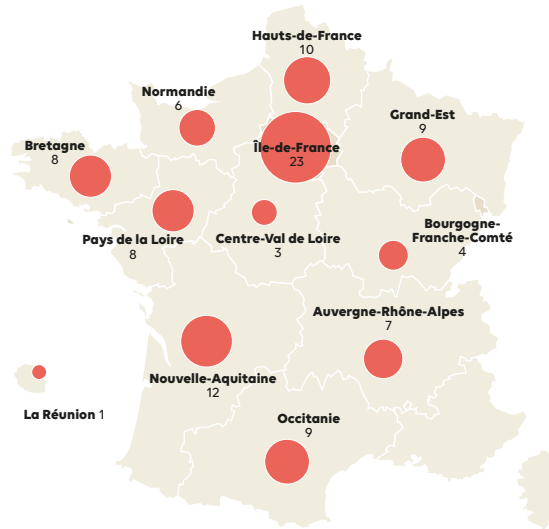


# CO-OPERATIVES, KEY STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FRENCH ECONOMY

2022 was an exceptional year, marked by both a strong economic upturn and high inflation; cooperatives once again illustrated their key role as stakeholders of the French economy.

The 22,410 cooperatives maintained or developed employment, representing almost 1.3 million jobs, and generated a total turnover of €381 billion (+15.5% in two years). They are present in both urban and rural areas. 77% of the head offices of the 100 largest cooperatives are located outside Paris.



22,410  
cooperatives



€381  
billion in  
turnover



31 million  
members



1.3 million  
employees



4.8% of  
salaried employment  
in France



77% of the head offices of the 100 largest cooperative businesses are located outside the Ile-de-France area (greater Paris)

## LEADERS IN SEVERAL MARKETS

The top 100 cooperatives are leaders in their markets. They registered turnover of €286 billion in 2022.

WITHIN THE FRENCH ECONOMY,  
cooperatives represent:

 40% of  
food industry turnover

 30%  
of retail trade

 Over 60%  
of deposit banking

### DID YOU KNOW?

- **SODIAAL**, leading dairy cooperative with the brands Candia, Entremont, Yoplait
- **E. LECLERC**, France's top food retail brand
- **ORPI**, no.1 estate agent with a network of 1,350 branches all over the country
- **BIOCOOP**, largest network of organic shops in France with 765 stores in 2022
- **UP GROUP**, world no.3 in the market for social and cultural vouchers
- **ACOME**, European leader in automotive cables and optical fibre
- **COOP ATLANTIQUE**, with almost 200 local retail outlets, including 7 under the U brand
- **ORCAB**, 5<sup>th</sup> largest multi-specialist trading group for construction and renovation materials for tradesmen

# PRESENT IN ALL SECTORS OF ACTIVITY

## BUSINESS COOPERATIVES

## AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHING

**2,100**  
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES

200,000 employees in the agricultural cooperative sector

82% of farmers belong to a cooperative



**11,262**  
AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT COOPERATIVES (CUMA)

349,203 members, including 195,000 belonging to a CUMA

€104 billion in turnover



**66**  
MARINE COOPERATIVES

19 subsidiaries

820 jobs

€880 million in turnover

16,400 members



## BANKING

## BANKING COOPERATIVES

**3**  
COOPERATIVE BANKS

328,400 employees

86 regional cooperative banks

4,400 local banks

€ 84.4 billion net banking income

29.6 million customer members



## RETAIL TRADE

**104**  
RETAIL COOPERATIVES

50,881 sales outlets

600,770 jobs



## BUSINESS COOPERATIVES

€176.5 billion in turnover

32,286 partner entrepreneurs

**70**  
CONSUMER COOPERATIVES

including 30 cooperatives in the Biocoop network and 10 cooperative and collaborative supermarkets (with another 30 currently in the planning stage)

€ 1.6 billion in turnover

## USER COOPERATIVES

5,000 employees

950,000 consumer members



## SERVICES AND PRODUCTION

### WORKER COOPERATIVES

**2,600**  
SCOP WORKER  
COOPERATIVES

66,727  
employees

€ 7.3 billion  
in turnover

42,999  
members  
including  
30,537 member  
employees

### MULTI- STAKEHOLDER COOPERATIVES

**1,400**  
SCIC  
COMMUNITY  
INTEREST  
COOPERATIVES

14,783  
employees

€ 1.1 billion  
in turnover

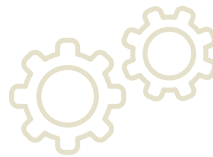
88,400  
members  
(stakeholders)

