

The report **Good practices in international cooperative development** presents a snapshot of the CEDP's activities and approaches to promote sustainable and inclusive development worldwide – find out more in this brochure!

## Our cooperative organisations



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# THE CEDP GOOD PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

**Cooperatives** are businesses owned and run by their members, enabling them to have an equal say in what the enterprise does and a share in the profits. As people-centred and democratically controlled organisations, they are guided by the cooperative principles (as defined by the International Co-operative Alliance - ICA), including concern for community and cooperation between cooperatives, and by ethical values such as self-help, democracy and solidarity. In line with these principles and values, cooperatives actively contribute to international development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, promoting capacity building, training and education worldwide.

**International cooperative development** is an approach that focuses on creating wealth, promoting a better quality of life, and reducing poverty through the promotion of the cooperative business model and the capacity building of cooperative entrepreneurship worldwide. Cooperatives as member-owned and member-driven enterprises have a proven track-record of being socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.

The **Cooperatives Europe Development Platform (CEDP)** is an expert group composed of European cooperative organisations, all members of Cooperatives Europe (the European region of the ICA), who are active in international cooperative development.

### The key advantages of international cooperative development are:

- + Strengthening communities through actively involving people, as members of the cooperatives, in making changes and influencing local policy
- + Empowering people through cooperation and member participation giving them control over their own livelihoods
- + Advocating for changes to government policy and practice to create a favourable environment for member-owned enterprise

### Do you want to know more?

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EDUCATION



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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



TOURISM AND CULTURE



HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES



SERVICES, CRAFT, INDUSTRY

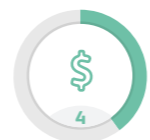


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## CEDP delivering different activities



EMERGENCY AID AND RELIEF



FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT



CONSULTING



TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE



LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND POLICY REFORM



SOCIAL INTEGRATION



NETWORK BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING



INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

## Targeting different groups

Many CEDP members target marginalised and excluded groups, mainly women and young people, because cooperatives are inclusive businesses. This way, CEDP members represent excellent partners to promote human rights, democracy, rule of law, gender equality and inclusive participation. Focusing on young people is key as they are the real democratic agents of change, the entrepreneurs of the future and valuable active citizens that can change the world for the better.

## Working with a wide range of partners

In line with the cooperative values of cooperation and solidarity, the CEDP works with a wide range of partner organisations, from other cooperatives to international organisations, local authorities to other CSOs such as NGOs, fair trade organisations, etc. Partnerships are essential for our international cooperative development work, and we are keen to keep strengthening civil society organisations in our future activities.

## CEDP MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE IN 74 COUNTRIES

