



MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

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CICOPA Europe

ABOUT US

WHAT IS CECOP?

The European confederation of industrial and service cooperatives, in short CECOP, works to create a **supportive environment** for cooperatives active in the industry and services sector, so that they can operate to their full strength and fulfill their mission of providing **sustainable jobs** and high-quality services to communities.

Our aim is to build a stronger and fairer Europe, working through cooperatives to bring **democracy and solidarity** to the workplace, sustainable economic growth, and social cohesion.

We do so by:

- **Representing the interests** of our members to the EU institutions, other European-level policy makers, national governments, and the wider cooperative movement
- **Supporting our members** through networking, mutual learning, designing common strategies and agreeing collective positions
- **Developing industrial and service cooperatives** across Europe and supporting their capacity to cooperate with each other – building new national organizations where they don't yet exist.
- **Increasing the visibility** of cooperatives in industry and services, in the forms they are mainly organized – worker cooperatives, social cooperatives and cooperatives of self-employed producers.
- **Carrying out research** and contributing to knowledge about industrial and service cooperatives.



Picture: Ceramiche Noi cooperative (Italy)

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THE GOVERNANCE

CECOP's governance is composed of the General Assembly, the Board, and the Executive Committee.

The **General Assembly** is the main organ of the organisation where full and associate members decide the direction of the organisation and deliberate on the performed work.

The **Board** ensures the administration and management of the Association, in full accordance with the policy of the General Assembly and the fulfillment of the Association's purpose.

The **Executive Committee**, composed of a restricted number of board members, is delegated some of the board functions to facilitate their execution.

The Board and Executive Committee members are elected by the General Assembly every four years.

View the [Board](#) members.

GET IN TOUCH!

The CECOP team is composed of specialized workers to implement the activities of the organization.

[View](#) the staff and individual contacts.

QUESTIONS?

If you want to know more about us you can :

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PARTICIPATE IN THE NETWORK

Our members are national federations of cooperatives, and organizations that promote and support worker cooperatives, social cooperatives, and cooperatives of self-employed producers.

BECOME A MEMBER!

To be a member of CECOP means to:

- **JOIN** the main network of federations representing cooperatives active in the industry and services sector across the EU.
- Contribute to **SHAPING THE FUTURE** of industry and services cooperatives at the European and national levels.
- **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD** in the European Institutions, and in the European and international cooperative movement.
- **LEARN and EXCHANGE** with fellow cooperators.
- **MEET** important stakeholders in the European scene.



Picture: Grupo SSI cooperative group (Spain)

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WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

CECOP identifies three categories of members as follow:

Full members

- National (or regional) organizations whose members are worker cooperatives and/or social cooperatives.
- European organizations representing professional federations, or worker cooperatives, and social cooperatives at the European level.
- European groups and European Cooperative Societies (ECS) of worker and social cooperatives.

Associated members

- Institutions whose mission is to support the creation and development of worker and social cooperatives.
- Sectoral organizations of full member organizations.
- Organizations representing cooperatives that are active in the industry and services sector, other than worker and social cooperatives.

Network affiliates

- Organizations that do not explicitly affiliate or promote cooperatives in industry and services, but whose statutes make explicit reference to worker cooperatives and social cooperatives, or cooperatives in the industry and services sectors.

CECOP's full and associated members are also members of CICOPA, the international organization of cooperatives active in the industry and services sector.

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WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES?

- **SHAPE** the direction of the organization by participating in Statutory meetings and have your vote.
- **HAVE YOUR SAY** on European policy and legislation via the consultations organized by our policy team.
- **INTERVENE** or **PARTICIPATE** at our conferences and **MEET** important stakeholders.
- **FIND SUPPORT** in the expertise existing in our network to promote cooperatives in your country.
- **BRING CLOSER** the EU policies on cooperatives to your cooperators by co-organizing events with us.
- **SHARE** your experience and **LEARN** by joining working groups and mutual learning sessions among members on topics relevant to them.
- **STAY UPDATED** on the most recent news from the network and the EU via our member newsletter “CECOP LINK”.
- Have **ACCESS** to a unique set of resources dedicated to members via the members’ area.
- **GET FEATURED** in our products: #COOPTALES, Zoom In, CECOP newsletter, reports and publications, and across our social media and website.



Picture: Progetto Quid Cooperative (Italy)

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WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS?

Being part of a network requires some obligations as well. Mainly, we would ask you to respect your payment obligations, keep us updated with the person of contact in your organization, and be active as much as you can in the promotion of our cooperatives.



Picture: Fair & Bio Roastery Coop (Czechia)

FEES

According to the category of membership, CECOP identifies three types of membership fees:

Full members' fees

These fees are the sum of Fee A (number of cooperatives affiliated to the member organisation) + Fee B (the aggregate turnover of the affiliated cooperatives). Fee A and Fee B are calculated by tranche.

Associated members' fees

These fees are fixed and depend on the nature of your organization, be it a financial institution or a non-financial institution willing to support/contribute to our cause.

Network associates' fees

These are calculated based on 3.5% of the operational budget of the organization (for a minimum of 300 euros to a maximum of 2.500 euros).

Write us for more information.

DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

THE CICOPA
WORLD
DECLARATION OF
WORKER
COOPERATIVES

THE CICOPA
INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS OF
SOCIAL
COOPERATIVES

CECOP STATUTES

CECOP 2021-2025
STRATEGIC PLAN

CECOP 2022-
2026
MEMBERSHIP
PLAN
(MEMBERS-ONLY)

CECOP ANNUAL
WORKING PLAN
(MEMBERS-ONLY)



THE COOPERATIVE FAMILY

CECOP represents cooperatives in the industry and services sector also vis à vis the wider cooperative movement in Europe and worldwide. It is the sectoral organization of Cooperatives Europe, which brings together cooperatives from all sectors.

CECOP is also the European regional organization of CICOPA, the world sectoral organization for industry and services – itself part of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).

To achieve its objectives CECOP collaborates with different actors in the social economy. In particular, it is member of Social Economy Europe, REVES, and Social Platform.



Picture: Logik & Co cooperative (Denmark)