



# THE ITALIAN COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE



**AGCI**  
ASSOCIAZIONE  
GENERALE  
COOPERATIVE  
ITALIANE



**CONFCOOPERATIVE**  
CONFEDERAZIONE COOPERATIVE ITALIANE



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## Italian Cooperatives - Relevant socio-economic Actors over the past 133 years and beyond

- The history of the **Italian Cooperative Movement** is strictly linked with the history of the Country.
- Italian cooperatives enhance the potentialities of territories, without delocalizing, assuring the entrepreneurial plurality, employment, equal opportunities for women and youth, sustainable development, social cohesion, welfare, etc.

**Italian cooperatives contribute to 8% of national GDP**

**7% of total employment**

**The Italian cooperatives are a reality capable of great social and economic inclusion since 58% of those employed are women, 15% are immigrants.**

**1 out of 5 Italians is a member of a cooperative**

**1 Italian out of 3 buys in a cooperative**

**1 Italian out of 8 yearly uses services provided by social welfare and health care cooperatives**



## The Acknowledgement in the Italian Constitutional Chart

The Italian Republic has since its Foundation recognized the social function of the cooperative movement

### ***Art. 45 of Italian Constitutional Chart***

*“ The Italian Republic recognizes the social function of co-operation with a mutual and non profit character.*

*The legislation promotes and favours its development by the most suitable means and assures, through appropriate controls, its features and aims.”*



# Towards a single National Cooperative Organization: The Italian Cooperative Alliance

- President: **Maurizio Gardini**, President Confcooperative
- Co-Presidents: **Giovanni Schiavone** President Agci and **Simone Gamberini**, President Legacoop





- It was created to give cooperatives more strength, coordinating their advocacy and representation activities with the Government, Parliament, Social Partners and European and International Institutions.
- To promote, together, cooperatives to play a leading role in building a society and market in harmony with work, economy and well-being of people.
- To increase efficiency, effectiveness, impacts and opportunities

**The Alliance of Cooperatives is a door open  
toward the future.**

# The Alliance of Italian Cooperatives

39,500 co-operatives

€150 billion of aggregated turnover

1,150,000 employees

12 million members

58% of employees are women and  
count for 26% of the governance

15% are migrants

15,8%

of the national bank branches

34%

of retailing and consumer  
sector

35 MLD

of Made in Italy Agri-food  
production ”

more  
than  
90%

of the Italian cooperatives  
active in the welfare system  
with 355,000 people employed  
providing social-health  
services to 7 million Italians



## Sectors of Activity

Agrofood

Fisheries

Consumer and Retailing

Work & Services

Credit and Mutuals

Social, Health & welfare

Industrial, Construction

Tourism, Culture & Sport

Housing





## How to Help Cooperatives Develop and Grow

- ❑ **National Apex Cooperative Associations, the Alliance of Italian Cooperatives and their organizational structures;**
- ❑ **Cooperative Financial and Business Supporting Tools;**
- ❑ **Training and Innovative Services**
- ❑ **Consortia, networking; scale-up initiatives;**
- ❑ **Access to credit;**
- ❑ **Relations with the local community-grass rooted links;**
- ❑ **Relations with Institutions, Civil Society, Trade Unions;**
- ❑ **Partnership with Universities, innovation and research hubs;**



## SOME CHALLENGES

- RESILIENCE TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIROMENTAL CRISES / NEW PARADIGM OF DEVELOPMENT
- CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROMOTION OF THE SDGs FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD
- PROMOTE AND SPREAD COOPERATIVE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES: THE TRUE ASSETTS OF COOPERATIVES
- MAKE THE BEST USE OF INNOVATION: ICT, DIGITALIZATION, PLATFORM COOPERATIVES, NEW MEMERS' NEED
- PROMOTE INTER-COOPERATIVE COLLABORATION



# The European and International Dimension of the ITALIAN COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND  
ATTENTION**

**COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES BUILD A BETTER WORLD**



Le imprese cooperative costruiscono un mondo migliore