

iCareCoops

List of contact points for the toolkit

Armenia

The Farm Credit Union of Armenia is the only financial institution based on cooperative principles in Armenia. They provide support to people which wish to set up a cooperative.

Farm Credit Armenia

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Austria

The **Österreichischer Revisionsverband** has set up an online platform to support the creation of new cooperatives in Austria. Through the platform you can get in contact with an adviser in any region of the country.

www.kooperieren.at

Belgium

Febecoop represents cooperative enterprises in Belgium and has three regional agencies providing advice to cooperative start-ups.

<http://febecoop.be>

Febecoop Agence Conseil Wallonie

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Febecoop Adviesbureau Vlaanderen

Febecoop Adviesbureau
Barricadenplein, 1
1000 Brussel
02/500 53 48
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Bulgaria

The Central Cooperative Union of Bulgaria represents 805 consumer cooperatives and more than 150 000 members. They offer support services to people who want to start a cooperative enterprise in Bulgaria.

CCU Bulgaria

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www.ccu-bg.com

Croatia

Croatian Centre for Cooperative Entrepreneurship is public institution which coordinates and represents the interests of cooperatives. The main activities of Centre are promotion, improvement and development of cooperative movement in Croatia, education, professional help to cooperatives, central cooperative register management, cooperation with ministries and local institutions in purpose of improving legal framework affecting cooperatives etc.

Croatian Centre for Cooperative Entrepreneurship

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Mail: info@zadruga.coop
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Denmark

Kooperationen is the Danish organisation representing cooperative enterprises at cross sectoral level.

Kooperationen

Reventlowsgade 14, 2
1651 København V.
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kontakt@kooperationen.dk
www.kooperationen.dk

Finland

Pellervo is providing advice and support services (except financial support) to people who are establishing new cooperatives. We have guidebooks, consultation services by phone, emails and meetings.

Pellervo (Confederation of Finnish Cooperatives)
P.O. Box 77 (Simonkatu 6)
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finncoop@pellervo.fi
<http://pellervo.fi>

France

There are different organisations that could provide you good advice to start your cooperative business.

The **Confédération Générale des SCOP** is the national federation of worker cooperatives and has 13 regional offices providing assistance to new cooperatives. You can find more information in www.les-scop.coop

Coop de France represents farmer cooperatives; for initiatives in this sector you can contact one of the regional offices. All contact details can be found on www.coopdefrance.coop.

For general enquiries about cooperatives, please contact CoopFR, the organisation representing cooperative enterprises from any economic sector in France.

Coop FR

24 rue du rocher - 75 008 Paris
Tél. : 01 42 93 59 59
www.entreprises.coop
contact@entreprises.coop

Georgia

Iberia is the Agricultural and Industrial Cooperative Society of the Georgia Union. They can provide you general information about cooperatives in Georgia.

Iberia

Umashevi Str. 8

Lilo

info@iberia.coop

www.iberia.coop

Germany

The **Deutscher Genossenschafts- und Raiffeisenverband** (DGRV) is the national association of cooperatives, providing also assistance to those willing to start a cooperative in Germany. To this end DGRV created a specific web platform providing interesting information on how to start a cooperative: www.genossenschaften.de. On this platform you will also be able to find the local branch of DGRV which can provide you assistance to set up your cooperative business.

Deutscher Genossenschafts- und Raiffeisenverband (DGRV)

genossenschaften@dgrv.de

<http://www.genossenschaften.de>

Ireland

While the Co-operative Housing Ireland provides services mainly linked to housing cooperatives, the Irish Cooperative Organisation Society (ICOS) can provide support to cooperatives from other business sectors.

Co-operative Housing Ireland

Co-operative House, 33 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: +353 1 661 2877 Fax: +353 1 661 4462

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www.cooperativehousing.ie

ICOS

The Plunkett House, 84 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

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www.icos.ie

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ICOS website has a general webpage on cooperative start-ups:

<http://www.icos.ie/starting-a-co-op/intro/>.

Italy

The Italian cooperative movement is one of the most articulated in the world. There are three main cooperative organisations in Italy, having regional and local branches which

provides support services to people willing to start a cooperative business. Please, visit the website of the three organisations to look for your local contact.

