

CECOP?

European Confederation of Worker
Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and other
Participative Enterprises

50.000 cooperative enterprises - 1.4 million
workers in industry and services

Worker & Social cooperatives = workers hold
min 51% of the shares (workers/members)

Social cooperative

Type A = provide social services to the
community

Type B = provide work integration for
vulnerable groups (WISE)

Cooperatives main characteristics

- enterprise created by persons willing to satisfy their common needs
- democratic control of the enterprise
- non-distribution of benefits

***Impact of the crisis on worker and social
cooperatives***

Better resilience than conventional enterprises:

- less job reduction
- less enterprises closure

Why?

- governance structure -> innovative measures
- capital accumulation -> financial stability
- solidarity among cooperatives

Service sector:

-> demand growing but difficulties to respond

- public budget cuts

- late payments

Cooperatives and sustainable employment

- EU employment policy measures not adequate
- durability of jobs?
- maintain existing jobs?
- “short-term” vs “long-term”
- cooperatives, sustainable employment and sustainable growth



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Cooperatives and social inclusion

Double contribution:

- prevention of social exclusion and poverty
- employment solution for vulnerable groups

Conclusions

- 1 – cooperatives, alternative approach?
- 2 – long-term approach
- 2 – promotion of sustainable employment
- 3 – employment target: not only n° jobs created but how long do they last?
- 4 – prevention of social exclusion

Cooperatives, Territories and Jobs

Twenty local experiences of cooperatives
active industry and services across Europe



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