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Programme

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Cooperatives: key actors in Europe for a sustainable future

16 May

- 15:00-16:00 Arrivals and Registration
- 16:00-18:00 Cooperatives Europe Board Meeting (by invitation only)
- 18:30-20:30 Welcome Reception

17 May

- 08:30-09:30 Arrivals and Registration (Coffee)
- 09:30-09:45 Welcome Address
Chairman of the Board Kooperationen, Carsten Varneskov
President of Cooperatives Europe Jean-Louis Bancel
- 09:45-10:45 Former President of the United Nations General Assembly, Mogens Lykketoft, on UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- 10:45-10.50 Introduction to Workshops and Programme for the Day

Workshops

- 11:00-12:30 Gender Equality (room Damgaardssalen)
- 11:00-12:30 Collaborative Economy and Youth (room Atriumsalen)
- 11:00-12:30 The Cooperative Model – from Europe to the World (Room E-51)
- 12.30-12.35 Group photo

12:35-13:00 Lunch Break

Cooperative Visits

- 13:00 Departure by bus to UN City
- 13:00 Departure by bus to Copenhagen Fur
- 13:00 Departure by bus to Coop's Headquarters
- 16:00-17:30 Sightseeing in Copenhagen by bus (Royal Palace, The Little Mermaid)
- 18:00-19:30 Cocktail Dinner, Arbejdernes Landsbank, Copenhagen
- 20:00-23:00 Evening in Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen
- 23:00 Return to Helsingør by bus

Dress code: smart casual (limited time between conference and departures for visits and Tivoli theme park).

18 May

- 08:45-09:10 Registration (Coffee) and distribution of votes
09:15-09:30 Welcome Address by President of ICA, Ariel Guarco
09:30-09:45 #MyCoopStory awards
- 09:45-11:00 **Keynote speaker**
Kirsten Brosbøl, Former Environment Secretary, MP and Chairman of the All-Part
Network for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- 11:00-11:15 Speech by Patrick Develtere, European Commission, principal advisor of the
European Policy Strategy Center
- 11:15-12:00 Workshop Discussion Session, Chaired by Jean-Louis Bancel
12:00-13:00 Cooperators: The Floor is Yours, Chaired by Jean-Louis Bancel
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch Break**
- 14:00-16:00 Statutory Business
16:00-16:30 Coffee, Optional Art Tour and Goodbyes

Keynote speakers

17 may

Mogens Lykketoft

Former President of the United Nations General Assembly

Mogens Lykketoft graduated as an economist from the University of Copenhagen in 1971 where he was the leader of the Social Democratic Students 1966-1970). He served as secretary for the Danish Trade Union Congress Committee on Economic Democracy between 1969 and 1971. He was leader of the Economic Council of the Labour Movement from 1975 to 1981 and then Social Democratic Member of the Parliament since 1981. He was the Minister for taxation on 1981 and 1982 and later on was the Taxation and Economic Policy Spokesman in Parliament during opposition (1982-1993). In 1993 he was appointed as Minister of Finance (1993- 2000) and in 2000 Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was the leader of the Social Democratic Party from 2002 to 2005, spokesman for foreign policy from 2005 to 2011, speaker of Parliament from 2011 to 2015 and president of the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and 2016.



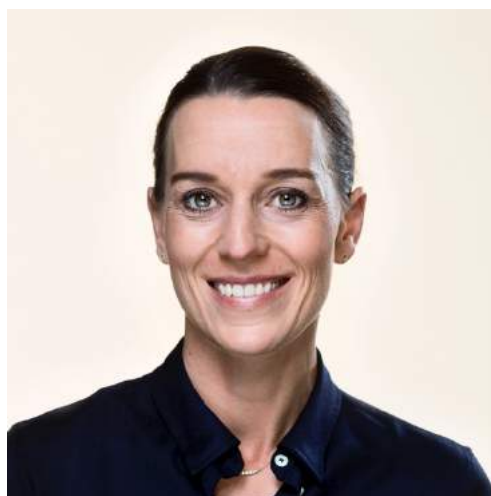
*Keynote speaker will be joined by **Jean-Louis Bancel**, President of Cooperatives Europe, and **Carsten Varneskov**, Chairman of the Board of Kooperationen.*

18 may

Kirsten Brosbøl

Former Environment Secretary, MP and Chairman of the All-Party Network for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Kirsten Brosbøl, is former Minister for the Environment (February 2014 – June 2015) and now serving member of the Danish Parliament for the Social Democratic Party. She has been a member of the Danish Parliament since 2005. Kirsten Brosbøl has a Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Sussex and a Master of Social Science from Roskilde University Center.



