

# COOPERATIVE CULTURAL HERITAGE LIST

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2026

April 2026

[The International Cooperative Alliance ICA has opened the nominations for the 2026 Cooperative Cultural Heritage List](#), preserving and celebrating cooperative cultural traditions that connect communities around the world. The deadline for submitting nomination proposals is 31 May 2026.

In 2025, the ICA established the Cooperative Cultural Heritage programme to safeguard tangible and intangible elements of Co-operative Cultural Heritage (CCH) around the world. The inaugural list featured 32 sites from 25 countries and interactive map at the [culturalheritage.coop](http://culturalheritage.coop) website. In 2026, the goal is to continue expanding both the geographic and cultural scope of the programme and nominations from ICA members are open now.

[In the website is available the information on the 32 sites already identified by the Initiative in 2025 presenting the history and legacy of each cooperative enterprise.](#)

The website underlines that cooperatives are founded on the values of democracy, solidarity, openness, and contribute to the development of communities through a people-centred approach. The cooperative identity is the sum of all cooperative experiences, and the global cooperative movement is a mosaic of cooperative ideas, practices and heritage advancing sustainable development, social justice and peace within and among communities.

Launched in 2025 in Brasilia, as part of the UN International Year of Cooperatives, the Cooperative Cultural Heritage CCH programme celebrates places and traditions that embody the legacy, idea and practice of cooperation worldwide. The 2025 launch highlighted an inaugural list of tangible elements or sites connected to the birth and development of cooperative movements, institutions and practices that have shaped societies around the world. The initiative is guided by the ICA CCH Working Group (WG).

The programme describes CCH as encompassing both tangible elements (such as sites, institutions, museums and legacy enterprises) and intangible traditions (including local practices and traditions that safeguard cooperative values, practices and governance systems) of cooperation.

In 2026, the goal is to include around 35 additional sites from 25 countries, nominated by members and verified by the working group, amplifying the geographic and cultural representation of the cooperative movement. In addition to physical sites, ICA will also explore the inclusion of intangible cultural elements that reflect



cooperative ideas, practices and traditions. Attention will be given to practices safeguarded under the [UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage \(2003\)](#), the [FAO Global Important Agricultural Heritage Systems](#), and more, where a strong cooperative connection can be identified.

The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) invites its member organizations to take an active role in identifying, celebrating, and safeguarding the living legacy of cooperation around the world. The process of recognizing Cooperative Cultural Heritage Sites is not only an act of preservation but also a reaffirmation of the cooperative identity rooted in values of democracy, solidarity, and collective progress. This initiative seeks to shine a light on the spaces, institutions, and communities that embody the cooperative spirit across generations.

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