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Towards a people-centred Europe...  
with **cooperatives.**

**1 out of 5 people in the EU is a member of a cooperative - an inclusive business where everybody has a say.**



Cooperatives - another way of doing business

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Cooperatives are businesses which are owned by their members - people like you - who have an **equal say** in how the cooperative is run, and **share the profit** the business makes among each other.

Cooperatives are active in every sector and come in all shapes and sizes - from bakeries and wind farms, to banks and football clubs. They are ethical businesses that work for the benefit of the community now and in the future.

Cooperatives put **people before profit**.

A people-centred Europe with Cooperatives Europe

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Whether it is the emergence of new economies, integration of youth in job markets or leading energy transition, cooperatives, as key actors of social economy, offer solutions to many of Europe's challenges by responding to people's needs.

**Cooperatives Europe supports the cooperative way of doing business by:**

- advocating for a level playing field between cooperatives and other forms of enterprise;
  - increasing the knowledge of the cooperative business model across Europe and beyond, and;
  - facilitating the development of cooperative enterprises.
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**Cooperatives Europe brings together 84 member organisations. We represent 176,000 cooperative enterprises from all sectors of economy, 141 million members and 4,7 million employees.**



Leading change in Europe and beyond

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Cooperatives are leaders of change, offering a fair and sustainable vision of the world where economic growth and social change exist in harmony.

This is why cooperatives have been recognized as key partners for achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs). Their unique position in transforming lives through democracy, education and self-help puts people and communities in charge of their own livelihoods.

Our members, guided by the cooperative values and principles, are actively working to empower people worldwide through entrepreneurship.





# Cooperatives exist to satisfy people's needs, and not human greed.

Like any other business, cooperatives must trade successfully, but not at any price.

Cooperatives Europe promotes an enterprise model which puts people at the heart of its activities.

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