associated with our Italian member Legacoop, such as Fondazione Centro Studi Doc, Fondazione PICO, and AlmaVicoo, we organised last September in Bologna, Italy, the [first international event](#) to discuss the role that cooperatives are playing and can play in the future of digital and new technologies.

COODING, which stands for COoperatives Digital Improvement & Networking Growth, had a triple objective of shedding light on the role that cooperatives are playing in the future of new technologies, enhancing inter-cooperation around the use of digital technologies, and tackling the issue of decent and quality employment, mostly young people, in the digital economy. Successfully, the event gathered 400 cooperators in person and online.



STRONGER TOGETHER

In July, together with the European Youth Forum, Solidar, and the Social Platform, we [co-signed a joint statement](#) calling on the European Institutions to adopt an ambitious Directive, making a positive difference in shaping how platform work guarantees quality working conditions for all.

PROJECTS

Four-year partnership agreement with the European Commission under the European Social Fund Plus

At the beginning of 2022, CECOP signed a [four-year-partnership agreement](#) (2022-2025) with the European Commission's DG Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion (DG EMPL), financed by the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), a strand of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) program. The ESF+ provides an important contribution to the EU's employment, social, education, and skills policies.

The ESF+ activities in 2023 included:

OPTIMIZATION OF CECOP'S DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Collecting data about our members is very important to understand our network, but also provides concrete support to our policy work. The survey which underwent a process of innovation and digitalisation in 2022, was sent to members last year. A publication is expected in 2024.

ONE CAMPAIGN

In the framework of the European Year of Skills, we launched the [#CoopSkills2023 campaign](#) to highlight how cooperatives and their representative organisations invest in skills development and adapt to current transitions.

THREE PUBLICATIONS

Workers Buyout - the conference report highlighting the interventions, best practices, and key findings shared during our conference "Workers Buyouts - what is the cooperative key to success?" addresses recommendations for the EU institutions.

Report of Activity 2022: In our Report of Activity from 2022, we invite our members, readers, and the general public to take a look at our main achievements from that year.

Cooperatives Care! in Polish: Following the publication in [English](#) in 2022, the report was made readily available in Polish. Cooperatives Care! focuses on how coops contribute to meeting the high demand for care and addressing the challenges in the sector.

SIX EVENTS

"Workers Buyouts - what is the cooperative key to success?" conference: our flagship conference gathered cooperators, EU institutions, and other European stakeholders to raise awareness on the know-how, technical, and human expertise necessary to make workers buyouts successful and sustainable in the long term.

One international event on digital and tech cooperatives: COODING gathered 400 cooperators, experts, and academia to discuss the role that cooperatives are playing and can play in the future of digital and new technologies.

One workshop: "Social Economy as driving force for green and digital transition" was organised to showcase the unique role of Social Economy in tackling the green transition.

Three mutual learning sessions: We co-hosted three mutual learning sessions aimed towards members, which focused on the various ways that cooperatives manage commons.

Three meetings of the working group (WG) on non-standard and platform work: members of the WG followed closely the work on the platform workers Directive and, by the end of the year, decided to widen their focus to AI, data, and digital transition for cooperatives which led to a rebranding of the group to Working Group on Transformation of Work.

DISSEMINATION

CECOP's activities were widely promoted through communication channels: social media, website, internal and [external newsletter](#), collaboration with other organisations, and coverage from members and press.

In the framework of the 2023 grant, we also released: 1 activity report, [4 #COOPTALES](#), 9 editions of CECOP LINK (internal newsletter), and 1 edition of CECOP external newsletter. Our activities have reached 3,496 people through our external newsletter, 5,573 on Twitter, 1347 on LinkedIn, 3,283 on Facebook, and 16,000 users through our website. Additionally, CECOP's activities have been covered in international media, in multiple languages, including English, Italian, Polish, and Spanish.

NETWORK CONSOLIDATION AND ENLARGEMENT

During the year, CECOP gathered members at the annual general assembly in the city of Gothenburg, Sweden. In addition, we held three executive committees and two board meetings.

To reinforce the capacity of the staff and strengthen the network, some members of the staff could travel to Italy and Spain for a field visit to cooperatives and regional cooperative organisations offices. An external expert was hired to advise CECOP on the steps to take to develop a gender/diversity policy within the organisation.