Kirsten Brosbøl is the co-founder and chairwoman of the Danish All Party Parliamentary Group on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Folketingets tværpolitisk netværk for verdensmålene). The network was founded in 2017 and works to embed the Global Goals in the parliamentary work and in the public debate.

Patrick Develtere

Principal Adviser for European Social Policy at the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), European Commission

Patrick Develtere is Principal Adviser for European Social Policy at the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), the in-house think tank of the European Commission. Before joining the EPSC, he was the President of the Belgian Christian Workers' Movement (*Beweging.net*). Beweging.net is one of the largest civil society networks in Belgium with over 4.5 million members and over 250,000 volunteers involved in trade union, mutual society and other civil association activities. Patrick also teaches 'politics and society in developing countries' and 'international development cooperation' at the University of Leuven, Belgium. Earlier, he was the Director of HIVA, Research Institute for Work and Society of the same university.

Patrick has a PhD in Social Sciences and has been a visiting professor at the University of Saskatoon (UoS - Canada), the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM - Canada) and the Université de Kinshasa (UNIKIN - DR Congo) among others. From 2010 to 2017 he was a member of the Board of the European Social Observatory.



*Keynote speakers will be joined by **Ariel Guarco**, the President of the International Co-operative Alliance.*



Workshops

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1. SDG 8 | Building a democratic & cooperative digital society

Location: Room Atriumsalen

Hashtag: #collabecon #CoopsEU18

In an era of collaborative economy and decentralized production (industry 4.0), the creation of economic value is distributed and diffused, putting into question the traditional way of organizing production. Work is transiting to more flexibility and independence, with an increasing number of free-lancers, and individual producers enabled by digital platforms to offer their services to several organizations. Cooperatives, through their democratic principles and as key actors of SDG 8 Inclusive development and decent work enable enable communities (workers, producers, teachers...) to own, control and manage means of production in a collective and democratic way.

This workshop will look at the challenges and opportunities, with questions touching upon the impact of the digital society on the 2nd cooperative principle, the ability of cooperatives to engage with the collaborative economy as well as transformations within the movement.

Presentations

Moderator: Ivana Pais, University of Milan, Collaboriamo

1)Ed Mayo, Secretary General of Co-operatives UK

2)Arnaud Breuil, Up Group

3) Anne Katrine Buch Vedstesen, co-founder of Student & Innovation House

2. SDGs | The Cooperative Model – from Europe to the World

Location: Room E 51

Hashtag: #coops4dev🌍, #CEDP, #CoopsEU18

The session's exchanges will center on the impact of the cooperative model in international development and ways to bridge the gap with European cooperatives' engagement to achieve the SDGs.

As Cooperatives Europe Development Platform (CEDP) celebrates its 10 years of existence, significant milestones will be highlighted, including a research report presenting members' approaches to foster international cooperative development, as well as the inclusion of strong references about the cooperative model in the new European Consensus on Development. The workshop will build on 3 specific references in the new Consensus on the impact of the cooperative model in rural development, renewable energies and local services, particularly within the universal framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. With that aim, it will showcase best practices and linkages between members' initiatives in the Global South and activities conducted at the European level.

Presentations:

Moderator: Anders Lago, Executive Chairman, HSB

- 1) Dirk Vansintjan, President, Rescoop (Renewable energy - Replicating a European success story at the global level to lead the energy transition)
- 2) Thomas Roland, CSR Manager, Coop Denmark (Ethical consumption - Cooperative supply chains ensuring fairer markets and quality products in Europe)

3.SDG 5 | The cooperative model for gender equality: where do we stand?

Location: Room Damgaardssalen
Hashtag: #Coops4women #CoopsEU18

The cooperative model, through its values and principles, inherently contributes to the advancement of gender equality, SDG 5, in Europe and worldwide. But what are the replicable paths and models towards gender equality developed across Europe? What are the perspectives?

This workshop will be the opportunity to showcase and discuss the role and contribution of European women cooperators and the positive change the cooperative model promotes for sustainable development. With a presentation of testimonies from across Europe, the participants will be able to discuss with invited guests, build contacts as well as share experiences to come to a set of recommendations on the potential and the needs discussed, to be presented at the next day for the launch of the European Network of Women Cooperators under the auspices of Cooperatives Europe.

Speakers

Moderator: Caroline Naett, Secretary General CoopFR & Cooperatives Europe Board Member

Introduction by Agnes Mathis, Director of Cooperatives Europe & Susanne Westhausen, Kooperationen, Vice-President of Cooperatives Europe.

