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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**ICA CCR EUROPEAN RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2020**

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

8-10 July 2020, Athens Greece

**Organizer and local partners**

The ICA CCR European Research Conference 2020 will be held in Athens, from the 8<sup>th</sup> until the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 five Universities, two National Research Centers and an educational cooperative, which bring together academics and researchers working on Co-operatives in Greece.

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## **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 by 2020. 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 Berlin Conference in 2019 on cooperatives and the transformation of business and societies, the 2020 ICA CCR European Research Conference chose as its main theme: ***“Rethinking cooperatives: From local to global and from the past to the future”*** and invites 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
- ▶ Cooperatives and sustainable development goals
- ▶ Cooperatives and the commons

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- ▶ Emerging types of cooperatives (e.g. cooperative platforms)
- ▶ Financial and banking cooperatives
- ▶ History of the cooperative movement.
- ▶ Innovation in Cooperative education
- ▶ Measuring 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 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2020**,
- indicate whether the submitted abstract is related to a poster, paper or session,
- send the abstract at [submissionsathens2020@gmail.com](mailto:submissionsathens2020@gmail.com) mentioning as the email's subject "ICA ATHENS 2020 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.
- send the proposal at [submissionsathens2020@gmail.com](mailto:submissionsathens2020@gmail.com) mentioning as the email's subject "ICA ATHENS 2020 Session proposal" **before the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2020**,

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## **Young Scholars' Event**

At 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 case of available funding, the recipients shall be invited to contribute to the conference with a paper or poster presentation.

## **Important dates**

<b>29th of February 2020</b>	<b>Deadline for self-organized sessions</b>
<b>29th of February 2020</b>	<b>Deadline for abstracts' submissions</b>
<b>March 2020</b>	<i>Selection process and notification to authors, accompanied with presentation guidelines.</i>
<b>30 April 2020</b>	<i>Final date for early bird registration</i>
<b>1 June 2020</b>	<i>Deadline for the upload of presentations or/and full papers at the conference's website. Full papers will not be published on paper.</i>
<b>15 June 2020</b>	<i>Full papers available online</i>
<b>8-10 July 2020</b>	<i>Conference</i>

## **Information**

Please visit the website <https://ica-ccr-athens.gr/> in which there will be 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 Post Graduate Programme (M.Sc.) of the Hellenic Open University on Social and Solidarity Economy, the National Centre for Social Research, the Institute for the Research and Study of Cooperatives, the Agricultural University of Athens, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the University of Western Macedonia and the educational non-profit cooperative "People's University of Social and Solidarity Economy".

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