

CLOSING THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES AND LAUNCHING THE 2025 WORLD COOPERATIVE MONITOR

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The Closing Ceremony of the [International Year of Cooperatives \(IYC2025\)](#) took place on 4 November 2025 at the Qatar National Convention Centre in Doha, alongside the [Second World Summit for Social Development](#) (WSSD2). Themed around the cooperative movement's contribution to *social justice, decent work, and sustainable development*, the event featured opening statements and keynote speeches by Heads of State and senior UN representatives, followed by a roundtable of cooperative leaders from key sectors including agriculture, finance, housing, health, insurance, fisheries, consumer, and worker cooperatives, showcasing the movement's global impact and innovation.

Visitors to the Summit were also invited to explore the International Year of Cooperatives exhibition presented by COPAC, which highlighted how cooperatives contribute to the SDGs and drive inclusive and sustainable development worldwide.

[The News published by the International Cooperative Alliance](#) reported that during the 2025 International Year of Cooperatives more than 200 IYC-related events were held in over 100 countries, ranging from policy dialogues and youth summits to cooperative fairs and research symposia. These activities connected co-ops, governments, UN agencies, and partners across regions and sectors. The official IYC website, 2025.coop, received over 80,000 visitors from more than 120 countries and served as a central hub for information, resources, and event listings. The IYC Events Portal also played a key role in connecting initiatives and showcasing cooperative action. Over 1,000 organisations formally applied to use the official IYC 2025 logo – and a common message was amplified throughout the Year through the hashtag *Cooperatives Build A Better World*, helping to elevate cooperative stories of innovation, resilience, and impact. One abiding memory of IYC 2025 is the breadth of participation, from small community cooperatives to global institutions, all engaging around shared values of solidarity, democracy, and inclusion. Another highlight was seeing cooperatives increasingly framed within UN spaces as forward-looking solutions to contemporary challenges, rather than as legacy models. This shift in narrative, reflected across major UN declarations and events, stands out as one of the Year's most meaningful achievements. Ultimately, IYC 2025 stands as a reminder that cooperation is not only a principle, but a practical and proven pathway toward building more equitable, resilient, and people-centred economies.



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During the Year, the IYC website registered the following impact:

- 180 events submitted on the IYC Global Events Portal (iyc.2025.coop);
- 1,000 Logo Requests received for use from 124 countries across all regions;
- 135,222 Website visitors to the 2025.coop website from 185 countries.

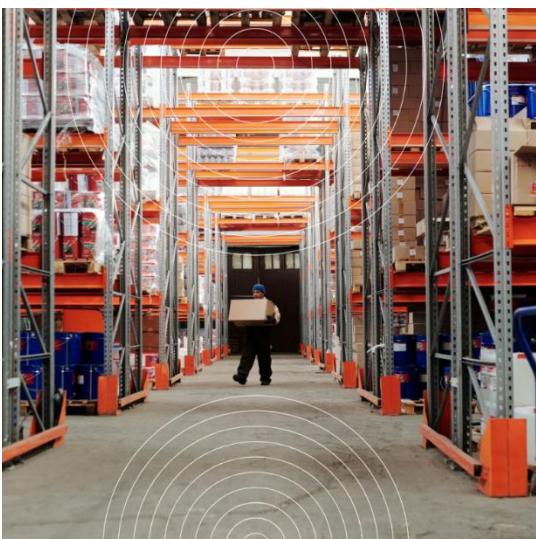
During the celebrations closing the Year of Cooperatives, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), in collaboration with the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE), released the [2025 edition of the World Cooperative Monitor](#), a special report marking the UN International Year of Cooperatives. In its 13th edition, the WCM offers the most comprehensive overview of the global cooperative and mutual sector, highlighting how cooperatives contribute to sustainable, inclusive, and resilient economies worldwide. The 2025 report features the Top 300 cooperative and mutual enterprises, their economic weight, and impact stories from across various sectors, including agriculture, finance, health, energy, and education.

Launched during the World Social Summit in Doha, the Monitor shows that cooperatives are not only vital to local economies but also key to addressing global challenges. As underlined by the Director General of the ICA, the new strategy for 2026–2030 – Practice, Promote, Protect – underscores the Alliance's commitment to sustainability, social justice, and economic democracy.

Key Findings highlighted by the World Cooperative Monitor are the following:

- The Top 300 cooperatives achieved a combined turnover of USD 2.79 trillion in 2023.
- The agriculture (35.7%) and insurance (31.7%) sectors dominate the rankings by turnover, followed by wholesale and retail trade (18%).
- The leading organisations by turnover include Groupe Crédit Agricole (France), State Farm (USA), and REWE Group (Germany).
- By turnover relative to GDP per capita, India's Amul and IFFCO top the global list, highlighting the strength of cooperatives in emerging economies.
- Europe and the Americas account for the majority of the Top 300, but representation from Asia-Pacific and Africa continues to grow.

This special edition of the [World Cooperative Monitor](#), created in partnership with the International Cooperative Entrepreneurship Think Tank ([ICETT](#)), the Cooperatives and Mutuals Leadership Circle ([CM50](#)) and [Co-op News](#), includes exclusive interviews with cooperative leaders worldwide. These "impact stories" illustrate how cooperatives tackle global issues from food security and climate change to healthcare, education, and financial inclusion. The Secretary General of EURICSE underlined that "the latest evidence shows that the cooperative model continues to stand out as a people-centred approach to economic development one that combines social purpose with measurable results. In a time of ecological and digital transition, cooperatives demonstrate that it is possible to innovate without losing sight of fairness, inclusion, and democratic governance. This makes their contribution not only socially relevant, but strategically essential for a sustainable economy".



To know more

[News on Official closing of IYC 2025](#)

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[Doha Political Declaration of the World Social Summit 2025](#)

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