

Cooperatives in Culture

for Diversity, Cultural
Rights and Decent Work

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15h00 – 17h05 CET

Casa Abacus
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PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:35 Opening remarks. Cooperatives a major force for cultural diversity and sustainability

- ❖ Maravillas Rojo. President of Abacus cooperative.
- ❖ Nadia Quevedo. Commissioner for Economic Promotion of Barcelona City Council.
- ❖ Ariel Guarco. President of the International Cooperative Alliance.
- ❖ Simel Esim. Head of Cooperative, Social and Solidarity Economy at ILO, Chair of the UNTFSE.

15:35 - 16:15 Positioning Cooperatives as cultural actors in achieving sustainable development

Presented and moderated by **Laia Bonastra**, President of **Federació de Cooperatives de Treball**

- ❖ Víctor Meseguer. Deputy Director-General of Abacus cooperative.
- ❖ Giovanna Barni. Counsellor for innovation and development at CoopCulture and President of CultTurMedia Lega Coop, Italy.
- ❖ Patxi Olabarria. President of the High Council of Basque Cooperatives and Vice-President of UCOE (Spanish Cooperative Schools and high-schools)
- ❖ Liz McIvor. Manager at the Cooperative Heritage Trust.
- ❖ Marta Lozano. President of WazoCoop.
- ❖ Brazil or Japan cooperative movement representative.

16:15 - 16:55 Cooperatives and culture in the post-2030 sustainable development agenda

Presented and moderated by **P. Santosh Kumar**, Director of legislation at ICA

- ❖ Iñigo Albizuri. ICA Board member, Director of ASETT.
- ❖ Sébastien Vauzelle. Head of the Local 2030 Coalition at the United Nations.
- ❖ David Bonvehí. Director General for Social Economy and Cooperatives at Generalitat de Catalunya.
- ❖ Aicha Errifai. Directrice Générale de l'office du Développement de la Coopération.
- ❖ Jokin Díaz. Director for Social Economy at the Basque Government.
- ❖ Francesca Martinelli. Director, Centro Studi Doc Foundation, ICA rapporteur.

16:55 - 17:05 Conclusions and closing remarks

- ❖ Diana Dovgan. Secretary General, ICA Sectoral Organization on Industry and Service Cooperatives.
- ❖ Francesca Martinelli. Director, Centro Studi Doc Foundation, ICA rapporteur.



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