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Introduction to the co-operative
movement development engagements**

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Cooperation and Cooperatives

- Cooperation – a natural human behaviour
- Cooperatives – Roots and traditions
- Cooperative principles and values
- Embracing the challenges in a globalised world

They help people as they...

- link members, customers and markets
- increase the members' chances and strengthen the economic position of the individual
- provide access to markets and services
- improve their economic and social situation

Strong cooperatives strengthen ...

- local initiatives / regional added value
- members through job and income creation
- the economic and social position of women
- democratic decision-making processes
- self-responsible human acting
- the economic and social development of the community

Impact of cooperative development

- Benefit for members, customers and employees
- Positive changes of market structures
- Strengthening economic and social development, particularly in rural regions

economy → social effects → social structure

Cooperative Policy towards Developing Countries

- The present situation in developing countries
- Experiences with cooperative policies
- Problems/Policies/Models
- Recommendations

Experiences of promoting cooperative development

- The role of the state
- The role of the cooperative organizations
- Different approaches for different situations
Not one size fits all!

The Role of Cooperatives Europe

- High potential in all European countries
- Great expertise in each member organization
- Different, well adopted models
- Vast experience in projects worldwide
- Cooperatives Europe as a coordinator

Thank you!

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