

26 April 2017

Workshop

Cooperatives and the Future of Work

14h00 – 17h00

Koperattivi Malta, Mdina road. Qormi QRM 9011, Malta

Concept

The Future of Work initiative under the International Labour Organization (ILO) Centenary is a key issue for cooperatives movement which by representing about 9% of the world's employed population, according to our recent estimates, is an important laboratory of constantly evolving work forms.

CICOPA, the world organization representing industrial and service cooperatives (of which CECOP – CICOPA Europe is the regional organization for Europe), has been working over the last few years on analyzing and identifying the different forms of cooperative work. This includes employees, self-employed producers, worker-members, as well as forms that are now emerging like freelancers and independent workers and new working relations like in multi-stakeholder cooperatives.

It emerged that our cooperative sector constitutes the core of this work experimentation and is concretely dealing with such top issues as the reemergence of the informal economy, the management of platforms against “uberization” and refugees' work.

This particular workshop is taking place within the framework of a series of initiatives, in which CECOP - CICOPA Europe and CICOPA have been involved:

- In June last year CECOP organized a first workshop on the future of work, where a representative from Eurofound was invited to make a presentation;
- In November last year [CECOP made a presentation](#) at an ILO - European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Conference on the Future of Work, which will be included in an incoming book;
- CICOPA is presently completing a second study on cooperative employment, after [the first one published in 2014](#), with updated figures and a specific focus on the informal economy, platforms, the various forms of work and statistical methodology;
- CICOPA, in partnership with the ILO and the Committee of Cooperative Research of the International Cooperative Alliance, is currently drafting a book on cooperatives and the world of work with particular attention focused on the ILO Centenary Initiative.

Programme

- 14h00** Opening by **Paul Piscopo**, Secretary General of Koperattivi Malta
- 14h10** Presentation of the ILO Centenary Initiative on the Future of Work, by **Simel Esim**, Head of the ILO COOP Unit
- 14h30** Presentation of CICOPA's 2017 global study on cooperatives and employment, by **Bruno Roelants**, Secretary General of CECOP – CICOPA Europe and of CICOPA
- 14h50** How to organize freelancers in cooperatives: the Smart.be experience, by **Sandrino Graceffa**, Director of Smart.be
- 15h10** How to organize refugee's work through cooperatives by **Sira Madigata**, Malian refugee and worker at the Italian cooperative San Filippo Neri
- 15h30** Feedback from **Mario Cardona**, Director of the Lifelong Learning and Early School Leavers Directorate at the Ministry for Education and Employment of Malta
- 15h45** Open Debate
- 16h30** Conclusion, by **Giuseppe Guerini**, President of CECOP