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CECOP POLICY WORK

CECOP-ENSIE HOSTED WORKSHOP AT THE SOCIAL PLATFORM FLAGSHIP CONFERENCE

On the 4th of May 2021, the workshop 'The Road to social Europe? An Action Plan for and with Europe's Social Economy' was organised by CECOP and ENSIE. Together with the Portuguese Secretary of State Gabriel Bastos, representatives of different sectors of the Social Economy and beyond discussed the Social Economy Action Plan.

Find [here](#) CECOP's summary of the event.



CECOP STUDY ON NON-STANDARD EMPLOYMENT TRANSLATED INTO GERMAN

The German Verein zur Förderung der Solidarischen Ökonomie e.V. recently published the German translation of our report 'All for One' as part of an edited volume with contributions from cooperators across Europe. It collects the visions and experiences of cooperators from across Europe. In a collection of essays, activists explain what the social and solidarity economy is, how it relates to its members and communities, and what visions and ideals the authors share. You can find the book [here](#), and CECOP's report in German [here](#).



04 EUROPEAN SOCIAL ECONOMY SUMMIT: HIGH VISIBILITY FOR WORKER AND SOCIAL COOPERATIVES

On May 26th and 27th, CECOP, took part in the European Social Economy Summit organized by the European Commission and the City of Mannheim. Taking place partially in Mannheim and online, the Summit brought together 3000 participants over the course of over 80 sessions.

CECOP hosted a session '*Good, Green and Democratic Jobs: The Employment Perspective of Industrial Cooperatives in the Green Transition*', moderated by CECOP Secretary General Diana Dovgan.

CECOP members discussed with Sven Giegold (MEP, Greens/EFA) and Bela Galgoczi (European Trade Union Institute) strategies and pathways to a green transition of the cooperative economy.

Read the full summary of the session [here](#).

Read a summary of the event [here](#).



EU INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY UPDATE: CECOP'S REACTION & LESSONS FROM COVID CRISIS

On 5 May 2021, the European Commission published an update of the 2020 Industrial Strategy, which focuses on what needs to be done on and what lessons need to be learned from the COVID-19 crisis.

CECOP welcomes the update of the industrial strategy which complements (does not replace) the original industrial strategy published in March 2020. CECOP also salutes the ambitious scope that is foreseen in addressing key elements such as EU industrial and technological strategic dependencies, a more resilient and well-functioning Single Market and the need to support and accelerate the twin digital and green transitions of EU Industry, especially among SMEs. However, the Industrial strategy update does not acknowledge the importance of worker and social cooperatives to create and maintain jobs, especially in difficult times

CECOP reacted to this updated Industrial Strategy [here](#).



05 CECOP SECRETARY GENERAL SPEAKS AT COOPERATIVES EUROPE WORKSHOP ON POST-COVID RECOVERY AND GENDER EQUALITY

In light of the European Strategy on Gender Equality and the European Recovery Plan, Diana Dovgan highlighted the successes of worker cooperatives and called for a continuous struggle for gender equality. She addressed the unequal impact of the pandemic on men and women: the majority of frontline workers are female, yet women are more likely to lose their jobs as the economy came to a standstill. The pandemic, therefore, was a step backward in the fight for gender equality.

However, worker cooperatives in Spain and Italy show that they often offer better opportunities for women, with higher shares of their workforce and managerial staff being women, compared to conventional enterprises.

Read our summary of the workshop organized by Cooperatives Europe and Alleanza Cooperative Italiane [here](#).



CECOP WELCOMES NEW MEMBER FROM SLOVENIA – JUST AS THE SLOVENIAN PRESIDENCY STARTS

CECOP had the chance to sit down with member CAAP, and discuss their recent affiliation to our network, the upcoming Slovenian presidency, and much more. Just before the Slovenian Government took over its half-year presidency of the Council of the European Union, the EU's representation of its member states, the CECOP-family grew and welcomes CAAP as a new network affiliate.

Read the whole interview [here](#).





STAND UP FOR THE SOCIAL PILLAR ALLIANCE: "A SOLIDARITY ACTION PLAN FOR ALL" EVENT

As part of the 'Stand Up for the Social Pillar Alliance, CECOP called for a comprehensive and meaningful implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan ahead of the European Social Summit in Porto.

Together with its partners ETUC, Social Economy Europe, the European Movement International, and the Social Platform, CECOP was part of a pane debate on the European Pillar of Social Rights on 28th of April 2021. Ahead of the Porto Social Summit, the Alliance called for the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights with an Action Plan based on solidarity and inclusion.

Read more about the event [here](#).

UPDATES FROM EU INSTITUTIONS AND PARTNERS

PLATFORM WORK INITIATIVE IN PARLIAMENT & 2ND STAGE SOCIAL PARTNERS' CONSULTATION

The European Parliament's Employment and Social Affairs Committee published a [draft for an Own-Initiative Report](#) on fair working conditions, rights, and social protection. The final vote of the European Parliament on this report is still pending.

On 15th June, the European Commission asked the social partners to give their inputs on the Platform Work Initiative. The consultation documents can be accessed [here](#).

DIESIS AND CENTRO STUDI DOC FOUNDATION HOST WORKSHOP ON DECENT WORK THROUGH COOPERATIVE MODELS

On July 27th, Diesis and Centro Studi Doc Foundation hosted a workshop that focused on how cooperatives provide work in dignity. Cooperators, researchers, and CECOP's Advocacy Coordinator Mila Shamku had a fruitful exchange on how cooperatives can overturn power structures of capitalist enterprises and put people and the commons at the centre of their activities.

A full report of the event can be found [here](#).



WORTH READING

ILO STUDY ON PLATFORM WORK

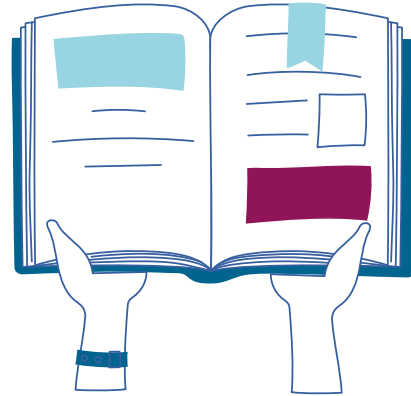
In a recent study, the International Labour Organization (ILO) sheds a light on strategies of platform workers to build a digital economy that creates good work and protects the rights of workers, featuring a range of [CICOPA](#) members.

You can find the whole report [here](#).

SME ANNUAL REPORT

On July 1st, the European Commission published its annual European SME report that provides a synopsis of the size, structure and importance of SMEs to the European economy and an overview of the past and forecasted performance of SMEs from 2008 to 2021.

You can access the whole report [here](#).



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