CECOP IS A PARTNER IN THE MU.ST.SEE PROJECT

On October 2nd, the final conference of the **MU.ST.SEE project** took place.

This two-year project tackled the challenges linked to defining paths and tools for updating and adapting skills specific to the social economy by bringing together the training needs of various areas of the social economy in a process of co-creation and translating them into local action plans shared between the public administration and the social sector.

The project was coordinated by REVES Network. Among the partners were CECOP together with local public authorities and social economy actors from France, Portugal, Spain, and Italy.

CECOP IS A PARTNER IN THE ORIGAMI PROJECT

The Origami Project investigates the influence of digital platforms on the increasing demand for “Personal and Household Services” in the home care sector. The research delves into organisational models, working conditions, and implications for social protection. Conducted across Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain, the project will employ comparative analysis and case studies to scrutinize funding strategies, organisational patterns, and innovative collective actions in this evolving landscape.

CECOP IS A PARTNER IN SKI.F.T. PROJECT

Started in 2023, the **SKI.F.T. project** has the objective to support small and micro enterprises to become more environmentally sustainable. The project foresees several capacity-building meetings among partners of the project to share best practices among federations, cooperatives, and social economy enterprises that have developed tools or strategies to improve their environmental sustainability. In a second phase, the project foresees coaching and mentoring activities to be provided for the direct benefit of enterprises.

VISIBILITY

CECOP's main work is to promote the worker and social cooperative model among the EU institutions, European cooperative organisations, and the external public. In our [#COOPTALES](#) articles, we highlight how worker and social cooperatives from the ground contribute to the economic and social development of the community they belong to.

When one of our members' countries is presiding at the European Union Council, we ZOOM IN on the country by interviewing our members there. In 2023 this was the case for [COCETA, Spain](#), and [Coompanion, Sweden](#).

Additionally, through its [external newsletter](#), CECOP operates as a bridge between the European Institutions and its national members, keeping readers informed on EU-related social affairs, explaining policies, as well as offering legislative monitoring.

Finally, CECOP participated during 2023 (in various capacities, as speaker and moderator) in several meetings with the European Institutions and external stakeholders in Europe to ensure that the voice of industry and services cooperatives is heard in Europe.

