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COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES FACING THE NEW SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Ph.D Day: Worker takeovers, circular economy, and digitalization



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The recent economic and financial crisis, along with climate change and the pandemic, have drastically altered the socio-economic context, requiring proactive responses from various organizational types and economic actors. Cooperative enterprises face the crisis in a context of increased competition and stricter regulation. The new context calls for new analyses and new tools that go beyond what has traditionally been used in the study of non-conventional enterprises. Among the main challenges on the table are the preservation of jobs in struggling businesses in many activities that are under pressure, the need to employ new production processes to address climate change, and the use of new technologies among which digitization plays a central role in the transition to a green economy. Cooperatives have demonstrated flexibility and resilience of their organizational model during the crisis through the involvement of diverse stakeholders and proactive adaptation to new conditions. However, challenges still loom, and proactive measures and appropriate organizational responses are needed. Moreover, the evolution of the organizational model itself (its governance and management) cannot be left out of the picture. Young researchers and doctoral students studying cooperative enterprises are at the forefront of this difficult scientific and policy task. This workshop aims to involve them first in a new scientific endeavor.

Ph.D. students and young researchers (Post-doc) wishing to present their work in the workshop can contact Massimiliano Mazzanti (massimiliano.mazzanti@unife.it) and Asia Guerreschi (asia.guerreschi@unife.it).

A 400 word abstract of the presentation is required and can be sent via this google form: <https://forms.gle/KBPK1rDrsKP3VX3i7> by May 25th.

Notification of acceptance of the presentation will be given by June 2nd, 2022.

