My.COOP is a training package and programme on the management of agricultural cooperatives. Proper management enables cooperatives to offer high quality, efficient and effective services to their members. Moreover, well managed agricultural cooperatives can also contribute to wider development issues such as food security, sustainable use of natural resources and inclusive employment creation.

This distance learning course is certified by the quality label of the Open ECBcheck initiative www.ecb-check.org

Language

The distance learning programme is available in English.

How to enroll?

In occasion of the International Year of Cooperatives, this year the course will be offered twice:
14 May - 6 July 2012
10 September - 2 November 2012

✓ Tuition fee: 880 Euros
✓ Register yourself at the www.agriculture-my.coop

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My.COOP partnership

My.COOP is the result of a collaborative effort involving a wide range of partners such as cooperative development agencies, cooperative colleges and universities, cooperative and producer organizations, knowledge institutes and agencies of the United Nations.

Initiated by the ILO Cooperative Facility for Africa and the ILO’s Cooperative Branch, the partnership involves: Agriterra, the FAO, the International Training Centre of the ILO, the Royal Tropical Institute and the Wageningen University and Research Centre, among others.
My.COOP training package

What is My.COOP about?

The objective of this training material is to enable existing and potential managers of agricultural cooperatives to identify and address major challenges that are specific to cooperatives in market oriented agricultural development. Cooperatives may find themselves stretched between (at times conflicting) members' interests, business opportunities and social considerations. Within such context cooperative managers should ensure sound decision-making on service provision for services that are common to many agricultural cooperatives, including supply of farm inputs and marketing. These issues are reflected in the modular structure of the My.COOP package.

What is the My.COOP distance learning programme?

Having access to the My.COOP training package does not immediately imply that you will be a competent My.COOP trainer. An on-line training of trainers programme has been created to support participants in the design and delivery of the My.COOP training package.

The My.COOP distance learning programme offers trainers the possibility to familiarize themselves with the contents of the Modules and to get prepared to deliver the training by learning on interactive, participatory facilitation techniques.

In particular, after having completed the TOT package participants will be able to:
- plan and implement a My.COOP training from an initial learning needs assessment until the final evaluation of the My.COOP training workshop;
- adapt and design contextualized My.COOP training activities using a broad range of participatory methodologies;
- address a wide diversity of learning styles;
- explain My.COOP content to the target audience taking adult learning principles into account;
- equip participants with the competencies needed to design, develop and implement My.COOP training;
- apply facilitation techniques to deliver the training in a FtF setting.

Who is this distance learning programme for?

The My.COOP training of trainers is for organizations and individuals that train managers of agricultural cooperatives. These can include:
- leaders and managers of cooperative structures, such as unions, federations and confederations;
- trainers working in cooperative colleges, universities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other (including private) training providers;
- cooperative officers and extension staff of government departments and agencies.