

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

Legacoop is delighted to welcome you to the Inaugural Congress – entitled **Cooperatives: Driving Force for Europe's Competitiveness and Social Cohesion** – taking place on 19 March 2025 at Regione Emilia-Romagna Building, Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Bruxelles.

The event on 19 March 2025 will explore critical themes related to EU competitiveness, innovation, sustainability, and the central role of cooperatives in the future of Europe's industrial and agri-food sectors.

Below you can find the Programme of the Congress.

We warmly invite you to be part of this inspiring event.

Should you wish to participate, kindly register your interest [here](#).

Best regards,

Simone Gamberini

President of Legacoop



LEGACOOP CONGRESS – PROGRAMME

01:30 – 02:00 PM

Welcome Coffee & Networking

02:00 – 02:45 PM

Opening of the Congress

- Promotional Video Legacoop Nazionale
- Statement by the President Regione Emilia-Romagna **Michele De Pascale**
- Statement by the President Legacoop Nazionale **Simone Gamberini**
- Statement by the Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms **Raffaele Fitto**
- Statement by Vice President of the European Parliament MEP **Pina Picierno**

03:00 – 05:00 PM

Roundtable 1: Agriculture and Food, 'The Green Transition in Agriculture and Food'

- European Commission: Mihail Dumitru, Deputy Director-general DG AGRI
 - European Parliament (MEP): MEP Dario Nardella (Italy, S&D), Member of AGRI Committee
 - Stakeholder: Patrick Pagani, Deputy Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca
 - Moderator/Rapporteur: Simona Caselli, Head of EU Affairs, Legacoop Agroalimentare
- **Discussants:**
 - MEP - Stefano Bonaccini
 - MEP - Antonio Decaro
 - MEP - Camilla Laureti
 - MEP - Carlo Fidanza
 - MEP - Massimiliano Salini

- Full Professor of Agricultural Economy at the University of Bologna - Paolo De Castro
- Bruegel - Heather Grabbe
- European Commission - Elisabetta Siracusa

03:00 – 05:00 PM

Roundtable 2: Competitiveness, ‘The Social Economy’s Role in Strengthening EU Competitiveness’

- European Commission [TBC]
- European Parliament (MEP): Elena Donazzan (Italy, ECR) – ITRE Vice Chair
- Stakeholder: David Rinaldi, Director of Studies and Policy, FEPS
- Moderator/Rapporteur: Alessandro Hinna, Associate professor of Business organisation, Univeristy of Rome “Tor Vergata”

- **Discussants:**

- MEP - Nicola Zingaretti
- MEP - Michele Picaro
- MEP Annalisa Corrado
- MEP - Dirk Gotink
- European Commission - Alessia Di Gregorio
- Mondragon Corporation - Iñigo Albizuri Landazabal
- Euricse - Gianluca Salvatori
- FEPS - László Andor

05:00 – 05:30 PM

Coffee break

05:30 – 06:30 PM

Closing Plenary

- Statement by the President Regione Emilia-Romagna, Michele De Pascale
- Insights and discussions from the roundtables:
 - MEP Giorgio Gori (Italy, S&D) – ITRE Vice-Chair
 - Rapporteur/Moderator: Alessandro Hinna, Associate Professor, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”
 - MEP - AGRI (TBC)
 - Rapporteur/Moderator: Simona Caselli, Head of EU Affairs, Legacoop Agroalimentare
- Statement by Iñigo Albizuri Landazabal, Global Head of Public Affairs, MONDRAGON Corporation
- Video by Legacoop Nazionale
- Closing Statement by the President Legacoop Nazionale, Simone Gamberini

The Congress ceremony will be followed by a **networking cocktail**.

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