

#SCIS2018 – 25-28 October, Naples, Italy (Hotel Royal Continental)

Social Cooperatives International School 2018

25-28 October Naples, Italy [Hotel Royal Continental – Via Partenope 38-44]

Social cooperatives and social enterprises are among the most vital actors of the economy at world level, showing the capacity to understand the great change and challenges that our society faces today.

In Italy, social cooperatives are the landmark of social services and assistance to persons in difficult situations and at risk of social exclusion. Furthermore, they are a crucial provider of work opportunities for disadvantaged persons. Confcooperative Federsolidarietà is a network of 6.250 social cooperatives that counts more than 230.000 workers and 220.000 members. Social Cooperatives of the network assist more than 5 millions of users and provide work opportunities to 18.000 disadvantaged workers.

At international level, social cooperatives are growing steadily, inspiring innovative solutions in different social and economic context, and governments in many Countries are interested in creating favourable regulatory frameworks to recognise and promote them.

The Social Cooperatives International School is an annual event that promotes exchange of experiences and innovative development of social cooperatives and their networks, both at the local and transnational level.

In the 2018 edition (#SCIS2018), the school confirms the successful formula of the past editions, gathering social cooperators from different countries and giving them the chance to meet experts from innovative sectors, to get inspired from international best practices and to participate to in-depth interactive discussions.

Addressed to cooperative entrepreneurs, but also social enterprises, thinkers and practitioners, the school aims to foster the connection and development of the social cooperatives and promote their international dimension.

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#SCIS2018 - Thematic sessions

The #SCIS2018 foresees three thematic sessions and one international seminar. Each thematic session consists of a theoretic introduction on the topic, the presentation of best practices and a workshop to deepen the participants' knowledge on different aspects of social cooperatives.

Session 1 – Introduction to the international school “Social Cooperatives: normative framework and best practices in the international context”

An overview of social cooperatives, normative frameworks and recent trends in the provision of social, health and educational services, as well as work integration of disadvantaged persons.

Session 2 – Social impact evaluation and measurement

Social cooperatives and social enterprises need to improve their capacity to analyse the social impact of their activities. This session will provide an overview of the basic concepts of social impact and will present methods for activities and public policies evaluation. It will update participants on the debate on social impact finance and impact investing recent trends.

Session 3 – Social Cooperatives and technological innovation

Technology innovation, concerning, in particular, information and communication technology, is dramatically changing our society. How much this changing process can influence the life of social cooperatives? What are the possible patterns of change that can innovate the activity of these actors? Is it possible and affordable to develop new ways of social services provision? Those are some of the questions that will be discussed in session 3.

International Seminar – Urban regeneration and local communities: social cooperatives promoting economic, environmental and social sustainability

Social cooperatives are called to fully deploy their potentials of inclusion and their mission of general interest. They can promote a change in the paradigm of provision of social services, connecting the empowerment of local communities in rural areas, as well as revitalising local assets in cities, especially in abandoned and degraded urban areas. A panel of experts will discuss the role and future perspectives of social cooperatives promoting economic, environmental and social sustainability.

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#SCIS2018 –Registration, accommodation and logistical information

The school will take place in [Hotel Royal Continental](#) in Naples (Italy) from 25th to 28th October 2018. Hotel Royal Continental is in Via Partenope 38-44, in the enchanting promenade of Naples right in front of Castel dell'Ovo. The hotel is well connected with the main railway station of Naples (Napoli Centrale) connected with the main Italian cities, and it is easily reachable from Naples International Airport by shuttle bus (more info [here](#)).

The participation of 40 social cooperators is foreseen, among whom 20 Italians and 20 from other countries. The working language will be English.

