



Call for Papers – ICA CCR Europe Research Conference 2026

Cooperative Enterprises for Shared Progress:

Addressing Global Challenges Together

Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV), Valencia, Spain

3–6 November 2026

(with a Young and Emerging Scholars Workshop on 3 November)





About the Conference

The **2026 ICA CCR Europe Research Conference** will be held on **3–6 November 2026** in **Valencia, Spain**, hosted by the **Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV)**, under the mandate of the Committee on Cooperative Research (CCR) of the **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)** — the research arm of the ICA, a non-governmental, non-profit association representing the global cooperative movement since 1895.

This annual academic event brings together **researchers, educators, professionals, and policymakers from across Europe and beyond** to **explore current trends, issues, and prospects within the cooperative sector**. It offers a platform for dialogue between cooperative scholarship and practice, fostering exchange, collaboration, and dissemination of cutting-edge research on cooperatives.

Theme

Cooperative Enterprises for Shared Progress: Addressing Global Challenges Together

The 2026 theme reflects the conviction that cooperatives — in their organizational and territorial diversity — are essential tools to face today's economic, social, and environmental challenges. From digital transformation to ecological transition and social cohesion, the conference aims to generate and share research that supports more sustainable, inclusive, and democratic development.

Tracks and Research Streams

Proposals are invited for papers and sessions addressing, among others, the following 17

Research Streams:

1. Cooperative Governance and Management
2. Technology, Digitalization, and Platform Cooperatives
3. Environmental and Social Sustainability in Cooperatives
4. Social Innovation, Community Development, and Civic Wealth Creation
5. Cooperative Law
6. Public Policy and Institutional Support for Cooperatives
7. Intercooperation and Networking among Cooperatives
8. Measuring Impact and Performance of Cooperatives
9. Education and Training about / for Cooperatives
10. Youth, Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusiveness in Cooperatives
11. Agri-Food Cooperatives
12. Cooperative Banks and Mutual Insurers
13. Housing Cooperatives
14. Energy cooperatives
15. Worker cooperatives
16. Consumer cooperatives
17. Emerging Sectors and New Themes

Types of Contributions

Submissions are welcome in the form of:

- **Individual abstracts** (indicating the preferred type of presentation: oral or poster)
- **Session proposals**

All abstracts will be **peer-reviewed** by the Scientific Committee. Accepted submissions may be reclassified as **oral presentations** or **posters**. Oral presentations will be grouped in thematic areas.

Abstracts and session proposals should be submitted on the platform that is accessible through the Conference website: <http://ica-ccr-europe-2026.webs.upv.es>

The **abstract should follow this format:**

- Title (maximum 20 words)
- Body of the abstract (maximum 1000 words, including references), that should follow the following structure: Background, Aims, Methods, Results, Discussion, Contributions and Implications, Key References
- Keywords (1 to 5)
- Theme(s) (select at most 2 themes)

The authors of the selected abstracts will be invited to develop them in full papers (maximum of 10,000 words, including references).

The format for **session proposals is as follows:**

- Title of the proposed session (maximum 20 words)
- Description of the proposed session (maximum 1000 words) that should follow the following structure: Name and affiliation of the participants, Motivation for the session, Content of the session, Proposed format.
- Keywords (1 to 5)
- Theme(s) (select at most 2 themes)

We welcome session proposals taking the traditional form of panels but also encourage innovative session designs.

Language: English is the default language of the conference. Written content (abstract, session proposals, full papers, slides) must be in English.



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Important dates and registration fees

Milestone	Dates (2026)	Registration fees
Abstracts and panel proposals	27 March	
Notification of acceptance	16 April	
Full paper submission	30 September	
STANDARD REGISTRATION		
Early bird	15 July	360€
Late registration	15 September	430€
YOUNG AND EMERGING SCHOLARS, REGISTRATION ¹ , under 35 years		
Early bird	15 July	250€
Late registration	15 September	330€
Young and Emerging Scholar workshop	3 November	
Conference	4–6 November	

¹ The Young Scholars Day registration includes access to the full conference.

Additional events

Opening Reception: included in registration fee

Conference Dinner: 75 € (50 € for YES)

Visits to cooperatives (Friday afternoon; information will be included on the website)

Further Information

Detailed submission guidelines, information about the conference programme, parallel sessions, and social activities, as well as recommendations for accommodation and travel, will be announced on the official event website:

<https://ica-ccr-europe-2026.webs.upv.es/>

Contact

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