2023 IN NUMBERS

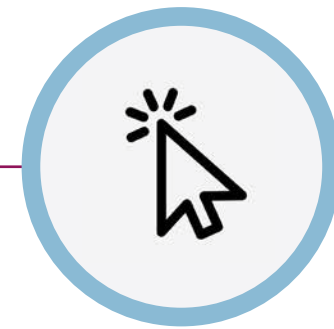
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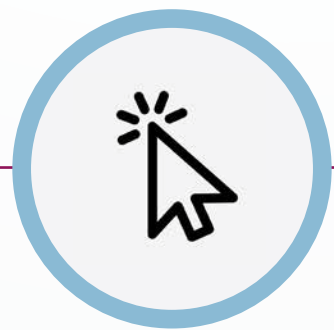
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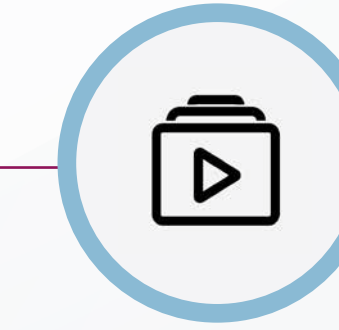
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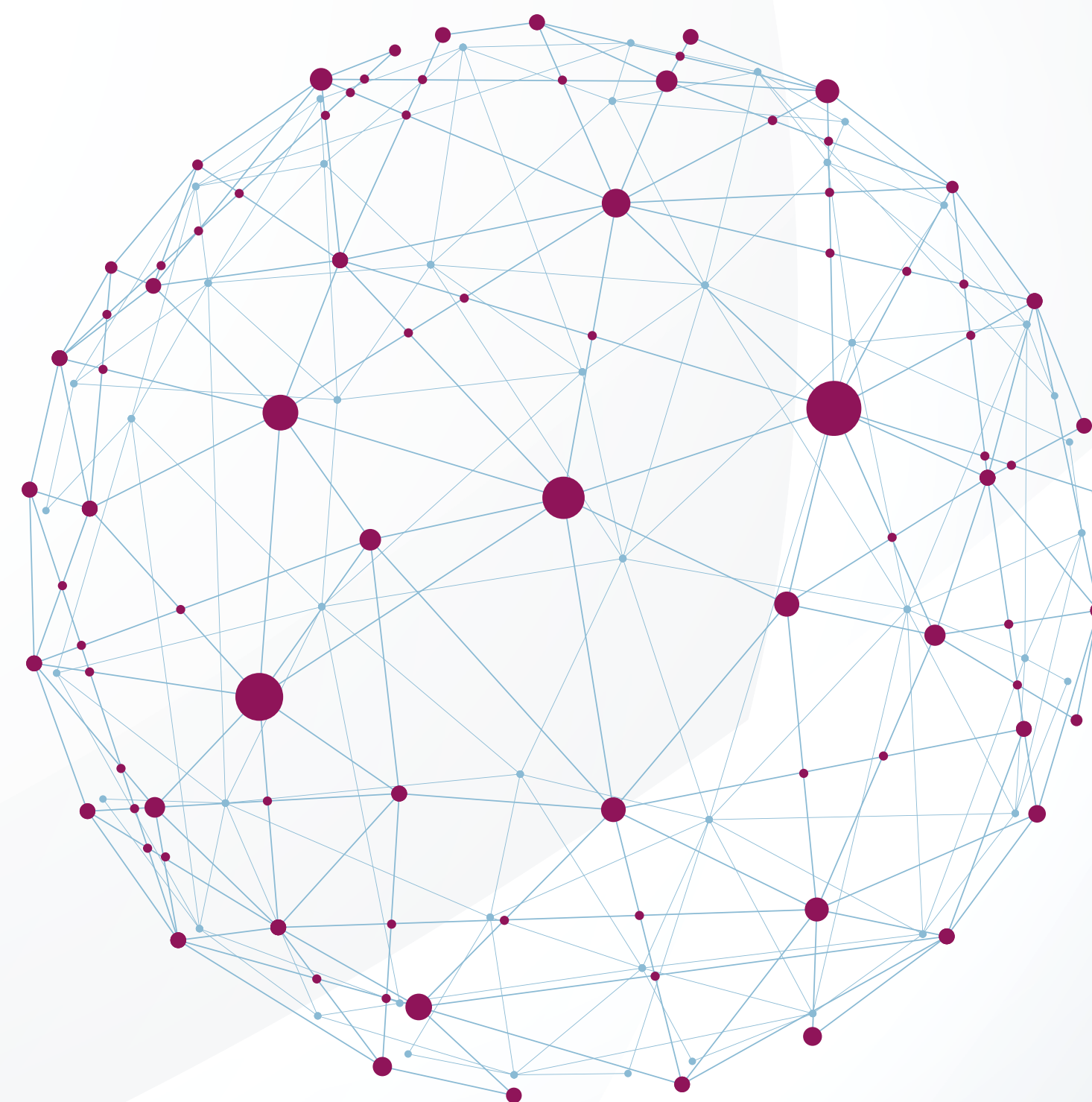
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PART OF A BIGGER FAMILY

CECOP is the sectoral member for industry and services of Cooperatives Europe, the European confederation of cooperatives from all sectors, where we actively participate in statutory meetings, thematic working groups, and coordination meetings on European policies. We are represented in the Cooperatives' Europe's Board by our President.

We are members of Social Economy Europe, REVES (European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy), and Social Platform, a wider umbrella organisation representing tens of EU-wide social NGOs. In 2023, CECOP Secretary General Diana Dovgan was elected member of the Social Platform Management Committee for the term 2023-2025. In addition, we continuously establish links and partnerships with other actors that pursue similar objectives.

CECOP is also the European regional organisation of CICOPA, the world sectoral organisation for cooperatives active in the industry and service sector. We are represented on CICOPA's board by our president. In 2023 CECOP president was appointed to represent CICOPA on the board of the ICA, the global network for cooperatives.



OUR MEMBERS

CECOP represents 27 members in 16 countries. Our members are national organisations representing and promoting worker, social and cooperatives of self-employed producers active in many areas of the industry and services sector.

FULL MEMBERS



ASSOCIATED MEMBERS



NETWORK AFFILIATES



OUR BOARD



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