

# THE WORLD CO-OPERATIVE MONITOR 2018 PRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE

The [International Cooperative Alliance ICA](#) published the 2018 edition of the [World Cooperative Monitor](#), the report on socio-economic impact of cooperatives at global level.

The World Cooperative Monitor, published annually by ICA and produced with the scientific and technical support of EURICSE, is a source of data on the size and scope of the cooperative economy. At the core of the Monitor is a list of the world's top 300 cooperative organizations operating in different sectors: insurance (32%), agriculture (35%), wholesale and retail trade (19%), banking and financial services (8%), industry and utilities (2%), health, education and social care (2%) and other services (2%). The 2018 edition reports a total turnover of over two trillion USD.

The 2018 edition is also a special analysis of the top 300 cooperatives and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This new addition to the World Cooperative Monitor takes a look at how the largest cooperative enterprises in the world are moving towards achieving the SDGs.

The 2018 edition and the executive summary are available in English and Spanish in the [online library](#) of the World Cooperative Monitor website.

Other interesting facts about cooperatives are available in the [ICA coop stories](#) publication. *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

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.

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) founded in



1895 is a non-governmental cooperative-union representing the co-operative movement worldwide. 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 110 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 2018](#)

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[ICA coop stories](#)

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[Cooperatives and Sustainable Development Goals in ILO website](#)

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**COOPERATIVES SEE THE FUTURE**

**CO-OP STATS**

- ▶ 1 out of 3 Americans is a member of a cooperative.
- ▶ There are 2,106 agriculture co-ops in the U.S., with more than 2 million member-owners.
- ▶ Consumer cooperatives have a membership base of over 343 million.
- ▶ More than 1.2 million families live in cooperative housing.

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- ▶ Co-ops provide more than 2.1 million jobs nationwide.
- ▶ Co-ops create annual wages of more than \$75 billion.
- ▶ For every \$1,000 spent at a food co-op, \$1,600 is generated in the local economy.
- ▶ Co-ops generate \$650 billion in revenue.

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