

HISTORY OF THE CICOPA-CECOP INSTITUTIONAL INTEGRATION PROCESS (1993 – 2004)

Based on signed agreements and minutes

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| 1993 – 4 May | <p><u>First proposal of agreement between CICOPA and CECOP</u>, signed by the presidents of both organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<i>CECOP represents the producers’ and workers’ cooperatives of the European region of CICOPA</i>”, and thus “<i>mentions in its name that it constitutes ‘CICOPA-Europe’</i>” • A double affiliation system is advocated, during a transition period until the ICA regionalisation process has been completed [NB: 1992 marks the beginning of the ICA regionalisation process] |
| 1995 – 24 April | <p><u>Joint CICOPA – CECOP meeting</u></p> <p>The above-mentioned agreement is declared as being still valid, and, according to the then CECOP president, means that “<i>CECOP is the European department of CICOPA</i>”.</p> <p>The following is decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double membership for European members of CICOPA and the need to have this concept inserted in the statutes • Joint membership fees, but each organisation is responsible for reminders and arrears <p>However, the geographical competences of both organisations, especially in the countries from the ex Soviet Union, remains unclear, and the two above-mentioned decisions are not immediately implemented.</p> |
| 1996 – 2 December | <p>The <u>CECOP general assembly</u> modifies the CECOP statutes, according to which CECOP shall “<i>constitute the European section of CICOPA (...) as soon as the general assembly of CICOPA will approve this proposal</i>”</p> |
| 1997 – from 14 February to 12 June | <p><u>4 meetings of a CICOPA-CECOP Commission</u> entrusted to propose the necessary changes to the CICOPA rules and to the CECOP statutes in order to implement the integration, and <u>CECOP general assembly</u>. François Espagne drafts a lengthy comparative and proposal document. In the end, it is agreed on both sides that the proposals to be inserted in the rules / statutes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CICOPA shall have a provision for the constitution and regulation of regional committees • CECOP becomes the regional committee of CICOPA for Europe. As a result, its geographical scope now clearly becomes the 42 countries of the Council of Europe • The European national organisations that are members of CICOPA must become CECOP members as well, and <i>vice versa</i> • A single membership fee system for those organisations is implemented • Those organisations shall also become (direct) members of the ICA (a transition period of a few years is envisaged). |

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| 1997 – 17 September | <p><u>CICOPA general assembly</u>, followed (on the same day) by <u>CECOP extraordinary general assembly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modifications of the CICOPA rules, especially concerning membership (service, social and associated work cooperatives are added to the original industrial and artisanal cooperatives), composition of the Executive Committee (with the inclusion of the presidents of the regional Committees) and the creation of regional committees (the 2005 modification to the CICOPA rules did not change those points) • modification of the CECOP statutes concerning double membership (for organisations affiliated to one of both in Europe), single membership fee system, affiliation to the ICA within 2 years (those 2 provisions are no longer included in the new CECOP statutes approved in Nantes in 2004), and invitation of the CICOPA president to the CECOP board |
| 1999 – 3 September | <p><u>CICOPA General assembly</u> ratifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The regional committee CECOP-CICOPA-Europe”</i> • <i>“As Vice President – the president of the CICOPA regional committee for Europe – Mr Felice Scalvini, president of CECOP-CICOPA-Europe”</i> <p>Furthermore, the GA mandates the Executive Committee to decide on membership collection and its redistribution between the global and regional CICOPAs</p> |
| 1999 – 8 December | <p><u>CICOPA Executive Committee meeting</u> decides that CECOP-CICOPA-Europe would contribute 7,5 % of the total membership fee of the European members for the activities of CICOPA</p> |
| 2000 – 22/23 June | <p><u>CECOP Board meeting</u> proposes that 7,5% of the total membership fees to CECOP be dedicated to CICOPA’s international activity, as of 2001</p> |
| 2000 – 10 October | <p><u>CECOP General Assembly</u> approves that 7,5% of the total membership fees to CECOP be dedicated to CICOPA’s international activity, as of 2001</p> |
| 2002 – 14 June | <p><u>CICOPA Executive Committee</u> decides to transfer the CICOPA secretariat to the CECOP headquarters in Brussels</p> |
| 2004 – January | <p>The transfer of the CICOPA secretariat to the CECOP headquarters is implemented</p> |