

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL COOPERATIVE EXPERIENCE

# ECO OPE

JOIN THE PILOTS – BECOME A  
COOPERATIVE ENTREPRENEUR!



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## The ECOOPE Pilot Programmes

Do you want to become a cooperative entrepreneur?

Do you want to know more about the cooperative model and values and apply them to your future projects?

**Only 15** higher education **students** or recent graduates from the European Union will have the chance to participate in this pilot experience, which includes both theoretical and practical experience and where you will work in teams to find innovative solutions to challenges from real cooperatives.

**The pilot programme will take place from February 19 to March 23, 2018.**

You'll receive an intensive, state of the art, **5-day dynamic workshop** in Santander (Spain) from February 19 to February 23, conducted by experts in the cooperative model, design thinking tools, ideation and validation of ideas, implementation plans and pitching, among other topics.

Within a multicultural and multidisciplinary team, **you will then be part of a real cooperative company for 4 weeks (February 26 to March 23), in a real working experience environment in Spain, Portugal, England or Italy**, and where you will be able to develop your ideas for the innovative challenge presented, using the tools and knowledge learned in the training and with the assistance and guidance of experts.



Apart from the training and the entrepreneurial experience -officially certified by [CISE](#) (Santander International Entrepreneurship Centre) – **you will also get:**

- **accommodation during the whole experience (5 weeks)**
- **travel allowance**
- **all the expenses needed during the 5-day preparatory course in Santander**

**Everything has been valued in nearly €1,000.**

If you want to be part of this pioneer experience fill out the pre-inscription form on our website **before December 31, 2017** and the ECOOPE team will contact you for further details:



<http://youth.ecoope.eu/coop-pilot-experience-2018>

# About ECOOPE

## ECOOPE AT A GLANCE

A European project that spreads the benefits of  
the cooperative business model  
to tackle youth unemployment

**FOR TEACHERS & HEIS:**

 <b>EVALUATION TOOL</b> to measure the quality of your cooperative entrepreneurship training programmes	 <b>OPEN SOURCE DOCS</b> to use in your cooperative entrepreneurship education initiatives and institutions	 <b>INNOVATIVE TRAINING METHODOLOGY</b> for 2ary Schools and Higher Education institutions
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**FOR STUDENTS & FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS:**

 <b>GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE</b> Look for some of the best cooperative entrepreneurship initiatives in your country	 <b>PILOT EXPERIENCE</b> 1-month training within a cooperative in a European country	 <b>TEST YOUR SKILLS</b> Apply the entrepreneurial skills you have obtained
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**FOR COOPERATIVES:**

 Awareness and international dissemination of the cooperative	 Participation in a European project	 Students will solve challenges within the cooperative
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**FOR SOCIETY:**

 Lower youth unemployment rates	 Economic growth	 Profit with a social twist
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[WWW.YOUTH.ECOOPE.EU](http://www.youth.ecoope.eu)

ECOOPE is an international 12-month project co-funded by the European Union that aims at designing and implementing an innovative, replicable training based on the **cooperative business model** and addressed to **Secondary and University students** to **improve European youth's career opportunities** in a context of high youth unemployment rates.

For this purpose, the project relies on the extensive experience of its partners in designing and implementing **entrepreneurship education and training activities**, as well as in promoting the cooperative business model throughout Europe.

The Entrepreneurial Cooperative Experience involves eight different institutions from five European countries:

**Spain:**

- \* CISE (Santander International Entrepreneurship Centre, from the University of Cantabria in Spain) – project leader
- \* University of Cantabria
- \* Ciudad Industrial Valle del Nalón (Valnalón)

**UK:**

- \* Cooperative College

**Italy:**

- \* EURICSE (European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises)

**Finland:**

- \* Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT)

**Portugal:**

- \* PEEP (Policy Experimentation and Evaluation on Platform)
- \* University of Porto

Cooperative entrepreneurship education is key for this initiative that is implementing innovative and educational actions meant for secondary education and university students in order to tackle high youth unemployment rates in Europe.

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