



Special Session Proposal

Climate Circular Coop

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Abstract

The twin transition towards a circular economy (CE) and digital economy is vital for achieving the United Nations' Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. While research has predominantly focused on traditional enterprises, the role of cooperative enterprises in this transition remains underexplored. The Climate Circular Coop (CCC) project, a collaboration between the University of Ferrara, Legacoop, and the University of Roma TRE, aims to address this gap by identifying the drivers and barriers cooperatives face in adopting CE and digital technologies. Through the development of a targeted survey, the project seeks to compare the efforts of cooperatives with those of private firms. Initial findings suggest that cooperatives and private firms undertake similar actions, yet the intrinsic community-focused and democratic nature of cooperatives may position them as pivotal players in the twin transition. Comprehensive research is essential to enhance understanding and inform policies that support sustainable development through cooperatives.