



Bringing Organisations & Network Development
to higher levels in the Farming sector in Europe



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SESSION 1: THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

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OBJECTIVES

- Identify the cooperative principles
- Discuss how such principles can be relevant for other types of farmer organizations

Definition

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

International Cooperative Alliance, 1995

Cooperative values



SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



VOLUNTARY
OPEN
MEMBERSHIP



DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL

COOPERATION

AMONG COOPERATIVES

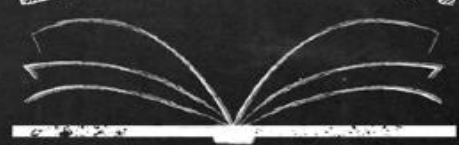
AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

MEMBER

ECONOMIC
PARTICIPATION

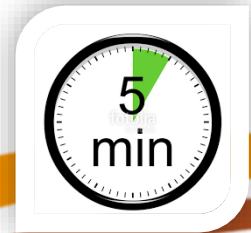
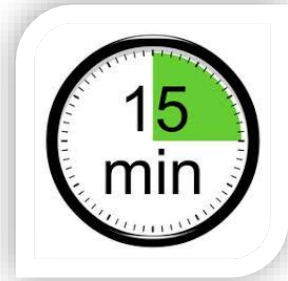
CONCERN
FOR THE

COMMUNITY

EDUCATION

TRAINING AND
INFORMATION

Exercise

1. Read the principle and discuss it with your pair or in your group identifying:
 - key features of the principle;
 - if and how you are implementing it in your group;
 - main successes and challenges for its implementation.
2. Identify a speaker for each team and report to the plenary





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