Opening

- 1) Estelle Bacconier, Policy Officer, European Commission, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- 2) Henriette Laursen, Director – KVINFO - Køn Viden Information Forskning
- 3) Dora Iacobelli, President, Italian Alliance of Cooperatives, Equal Opportunities Commission

Roundtable – testimonials

SPAIN: Malenda Riudavets, Vice President COCETA, Cooperatives Europe Board member

NORWAY: Astri Liland, Head of Competence and Training, Federation of Norwegian Agriculture Cooperatives

UK: Marta Mayhew, Director General, England Co-operative Society

ITALY – Giovanna Barni, President, Coopculture

Closing by Stefania Marcone, Vice President Cooperatives Europe – Chairperson Cooperatives Europe Gender Equality Working Group



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Visits

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Please respect the choice you indicated on the registration forms.

1. Visit to UN City - a Star in Copenhagen's Harbour

UN City has become one of Copenhagen's most noticeable landmarks. In early 2013, the United Nations moved into the first stage of its new headquarters - built especially for the UN's organisations in Denmark.

UN City comprises two campuses. Campus 1 on Marmormøllen houses 11 UN organizations with 1,500 staff members representing more than 100 nationalities. Campus 2, located in the container port in the Northern Harbor, constitutes UNICEF's state-of-the-art high bay warehouse. With a total storage capacity of 36,000 pallets, it is the largest humanitarian warehouse in the world.

We will be visiting UN City Campus 1 which is one of the most sustainable buildings of its kind in Scandinavia. It has received a Platinum LEED certificate and the European Commission's Green Building Award for New Buildings. The building has been designed to use at least 55 percent less energy than a similar-sized office building and thus contributes to the UN's mission of making operations more energy efficient.

The 11 UN agencies resident in UN City vary in size and mandate. They do, however, share a common agenda: to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. On 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. On our visit to UN City, we will learn about how the UN agencies work to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, and how the Goals guide their policies and funding.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to access the UN building, you will need to go through a security check similar to that at an airport. Therefore, all guests must bring picture ID (passport or driver's license) and leave dangerous goods at home. You are allowed to bring water bottles.

2. Coop Denmark's Headquarters

Coop Danmark A/S is Denmark's leading consumer goods retailer. Coop Danmark and subsidiaries have an annual turnover of approximately DKK 50 billion, and in total more than 36,000 employees. Coop Danmark is owned by its 1.6 million members. Members can participate in decision making, both at the level of the local retail store and nationally in electing the board of directors at the national council.

On our visit to Coop Danmark's headquarters, we will hear about their strategy for responsibility. Coop Danmark contributes to the implementation and realisation of the SDG's through its responsible business conduct, its commitment to international standards for responsible management and how its business is tuned to support the SDG's. Their annual

report on corporate social responsibility describes the four main pillars in their strategy for responsibility:

- Better goods
- A strong consumer voice
- A balanced ecological footprint
- A responsible workplace

We will also be introduced to Coop Danmark's work on implementing unmanned shops. They are currently testing this initiative in a number of shops, where the consumers have access to their local supermarket 24 hours a day and scan and buy the goods via their mobile phone.

3. Copenhagen Fur

Kopenhagen Fur is the world's largest fur auction house owned by the Danish mink breeders. Kopenhagen Fur is the association's sales organisation, selling fur skins from members as well as other suppliers. The Danish fur breeders own Kopenhagen Fur and make up the board of directors thereby having a decisive influence on the activities of the company.

The company is a cooperative society, adhering to the principle of "one man - one vote". All fur breeders thereby have equal influence, independent of turnover and size of business.

Fur is treasured for its intrinsic ability to provide warmth. Fur is also one of the most tactile materials, surprising designers and consumers alike with its versatility. Having been in business for over 80 years, Kopenhagen Fur is steeped in tradition but with an ongoing aim for innovation.

As a leading provider of fur skins, Kopenhagen Fur strives to be the best in all aspects of its business. Balanced by a serious stance on Corporate Social Responsibility, Kopenhagen Fur supports a variety of social projects in the Third World, as well as numerous initiatives related to our associates, suppliers and customers. We are also strong advocates of animal welfare and go to great lengths to ensure the health and wellbeing of animals.



