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PRESS RELEASE

The EACB supports the 13th Euricse International Workshop on Cooperative and Responsible Finance for Development

On the 16th and 17th of June, the **European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse)** organises its **13th International Workshop on Cooperative and Responsible Finance for Development** in collaboration with Federcasce, the University of Trento and with the support of the European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB), in Trento (Italy).

During the workshop, scholars and young researchers representing universities and research centres from all over the world, are contributing to enrich the debate on the role of co-operative finance in facing nowadays challenges, highlighting the ability of co-operative banks in supporting and boosting local economies. During the sessions, several new researches are being presented. In particular, very important topics are being discussed such as the balance between values and business, the role of co-operative banks, ethic finance, the corporate governance of co-operative banks, sustainable development and green finance.

*“The EACB is proud to support this important workshop and exchange with leading experts and academics. Indeed, Euricse’s event today is a beacon, a bright light in an academic world that largely ignores co-operatives and co-operative banking”, stated **Nina Schindler**, EACB CEO, during the opening session. “The exchange with the academic world is highly valued within EACB and for this reason, we have an Academic Advisory Group to maintain a regular dialogue with researchers where we can exchange on specific co-operative research projects, but also inform on the most recent regulatory trends can be highly inspiring for both sides.”*

The Association is also represented in the 3rd Session “Contemporary Trends in EU Cooperative Banking II”, by **Elisa Bevilacqua**, Head of Sustainable Finance Horizontal Matters, who gives a presentation entitled: “Sustainable Finance & Co-operative Banks: A Common Ground for the Future in Europe?”.

As several researchers contributing to this workshop were winners of the EACB Award, the EACB takes this opportunity to highlight its call for papers for the “[10th EACB Award for Young Researchers on Co-operative Banks](#)”. More information and the full call for papers can be found on the EACB Website. The deadline for the submissions is 15 September 2022.

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