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ICA CCR EUROPEAN RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2022

“Rethinking co-operatives: From local to global and from the past to the future”

13-15 July 2022, Athens Greece

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Organizer and local partners

The ICA CCR European Research Conference 2022 will be held in Athens, from the 13th until the 15th of July at the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.

The conference is organized by the ICA CCR Europe Research Board and hosted with the support of four Universities, two National Research Centers and an educational cooperative, which bring together academics and researchers working on Co-operatives in Greece.

Main theme and suggested topics

The Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade of the ICA sets out a strategy plan with a number of ambitious goals to be achieved. The latter highlights -in many instances- the importance of safeguarding the cooperative identity, as well as encouraging the cooperation between cooperatives. Nevertheless, as we are approaching the end of the Co-operative Decade, how to maintain a common cooperative identity which is inclusive to both traditional and emerging cooperatives, while strengthening their network capacities in local, regional, and global level, still remains an open question. To address the aforementioned challenges, new strategic visions for cooperatives need to be explored and debated.

For this reason, following the main theme of the Paris Conference in 2021 on “Cooperatives in transition facing crisis”, the 2022 ICA CCR European Research Conference has as its main theme: ***“Rethinking cooperatives: From local to global and from the past to the future”***. We invite scholars, practitioners and policy makers to reflect critically upon the evolution of the cooperative model over the years, the challenges that it has successfully addressed and those that remain unanswered, as well as the need to both evolve and adapt to new conditions, while maintaining a common cooperative identity.

Based on the above perspective, the conference aims to address a wide range of topics of the cooperative movement’s development through time and location from different scientific fields and traditions, including – among others:

- ▶ Agricultural cooperatives
- ▶ Consumer cooperatives
- ▶ Cooperative governance
- ▶ Cooperative law and public policies
- ▶ Cooperative management
- ▶ Cooperative networks and territorial and rural development
- ▶ Cooperative resilience and sustainability
- ▶ Cooperatives and climate change
- ▶ Cooperatives and social and solidarity economy

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- ▶ Cooperatives and sustainable development goals
- ▶ Cooperatives and the commons
- ▶ Emerging types of cooperatives (e.g., cooperative platforms)
- ▶ Financial and banking cooperatives
- ▶ History of the cooperative movement.
- ▶ Innovation in Cooperative education
- ▶ Assessing the cooperative impact
- ▶ Producer Cooperatives
- ▶ Social Cooperatives
- ▶ Statistics on cooperatives
- ▶ Worker cooperatives

Thematic/topics are NOT exclusive and shall be re-defined based on the received submissions.

Details for individual presentations, self-organized sessions and workshops

A. Participants interested in presenting their work in the form of individual paper (or poster) are kindly invited to:

- submit an abstract of a maximum of 300 words **before the 28th of February 2022**,
- indicate whether the submitted abstract is related to a poster, paper or session,
- use the template that shall be uploaded at the website,
- send the abstract to submissionsathens2022@gmail.com mentioning as the email's subject "ICA CCR EU ATHENS 2022 Abstract Submission".

B. Participants interested in organizing a parallel session are kindly invited to:

- submit a proposal (max. 1000 words), in which the contributors, the contents, the number of presentations are mentioned and the abstracts are included,
- use the template that shall be uploaded at the website
- send the proposal to submissionsathens2022@gmail.com mentioning as the email's subject "ICA ATHENS 2022 Session proposal" **before the 28th of February 2022**,

Young Scholars' Event

On the first day of the conference a dedicated workshop will be organized for young scholars, in order to cultivate and enhance an interdisciplinary collaboration between projects. In addition, we encourage young scholars to submit a paper or present a poster to the conference.

Important dates

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28th of February 2022	Deadline for self-organized sessions
28th of February 2022	Deadline for abstract submissions
March 2022	<i>Selection process and notification to authors, accompanied with presentation guidelines.</i>
30 April 2022	<i>Final date for early bird registration</i>
1 June 2022	<i>Deadline for the upload of presentations at the conference's website. Full papers will not be published on paper.</i>
Beginning of July 2022	<i>Full papers available online</i>
13-15 July 2022	<i>Conference</i>

Information

Please visit the website <https://ica-ccr-athens.gr/> for updates, registration guidelines and further details, as well as field trips and selected visits to Greek cooperatives to help you plan your travel.

Local Hosting Partners

The host organizer of the conference is the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences with the support of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Agricultural University of Athens, the University of Western Macedonia, the Department of Tourism Management of the University of Patras, the National Centre for Social Research, the Institute of Cooperation and the educational non-profit cooperative “People’s University of Social and Solidarity Economy”.

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