Workshop on Cooperative Law and Public Policy
August 22 – 23, 2026, in Pula, Croatia | Hybrid

Draft Programme

22 AUGUST 2026 Hybrid meeting Hosted from Juraj Dobrila University of Pula Link to attend online : https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nRfjPvBsRXOWFVlNVfeHug		
Time	Item	Facilitator
15h00-15h10	Registration Introduction to the workshop	Secretariat
15h10-15h40	National Legal Framework Analysis of the ICA-EU Partnership:	Santosh Kumar, ICA Legislation Director and ICA Regions Officers by video
15h40-15h50	ICA Policy Briefs on Sustainable Development Goals	Joseph Njuguna, ICA Director of Policy
15h50-16h05	Reflections by the Cooperative Housing International in light of the 2025 Report on International Legal Research and Analysis on Cooperative Housing and in context of the thematic focus on Cooperatives and Peace for #CoopsDay and #ICAGlobalConference	Blase Lambert, Representative of CHI to the ICA Board
16h05-17h05	Panel Discussion on the Cooperative Identity in the Housing Sector moderated by Alexandra Wilson, Chair, ICA CAIG Goran Jeras, Cooperative for Ethical Financing, Croatia Ian Adderly, Secretary, Our Coop Society, UK Andreea Nacu, Cooperative Housing International, Belgium Thomas Beckett, Cooperative Lawyer & Developer, Carolina Common Enterprise, USA Isaac Nyamongo, Chair, ICA Africa Committee on Cooperative Research Mathias Fiedler, German cooperative lawyer and Board Chair of the Central Association of German Consumer Cooperatives (ZdK)	
17h05 – 17h15	UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Collaborative Legal Structures for Agricultural Enterprises Video Message by the Secretary General of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)	
17h15-18h00	Towards the Principles of International Cooperative Law *If an international comparative publication or commentary on cooperative law were to be developed, what key themes and areas of inquiry should it address that flow directly from the Statement on the Cooperative Identity?* Dante Cracogna, Chair ICA-AM CLC; Hagen Henry, Chair – ICACLC; Jean Louis Bancel, Member – ICA-CIAG; Cynthia Giagnocavo, Chair ICACCR; Ifigeneia Douvitsa, Member, ICACLC; Sonja Novkovic, Saint Mary's University and Co-Convener ICA-SMU Cooperative Law Summer School Moderator: Santosh Kumar, ICA Director of Legislation	
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09h00-09h10	Registration Introduction to the workshop	Secretariat
09h10-09h25	If and How is Leadership, conveyed in the Cooperative Identity Statement?	Giuseppe Guerini, ICA Vice President (President, Cooperatives Europe)

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09h40-17h30	Working sessions of groups of up to 5 participants, guided by "matters for future consideration" All participants online will be grouped together	
09h40-10h30	Working session 1 Sustainable Development and the Cooperative Enterprise Principle 7 in Practice; and associated rights and responsibilities	
10h30-11h00	Coffee Break	
11h00-11h30	Open floor discussions on the first session	
11h30-12h30	Working session 2 Actos Cooperativos (cooperative acts), Cooperative-Basis, and Autonomy & Independence of Cooperatives | Principles 3 and 4: Nature, Scope and meaning	
12h30-13h00	Open floor discussions on the second session	
13h00-14h15	Lunch Break	
14h15-14hh30	Draft Principles of International Cooperative Law: Advance work for ICA-EU Global Report on Legal Framework Analysis	Paula Arzadun, Cooperatives of the Americas and Santosh Kumar, ICA
14h30-15h30	Working session 3 Openness, Volunteerism and the value of Education, Training and Information to the cooperative and the movement | How do Principles 1 and 5 help cooperators and cooperatives implementing the Values	
15h30-16h00	Coffee Break	
16h00-16h30	Open floor discussions on the third session	
16h30-17h00	Summary and main takeaways of the workshop Cynthia Giagnocavo, Chair ICA-CLC; Sonja Novkovic, Saint Mary's University; Ifigeneia Douvitsa, Member, ICACLC; Alexandra Wilson, Chair, ICA-CIAG, Member, ICA Board	
17h00-17h15	Special presentation Happiness through Cooperative Law	Nimi Salim Langer, Attorney and Notary, Kibbutz Gesher Haziv, Western Galilee
17h15-1730	Vote of Thanks	Jean Louis Bancel Hagen Henry