

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## Effective and Ethical Co-operative Management across Europe

Co-operatives are an important part of European economic and social life – 1 in 3 EU citizens are co-operative members. They hold substantive market shares in important sectors in many European countries.

While cooperatives serve an important social function, at the same time they compete in the market in an increasingly competitive and global environment.

## Qualification Necessary for Managing the Co-operative Difference

EUCoP will identify the job profile of effective cooperative managers and elected members and will develop an innovative application of ECVET tools that recognizes and qualifies a combination of informal, non-formal and formal learning outcomes and skills.

## ECVET and Mobility Learning Units

Through mobility learning units, managers and elected members can have their skills and abilities formally recognized across Europe with the use of ECVET tools, equipping them for a broader future in co-operative management.

## Using the Results of EUCoP

Co-operative managers, elected members, co-operative trainers, national and international co-operative organisations, policy-makers, universities and research centres can take advantage of the results of EUCoP.



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# Co-operative Management for the Future

## Outcomes of the European Coop Campus Project

### ● Identification of Co-operative Manager Profile and Competencies

Making the co-operative difference – the knowledge and skills required by managers of co-operatives, wherever they are in Europe and whatever the nature of their co-operative.

### ● ECVET guidelines and tools

Processes, procedures and guidance for designing a quality assured co-operative based work experience programme.

### ● Mobility learning units

Units of learning and assessment which ensure transferability of essential knowledge and skills required by managers of co-operatives wherever they are working in Europe.

### ● Co-operative training campus and network

A 5th Principle resource for European based co-operatives.

## Implementation of a European credit system for ECVET

### ● Mutual recognition of the co-operative manager profile across Europe

A description of the knowledge, skills and understanding required by all managers working in co-operatives in the EU.

### ● Adopting a common method of co-operative managerial skills evaluation

Best practice in assessing the competencies of co-operative managers through a blend of formal and informal learning.

### ● Allowing for mobility in co-operative managers' training pathways

Knowledge transfer opportunities provided by ECVET accredited mobility units.

## Improving the Co-operative Competitive Advantage

### ● Leveraging existing co-operative manager knowledge

Integrating ECVET accredited mobility units into the professional development plans of EU based managers of co-operatives.

### ● Improving and developing the abilities of co-operative elected members

Integrating ECVET accredited mobility units into the professional development plans of EU based elected members.

### ● Sustaining co-operative values and competitiveness

Providing a model of learning and assessment which balances 'living' co-operative values and principles with the commercial needs of the business.

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