Practical information

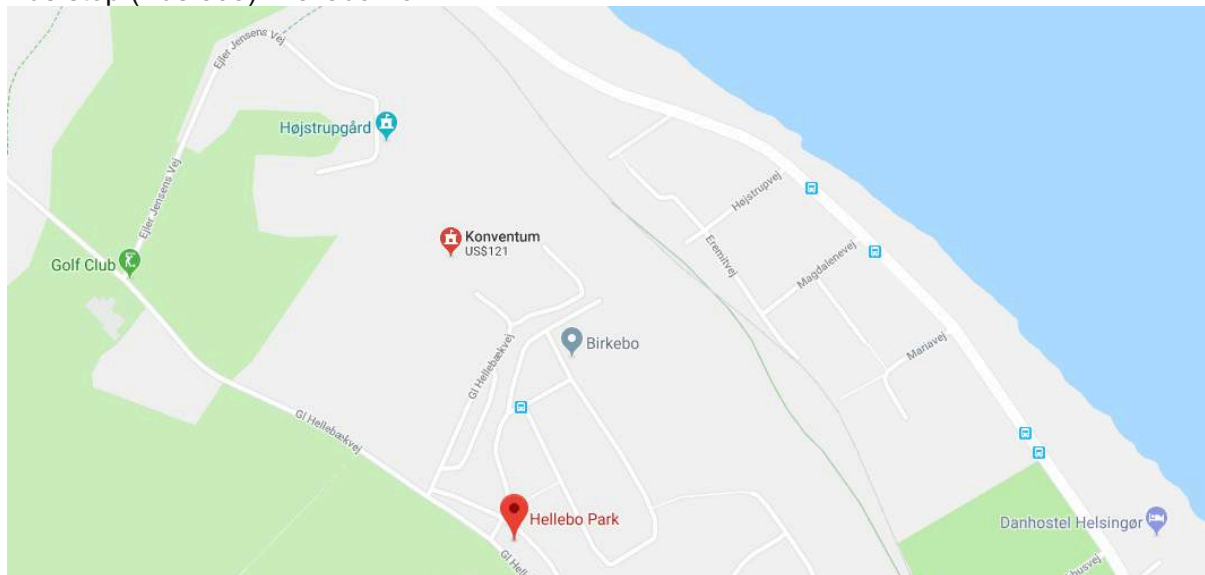
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The venue

Konventum

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3000 Helsingør
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hl@konventum.dk

Bus stop (Bus 803): Hellebo Park



How to get here

Copenhagen Airport, Kastrup, is the main international airport serving Copenhagen, and the entire Zealand and Øresund Region. It is located just outside of Copenhagen and only 50 km from conference venue, Konventum, in Helsingør (Elsinore).

To Helsingør (Elsinore)

Train

The train station in the airport is located by terminal 3. The trains run every 20 minutes during the day and will get you directly to Helsingør (Elsinore) in about 1 hour. During the night, the trains run 1-3 times an hour. The conference venue, Konventum, is only a short taxi drive (3 km) from Helsingør (Elsinore) Station which will cost approximately DKK 80-100. It is also possible to take Bus 803 from the station to Konventum (conference venue). The bus runs twice an hour but only during the day.

Tickets can be bought at the ticket machines in terminal 3 just above the railway, and at the DSB ticket sales counter, also located in terminal 3. You can also pre-book your ticket online www.dsb.dk/en

To Copenhagen

Public transport

The public transportation in Copenhagen is very reliable, punctual, and it takes you everywhere. In Copenhagen the trains, Metro and busses (including waterbuses) can be accessed with the same ticket. All you need to know is how many zones you will pass on your journey. Tickets can be bought at the station and at the DSB ticket sales counter in terminal 3. You can also pre-book your ticket online dinoffentligetransport.dk/service/for-tourists/tickets

Metro

The metro is located right above terminal 3. All the trains go in the same direction from the airport (M2 to Vanløse Station), so you do not have to worry about getting on the wrong train. The metro runs with 4-6 minutes intervals during the day and evening. During the night the metro runs every 15-20 minutes. It will take you 13 minutes to get to Nørreport Station (hub in city centre) from the airport.

Train

The train station is located by terminal 3. The trains run every 10 minutes during the day and will get you to Copenhagen Central Station in about 13 minutes. During the night the trains run 1-3 times an hour.

Bus

Bus 5A will take you directly to Copenhagen Central Station, City Hall Square, Nørreport and other stations. It takes about 30-35 minutes from the airport to the Central Station. The bus runs every 10 minutes during the day. The bus runs all night as well, but not as often.

Tickets can be bought at the ticket machines in terminal 3, or you can buy a ticket on the bus. Please note that the bus drivers only accept coins.

Taxi

Taxis pick up passengers at terminal 3 and will get you to downtown Copenhagen in about 20 minutes depending on traffic. It will cost approximately DKK 250-300. Taxi to Helsingør (Elsinore) will take approximately 50 minutes depending on traffic and cost around DKK 1000-1100.

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