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KOOPERATTIVI MALTA:

THEIR RELEVANCE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MALTA.



What is a cooperative?

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

Cooperatives are not a marginal phenomenon

**12% of
humanity**

**3 million
cooperatives**

**TOP 300
cooperatives
2,146 billion USD**

ILO activities are guided by the international standard on cooperatives



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Organization

The ILO views cooperatives as important in improving the living and working conditions of women and men globally as well as making essential infrastructure and services available even in areas

neglected by the state and investor-driven enterprises.

POLICY FRAMEWORK AND ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS



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- A balanced society necessitates the existence of strong public and private sectors, as well as strong cooperative, mutual and the other social and non-governmental sectors.
- It is in this context that Governments should provide a supportive policy and legal framework consistent with the nature and function of cooperatives and guided by the cooperative values and principles.

IV. ROLE OF EMPLOYERS' AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS AND COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THEM



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Employers' and workers' organizations, recognizing the significance of cooperatives for the attainment of sustainable development goals, should seek, together with cooperative organisations, ways and means of cooperative promotion.

KOPERATTIVI MALTA

- Koperattivi Malta (KM) is a dynamic non-governmental organisation committed to fostering and representing all cooperative enterprises in Malta.
- Our mission is to promote economic sustainability & job creation, community development, and social inclusion through cooperative initiatives.
- KM is the apex representation of cooperatives across Malta and Gozo founded in accordance with the Cooperative Societies Act of 2001.

KOPERATTIVI MALTA

+5000

cooperative
members.

**+250
million**

of revenue
generated by local
cooperatives
annually.

+10

different sectors
of the economy.

THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



**VOLUNTARY AND
OPEN MEMBERSHIP**



**DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL**



**MEMBERS' ECONOMIC
PARTICIPATION**



**AUTONOMY AND
INDEPENDENCE**



**EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND INFORMATION**

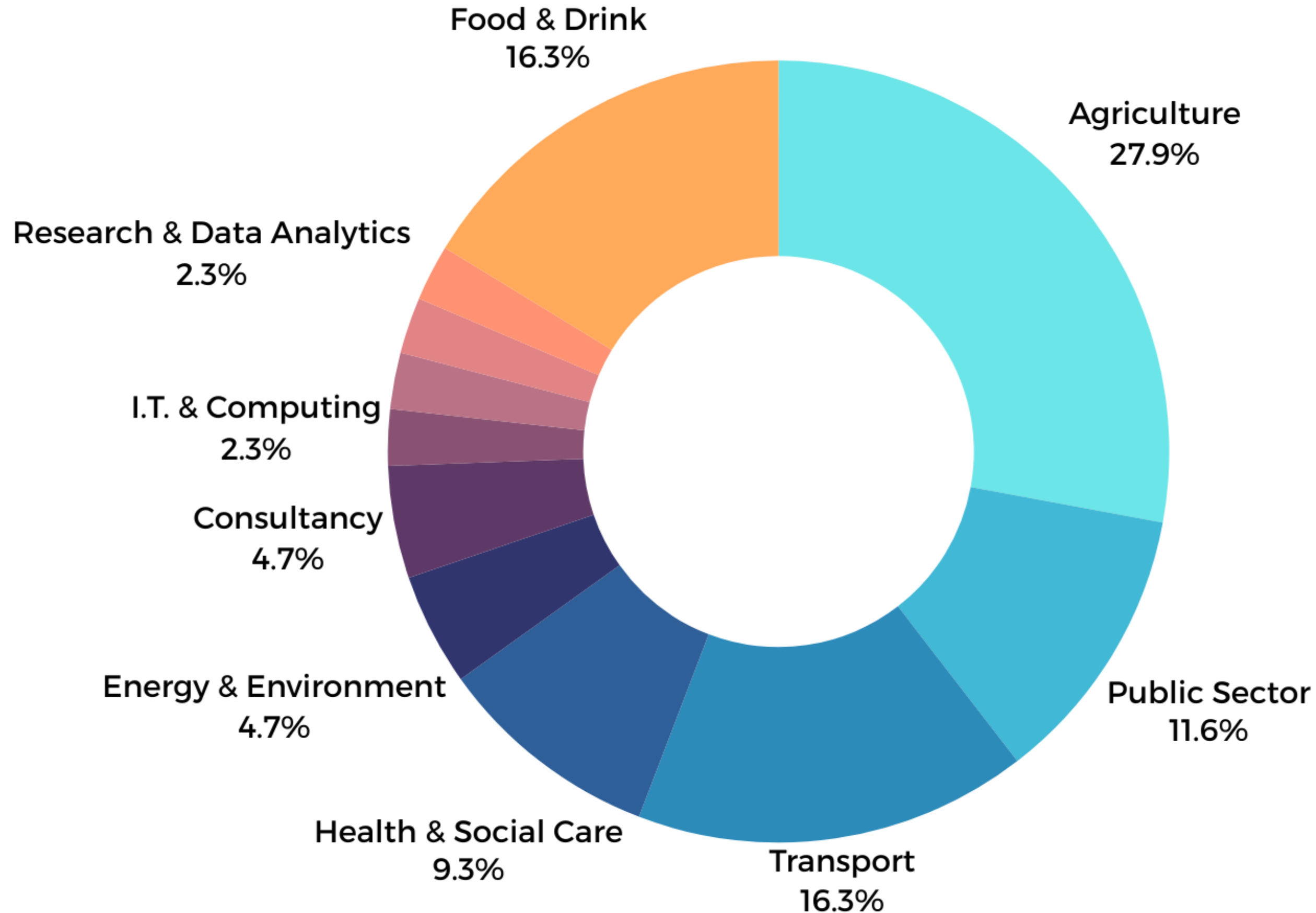


**COOPERATION AMONG
COOPERATIVES**



**CONCERN FOR
COMMUNITY**

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATION

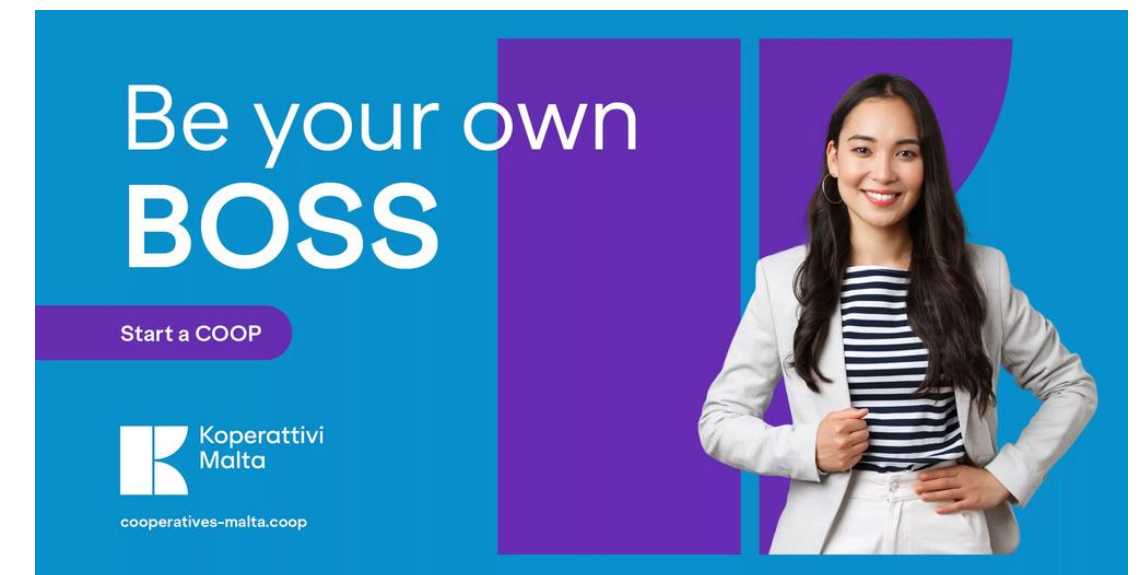


COOPERATIVES ARE EMBEDDED IN THE FABRIC OF MALTESE SOCIETY



BEYOND 9 TO 5: THE RISE OF COOPERATIVES IN MODERN WORK CULTURE

- A recent study by the International Labour Organization (ILO), 'Youth Aspirations and the Future of Work,' underscores that young individuals (18-35) prioritize a **profound sense of purpose, societal impact, work-life balance, flexibility**, and **autonomy** in their work. **Discrimination** emerged as a prominent concern among this demographic.
- Cooperatives, founded on principles of **inclusion** and **open membership**, strategically respond to the changing work landscape, addressing the quest for purpose and societal impact through **community, collaboration**, and **shared responsibility**.



The Cooperative Model emerges as a transformative force, empowering individuals and redefining the traditional concept of work, aligning seamlessly with contemporary workforce trends of self-employment and ownership.

COOPERATIVES IN MALTA

- Cooperatives play a significant and growing contributor in Malta's GDP, influencing the economic and social landscapes.
- Cooperatives, as diverse entities, cover a broad spectrum of sectors, making them crucial in shaping policies and decisions at the national level thereby ensuring their unique perspectives and needs are adequately considered.



ALIGNING WITH MALTA'S ECONOMIC VISION 2021-2031

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- KM safeguards and promotes the interests of existing industries through collaborative efforts.
- KM fosters a culture of innovation, supporting the emergence of new niches in the Maltese economy.
- KM's cooperative enterprises prioritize community well-being, environmental sustainability, and economic stability.



HIGH-QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT

- **Sustainable Infrastructure:** Cooperatives prioritize environmentally friendly practices and sustainable development.
- **Creating a Hub for New Businesses:** KM, with its diverse cooperative sectors, supports and incubates new businesses across various industries.
- **Supporting Domestic and Foreign Entrepreneurs:** Cooperative enterprises are both locally and globally interconnected. KM' caters to the needs of both domestic and international entrepreneurs.



EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- **Knowledge and Skill Acquisition:** KM, as an apex organisation for cooperatives, actively promotes cooperative education and training programs. KM's **Cooperative College** offers accredited courses designed for skills enhancement.
- **High-Quality, Well-Paid Jobs:** Cooperative enterprises prioritize fair wages and employee well-being, contributing to the creation of high-quality employment.

KM's commitment to education, quality employment, and global talent aligns seamlessly with Malta's economic vision.



ENVIRONMENT

- KM actively emphasizes environmentally sustainable practices through its commitment to **cooperative principles**.
- KM has also within its cooperative members, **experts** on sustainable environmental practices.
- KM supports policies that promote and incentivize the adoption of alternative energy practices, contributing to Malta's **broader sustainability objectives**.



KM's dedication to environmental sustainability positions it as a leader in driving Malta towards a greener future.

HIGH STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING, GOVERNANCE & RULE OF LAW

- **Culture of good governance** within its member cooperatives. KM;s commitment extends to supporting transparency, accountability, and adherence to the rule of law, which are further regulated by The Cooperatives Board.
- **Continuous improvement** in the integrity and transparency of cooperative institutions, reinforcing Malta's commitment to good governance.
- KM has undertaken a mission to support their cooperative members on a journey of **self-evaluation** based on the tenants of good governance and rule of law derived from the **international standards** of cooperative principles and values.



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