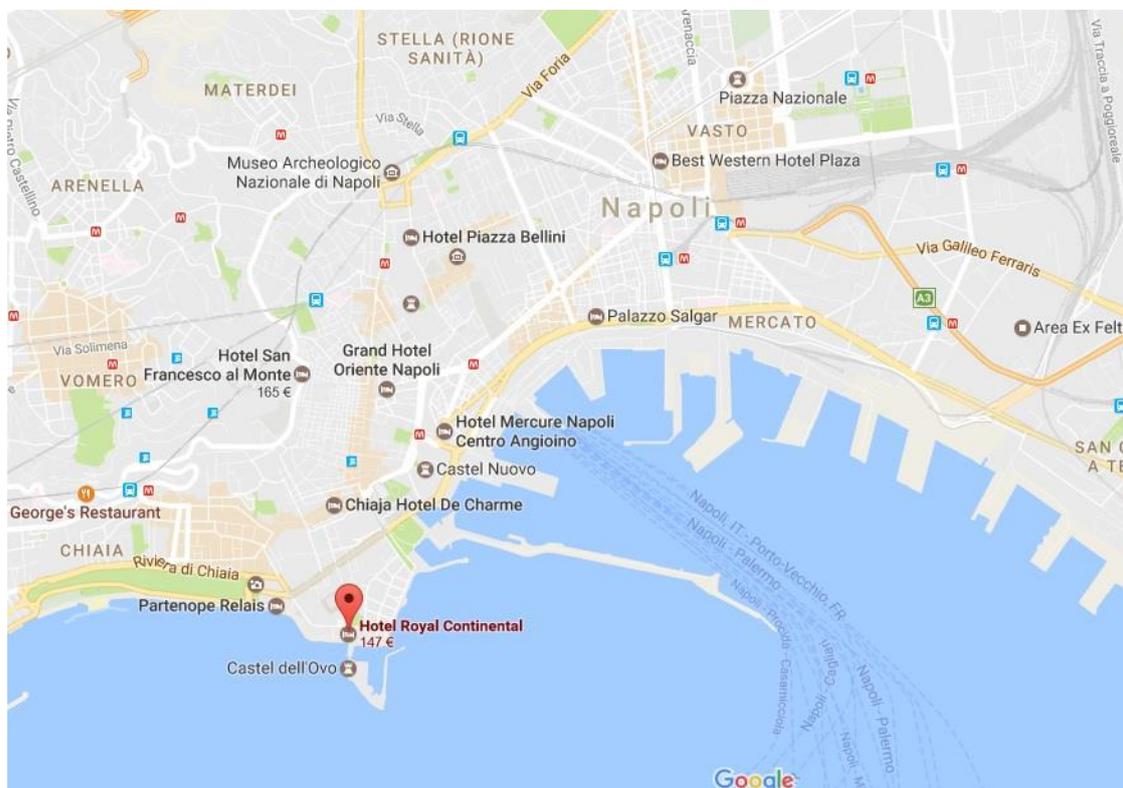
The participation fee is 300 € (10% VAT included), including participation, materials, accommodation in Naples (3 nights: from 25th to 28th of October)*, coffee breaks and lunches. The participation fee also includes the study visit to local cooperatives.

*Participants will be hosted in double rooms. It is possible to request to be hosted in single rooms, in this case the participation fee is 450 € (10% VAT included).

Deadline for registration is on 15th September. *See below for earlybird registration and reductions.*

-> Early bird registration before 30th August: 250€ double room – 400 € single room.

-> Former participants registration before 15th September: 250 € double room – 400 € single room.



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#SCIS2018 - Programme

	Thursday 25th October	Friday 26th October	Saturday 27th October	Sunday 28th October
Morning	Arrival of the participants	<p><u>Session 2</u></p> <p>Social cooperatives and Technological innovation</p> <p><u>Session 2</u> <i>Workshop</i></p>	<p><u>International seminar</u></p> <p>Urban regeneration and local communities: social cooperatives promoting economic, environmental and social sustainability</p>	<p><u>Session 3</u></p> <p>Social impact evaluation and measurement</p> <p><u>Session 3</u> <i>Workshop</i></p> <p>Conclusions</p>
		Lunch break		
Afternoon	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><u>Session 1</u></p> <p>Introduction to the international school</p> <p>Presentation of the Participants</p> <p><u>Session 1</u> <i>Workshop</i></p>	<p><i>#WhenInNaples</i></p> <p>Study Visit – Social Cooperatives in Naples</p>	<p><i>Visit to the city and free time</i></p>	