



ECOPE AWARD ON CO-OPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

The European ECOPE Award on Co-operative Entrepreneurship Education seeks to distinguish inspiring entrepreneurship training programmes and methodologies based on the co-operative model for students of secondary and university education in Europe.

“Through their distinctive focus on values, cooperatives have proven themselves a resilient and viable business model that can prosper even during difficult times. By creating their own cooperative enterprises, tailored to local needs, young entrepreneurs encourage economic development in their community, simultaneously contributing to their individual capacity-building and skill-development” (European Commission, 2016 Reduction of Youth Unemployment and the set-up of Cooperatives).

The ECOPE Award will showcase inspiring European practices that integrate the co-operative model in entrepreneurship education programmes and initiatives for secondary and higher level students.

#ECOPE WITH US

Tell us about your programme, initiative, training and/or methodology and:

- Gain recognition through an initiative endorsed by the European Union.
- Win the European ECOPE Award on Co-operative Entrepreneurship Education consisting in:
 - ◊ an award certificate
 - ◊ an invitation to present the awarded initiative at the 1st European Co-operative Entrepreneurship Education Conference to be held in spring 2018.
 - ◊ to be included in the first booklet on inspiring European co-operative entrepreneurship training programmes (worth € 3,000).
 - ◊ Be part of the ECOPE community and gain access to European key stakeholders.

OBJECTIVE OF THIS AWARD

To showcase inspiring entrepreneurship training initiatives that integrate the co-operative model for secondary and university students in Europe.



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WHO CAN #ECOPE?

Teachers, managers and experts and institutions with a co-operative entrepreneurship programme, course or methodology dedicated to secondary and university students.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Get a chance to win the ECOPE award by filling-in our short digital questionnaire; it will take you just 10-15 min and your participation will be rewarded with immediate access to the ECOPE community:

- Link to the questionnaire: youth.ecooper.eu/join-us
- Deadline for participation: 05.11.2017
- Contact: if you have any question, please send an email to: contact@ecooper.eu

WHAT IS ECOPE?

ECOPE (Entrepreneurial Cooperative Experience) is a pioneer project co-funded by the European Union that aims at improving European youth employa-

bility through the promotion of a new generation of co-operatives.

Its goal is to raise awareness, interest and knowledge on the values of the co-operative business model among young entrepreneurs and its potential to tackle European youth unemployment, especially in those countries with high unemployment rates.

The European-funded ECOPE project involves eight institutions from five different countries: Santander International Entrepreneurship Centre (Spain) and University of Cantabria (Spain), Lappeenranta University of Technology (Finland), Co-operative College (UK), the European Research Institute on Co-operative and Social Enterprises (Italy), Valnalón (Spain), Policy Experimentation and Evaluation Platform (Portugal) and University of Porto (Portugal).

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