**155**

CAE  
ACTIVITY AND  
EMPLOYMENT  
COOPERATIVES

either SCOP  
or SCIC,  
supporting

11,658  
employee  
entrepreneurs,  
including  
4,400 members



## CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORT AND PERSONAL SERVICES

**129**  
TRADE  
COOPERATIVES

€ 1.9 billion  
in turnover

### BUSINESS COOPERATIVES



**4**  
TRANSPORT  
COOPERATIVES

€ 118.1  
billion  
in turnover

76,000  
jobs

20,925  
tradesmen  
members



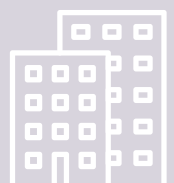
### USER COOPERATIVES

## REAL ESTATE AND HOUSING

**162**  
HLM  
(LOW-INCOME)  
HOUSING  
COOPERATIVES

60% SCIC

200,000  
rental properties



€ 2.2 billion  
in turnover  
in 2022

3,945  
employees

110,349  
members,  
84% of which  
are users

**78**  
RESIDENT  
COOPERATIVES

870  
properties

76%  
occupied by people  
living below  
the eligibility  
threshold for social  
housing



### USER COOPERATIVES

## EDUCATION

**42,300**  
SCHOOL  
COOPERATIVES

4.9 million  
members of school  
cooperatives  
supervised by  
the OCCE office for  
school cooperation



58  
education  
cooperatives  
for community  
entrepreneurialism  
mostly CJS youth  
service cooperatives  
for students  
aged 16-18.

# THE COOPERATIVE "PURPOSE"

The framework law of 10 September, 1947, concerning the cooperative status, amended by the law of 31 July, 2014, on the social and solidarity economy, is based on the international principles of the cooperative model.

According to the International Cooperative Alliance, 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".

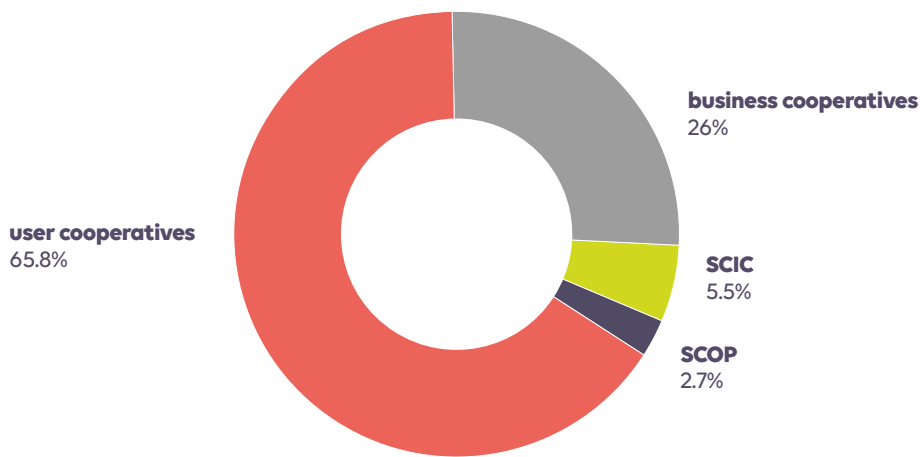
## THE 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



# MEMBERSHIP DEPENDS UPON THE COMPANY PROJECT

A person or a company may hold shares in different cooperatives, given the diversity of the services proposed by cooperatives and the number of different forms they can take. This means there are several types of membership.

Governance models vary significantly depending on whether the members are legal entities (companies or public authorities), private individuals, users or employees (or both) of the cooperative. They are classed into "families" of cooperatives, governed by specific laws and resulting in different economic models.



Number of members according to cooperative model (excluding member-customers of cooperative banks)

Source: Coop FR survey of cooperative federations (2022 data)

- BUSINESS COOPERATIVES
- BANKING COOPERATIVES
- USER COOPERATIVES
- MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COOPERATIVES
- WORKER COOPERATIVES

# COOPERATION, A GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FORCE

## WORLD

At least  
**12%** of  
Humanity



**3 million**  
cooperative  
businesses  
Over 1 billion  
members

**281 millions**  
employees,  
i.e., 10% of  
the working  
population

## EUROPE

**250,000**  
cooperative  
businesses



**5 million**  
employees  
and 141 million  
members

# COOP FR, THE VOICE OF FRENCH COOPERATIVE BUSINESSES

Coop FR, the organisation that represents the French cooperative movement, is a forum for the development and promotion of the cooperative model, and strives to ensure recognition for its particularities.

## COOP FR MEMBERS



The survey of cooperative businesses is the only observation-based statistical tool concerning cooperative businesses. The survey, which is published every two years, is based on the methodological and analytical support provided by the national observatory of ESS France, the representative organisation of the French social and solidarity economy.



> Download the Survey and the Top 100 cooperative businesses for 2024:  
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