Confcooperative

www.confcooperative.it

Legacoop

www.legacoop.coop

AGCI

www.agci.it

Malta

Besides representing and providing services to Maltese cooperative enterprises, Koperattivi Malta provide assistance to the creation of new cooperatives. A part of their website is dedicated to this matter (<http://cooperatives-malta.coop/start-a-cooperative/>)

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www.cooperatives-malta.coop

Moldova

The Trade Cooperative University of Moldova provides information about cooperatives, but also accompany people when setting up cooperatives through cooperative business incubators.

Trade Co-operative University of Moldova

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Republic of Moldova

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<http://www.uccm.md/>

Netherlands

NCR is a member-organization representing cooperatives on many business sectors in the Netherlands. Besides serving their members, NCR promote the cooperative business model with information and education activities on cooperative entrepreneurship.

NCR manages a digital platform with general information about how to start a cooperative. Additionally they organize an annual meeting where much information is provided about cooperatives. Finally, by becoming member you can receive individual support and advice at convenient rate.

Nationale Coöperatieve Raad voor land- en tuinbouw

Adres: Groenmarktstraat 37, 3521 AV te Utrecht

T: 030-284 0490 M: 06-27064645 F: 030-284 0499

www.cooperatie.nl

Here is the platform dedicated to cooperative start-ups :

info@kamervancooperatie.nl

www.kamervancooperatie.nl

Norway

The Norwegian Cooperative Center was established in 2008 by the main Norwegian cooperative organisations as a centre for information, documentation and advice. The center organizes courses, conferences, printed information material and information on the website.

Samvirkesenteret/The Norwegian Cooperative Centre

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www.samvirke.org

Poland

If you need to set up a cooperative in Poland, you can ask for advice either to the National Cooperative Council, which deals with cooperative enterprises from all economic sectors, or the National Auditing Union of Workers' Cooperatives, which works more specifically with workers cooperatives.

Krajowa Rada Spółdzielcza – National Cooperative Council

00-013 Warszawa,

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tel.: 22 59 64 300

krs@krs.org.pl

www.krs.org.pl

National Auditing Union of Worker's Cooperatives - Cooperative Development and Promotion Agency

Ul. Malborska 65, 30 – 646 Kraków, POLAND

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joanna@spoldzielnie.org.pl

www.spoldzielnie.org.pl

Russia

Centrosojuz is the Central Union of Consumer Societies of the Russian Federation. Besides providing general information about cooperatives, Centrosojuz can put you in contact with one of the regional unions of consumer cooperatives, which can give you instructions on how to start the cooperative business.

You can find more information on www.rus.coop.

Spain

Cepes, the Spanish business confederation of social economy represents cooperatives, worker-owned societies, mutual benefit societies, insertion companies, special employment centres, fishermen' guilds and stability associations with more than 200 support structures at regional level.

Cepes

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3, 4ª planta, 28013 MADRID

Tel.: 91 593 04 12

Fax: 91 448 73 93

Email: info@cepes.es

<http://www.cepes.es>

Greece

The Kapa Network is an NGO promoting the cooperative business model in Greece. While they are working to establish a cooperative development agency, they already provide advice to people wishing to set up a cooperative business in Greece.

Network K.A.P.A. - Δίκτυο Κ.Α.Π.Α.

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Ioannina - Ιωάννινα

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<http://www.diktio-kapa.dos.gr/>
Imprecha@cc.uoi.gr

Sweden

Coompanion offers information, advice and training on how to start a cooperative business. Coompanion's corporate advisers are experts in cooperative entrepreneurship. Coompanion is based in 25 different locations in Sweden.

Coompanion

sverige@coompanion.se
www.coompanion.se

United Kingdom

Co-operatives UK is the national trade body that campaigns for co-operation and works to promote, develop and unite co-operative enterprises. Co-operatives UK as a dedicated advice team that you can contact if you wish to set up a coop. You can also have a look at the start a coop section on their website (<http://www.uk.coop/developing-co-ops>)

Co-operatives UK

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Hanover Street
M60 0AS - Manchester
Legal Services Team
0161 214 1750
legal@uk.coop
www.uk.coop

Ukraine

Ukoopsilka is the central union of consumer societies in Ukraine. They can provide general information about cooperatives and cooperative law in Ukraine.

Central Union of Consumer Societies of Ukraine – Ukoopsilka

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