



International Cooperative Alliance Committee on Cooperative Research

**ICA CCR EUROPE 2021
RESEARCH CONFERENCE
7-9 July 2021 - On line**

“Cooperatives in transitions facing crisis”

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The International Cooperative Alliance Committee on Cooperative Research (ICA CCR) EUROPE Research Conference will be held online on 7-8-9 July 2021.

The ICA CCR Europe 2021 Conference will deepen the understanding of the resilience of cooperatives facing crisis. How does the cooperative movement contribute to sustainable and solidarity societies? How do cooperatives anticipate and respond to new business opportunities and develop innovative solutions for a sustainable and solidarity future? How do we characterize the democratic work of cooperatives and their impact, from the point of view of organizations, territories, and emancipation? The Conference will explore how cooperatives address current global issues and challenges, such as improving sustainable development, reducing income and wealth inequality, enhancing gender equality and offering a future with decent work. The competitive advantage of cooperative democracy, business performance, market share, best governance and digital capabilities will also be explored.

Moreover, the ICA CCR Europe 2021 Conference offers a unique opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Review of Social Economy or Recma (<http://recma.org>). Founded in 1921 by Charles Gide and Bernard Lavergne, the Recma is today one of the oldest peer-reviewed journals dedicated to works on cooperation and social economy.

The ICA CCR Europe 2021 Conference will explore and address specific themes intrinsically linked to the overarching theme of the Congress: “Cooperatives in transitions facing crisis”.

VIRTUAL IAC CCR Europe Research International conference

The whole Conference, i.e. all workshops, keynotes and roundtables, will be held online. The conference may also be audited by participants who will not be presenting papers.

We invite cooperative researchers, experts and practitioners to submit abstracts or proposals of panel sessions on the themes and topics proposed under one of the Thematic Challenges and Topics outlined below.

THEMATIC CHALLENGES AND TOPICS

1. Cooperative contribution to Democracy

What are the specificities that cooperatives present for facing crisis?

- 1.1. Cooperatives and the Social Solidarity Economy challenges
- 1.2. Cooperative governance and member commitment
- 1.3. Cooperative and social inclusion (e.g., gender, youth, immigrants, etc.)
- 1.4. Cooperative education and socio-economic cohesion

2. Cooperative resilience and innovations

The roles of cooperatives in affecting positive change in response to social challenges.

- 2.1. Cooperative and social, health, and economic crises
- 2.2. Cooperatives and commons
- 2.3. Cooperative innovations for new solutions
- 2.4. Cooperative culture, education, and emancipation

3. Cooperatives and digitalization

- 3.1. Cooperative solutions and new business models
- 3.2. Cooperatives and digitalization
- 3.3. Cooperative platforms and platform cooperatives

4. Cooperatives, Sustainability and European Green Deal (SDGs challenges)

- 4.1. Cooperatives and future work solutions
- 4.2. Cooperative housing and energy
- 4.3. Cooperatives, ethics, and social responsibility
- 4.4. Cooperatives and sustainable value chains
- 4.5. Cooperatives, climate change and environment

5. Cooperatives and territorial development

- 5.1. Cooperative and circular economies
- 5.2. Cooperatives and food sovereignty
- 5.3. Cooperatives and local communities
- 5.4. Cooperatives and renewable energy production
- 5.5. The role of cooperatives in the rural Europe

6. Sectoral Perspectives

- 6.1. Agriculture and food
- 6.2. Banking and insurance
- 6.3. Retail and consumers
- 6.4. Health and social needs
- 6.5. Housing

7. Cooperative Law

- 7.1. New trends in cooperative law
- 7.2. General interest cooperatives
- 7.3. Youth cooperatives
- 7.4. Regional approximation / harmonization of cooperative legislation
- 7.5. SDG and cooperative law
- 7.6. Cooperative law and social economy / social enterprise: an alternative legal model to company law?

8. Commission priorities (2019-2024)

- 8.1. A European Green Deal
- 8.2. A Europe fit for the digital age
- 8.3. An economy that works for people
- 8.4. A stronger Europe in the world
- 8.5. Promoting our European way of life
- 8.6. A new push for European democracy

9. Cooperative governance and organization

- 9.1. Cooperative and member commitment
- 9.2. Internal governance
- 9.3. Cooperative ownership models

10. Cooperative theory

- 10.1. Transitions and transformation in established cooperative forms
- 10.2. New and emerging forms of cooperation
- 10.3. Multi-stakeholder forms
- 10.4. Informal, collective and mutual responses to crises
- 10.5. New cooperativism
- 10.6. Sustainable Business Models?
- 10.7. Cooperatives and the theories of (social, technical, rural-) innovation?

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND PROPOSALS OF PANEL SESSION

All abstracts must be submitted through the online platform:

https://conforg.fr/bin/usrlogin_ica-ccr-eu2021

Submitted abstracts should be 1,000 words maximum and should include:

- Title, author(s) and affiliation(s)
- Theme of the submission and sub-theme (see above) or the name of the panel session in which you are invited
- Core idea/ arguments / methodology and results as well as at least 5 bibliographic sources
- 3 to 4 keywords

Young Scholars (students, or scholars within 2 years of graduation) are particularly encouraged to submit proposals and participate to the Young Scholars Event on the 7 July 2021.

The authors of the selected abstracts will be invited to develop them into full papers (5000-7000 words). They will interact with the scientific committee in order to elaborate their papers in line with the Congress program. The best papers will be selected for presentation in relevant sessions of the Congress, and/or publication.

Proposals of panel session

If you wish to propose a panel session please use the following form before 1st March 2021. Abstracts link to each panel session will be submitted online after this date.

<https://forms.gle/pigacq5PeKKJ8ukW9>

Evaluation and selection will be made on the basis of the potential of the proposed communications and panel sessions to address critical issues in mobilizing relevant and robust arguments based on theoretical, analytical, conceptual and/or empirical bases.

Language : English is the default language for the conference.

Written content (abstracts, slides, and full papers) needs to be in English.

Publication: All abstracts will be integrated into a conference book online. All papers will be uploaded on the Conference website and app. Presenters (paper and/or panel) will be emailed a signed certificate from the host organization and ICA CCR Europe confirming the presentation of their scientific work at the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES

Panel proposal deadline: **1st March 2021**

Abstracts submission deadline: **5 April 2021**

Notification of acceptance and registration start: **19 April 2021**

Early bird registration deadline: **19 May 2021**

Reception of papers: **18 June 2021**

Conference: **7, 8 and 9 July 2021**

Young scholars Event: **7 July 2021**

REGISTRATION

The Conference and will be held virtually, from July 7 to 9, 2021.

Online registration only on the dedicated platform.

FEES	Early Bird Until 19 May 2021	Regular rate
Participation <i>presenting paper or participating in panel session</i>	90,00 €	110,00 €
Student <i>presenting paper</i>	40,00 €	60,00 €
Auditor <i>not presenting paper/panel</i>	30,00 €	50,00 €

All fees are tax included. Registration fees cover participation in all conference events and access to conference content before, during, and after the live conference days. Book of abstracts and Proceedings for presenting authors and participants in panel session only. Payment of registration fees (in euros) will be made by credit card or bank transfer.

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The scientific committee will supervise the process of selecting papers and sessions. The committee is composed of researchers from the ICA European Research Committee, the RECMA editorial board, and other distinguished scholars.

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