

THE WORLD CO-OPERATIVE MONITOR 2017 PRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

The [International Cooperative Alliance ICA](#) published the 2017 edition of the [World Cooperative Monitor](#), the report on socio-economic impact of cooperatives at global level.

The report, published annually by the ICA and produced with the scientific and technical support of the Euricse, is a source of annual data on the size and scope of the cooperative economy. At the core of the Monitor is a list of the 300 largest cooperatives in the world. In addition, the Monitor presents sectorial rankings and in-depth looks at particular sectors or regions.

The Monitor helps raise the cooperative profile and impact with policymakers, industry professionals and the general public and serves as an important tool for researchers worldwide.

A second publication of great interest on the impact of the cooperative movement at the global level is the [Second Global Report on Cooperatives and Employment](#) released by [CICOPA](#), the international organization of industrial and service cooperatives. The Report shows that the number of cooperatives throughout the world is 2.94 million and the number of members in all types of cooperatives totals 1,217.5 million. Based on data from 156 countries, the updated estimate shows that employment in or within the scope of cooperatives includes at least 279.4 million people across the globe, or approximately 9.46 percent of the world's employed population.

CICOPA underlines that employment is one of the most important contributions made by cooperatives throughout the world and the report shows that people involved in cooperatives constitute a major actor in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in the worldwide debate on [the 'future of work' launched by the International Labour Organization](#).

Other interesting facts about cooperatives are available in the presentation of the [ICA coop stories](#) publication. In Japan 91 per cent of farmers operate as part of a cooperative. In France, cooperatives account for 60 per cent of retail banking, 40 per cent of food and agricultural production and 25 per cent of retail sales. In Kenya, cooperatives are responsible for 45 per cent of GDP. In Bolivia, one third of the population has cooperative membership.



Data from these publications and the persisting growth of the cooperative movement in the world show that cooperatives, born to respond to poverty conditions of workers, today can represent a typology of enterprise able to successfully compete on the new economic and social environment, for generating wealth and services while keeping its basic principles of solidarity and democratic participation.

Coop Stories is a world's global campaign managed by ICA and Euricse, presenting more than 450 stories of cooperatives from around the world and working in a wide variety of sectors. Reading these stories is of great interest to know the cooperatives' contribution to social and economic development and to encourage new actors to adopt this way of managing economic initiatives and services in their respective territories.

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) founded in 1895, is a non-governmental cooperative-union representing the co-operative movement worldwide. The ICA represents 272 co-operative federations and organizations from all sectors including agriculture and food industries, banking and financial services, consumer, fisheries, health and social care, housing, industry and utilities, insurance and workers. The Alliance has members from 100 countries, representing close to one billion individuals worldwide. The Alliance provides a global voice and forum for knowledge, expertise and coordinated action for and about co-operatives.

To know more

[World Co-operative Monitor](#)

[CICOPA Report on Cooperatives and Employment](#)

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