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### My First Organisation:

The **CONFCOOPERATIVE** (Confederazione Cooperative Italiane) was first established in 1919. After its dissolution by the Fascist government, it was re-established on a new basis in 1945. In 1947, the Italian State officially recognised the social function of cooperation in Article 45 of the Italian Constitution, and Confcooperative itself was acknowledged as a primary national association representing, assisting, protecting and auditing the cooperative movement.

Over the years, Confcooperative has implemented a policy sensitive to the needs of and changes in the social, civil and economic world.

This has allowed the Confederation to increase its membership steadily, such that today it is the largest organisation in the Italian cooperative movement.

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### My European Organisation

**CECOP** is the European confederation of industrial and service cooperatives. Our members are national federations of cooperatives, and organisations that promote cooperatives. These members represent 25 members in 15 European countries. We give a voice to 40 000 enterprises employing 1.3 million workers, mainly in three types of cooperatives: worker cooperatives, social cooperatives, and cooperatives of self-employed people.

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**What do I do?**

I am President of CECOP-CICOPA Europe, the European confederation of industrial and social cooperatives, and I also represent Confcooperative, where I am a member of the national management board with responsibility for European relations.

I have been a member of the EESC since September 2010, dealing in particular with the social economy and social enterprises, employment and work, and finance for SMEs and social enterprises. More recently, I have also been involved in some tax-related questions, looking in particular at taxation issues for new forms of digital economy, banking and financial regulation.

From 2010 to June 2018, I was national president of Confcooperative-Federsolidarietà (an association representing 6 200 social cooperatives and social enterprises in Italy).

Since 1988, I have constantly been involved in social entrepreneurship, focusing in particular on getting disadvantaged people into work and on the organisation and management of social, health, welfare and educational services.

My work and entrepreneurship experience then led me to get involved with ethical finance and social impact investment.

For this reason, I think it is important that, when we are dealing with the social economy, we ever more consciously pursue the objective of affecting the economy as a whole: not just the social and solidarity aspects, but the overall development and regulation models of the markets.