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Dear Co-operator,

### **Invitation to participate in the Launch of the ICA World Co-operative Monitor**

The International Co-operative Alliance began ranking the world's top 300 co-operatives in 2005. These periodic reports, known as the Global300, demonstrated the scale and impact of co-operatives around the world. The ICA is proud to announce that for 2012, the UN International Year of Co-operatives, we are developing a new global ranking of the biggest co-operatives all over the world: **The ICA World Co-operative Monitor**.

With the technical and methodological support of Euricse, we are preparing now to relaunch the Report, in October 2012, at the close of the International Year of Co-operatives, with a more rigorous methodology and expanded data and indicators. We would like to invite your participation in this launch which will be crucial to the success of this exciting project.

The process for participating in The World Co-operative Monitor is quite simple: just fill in the online application form available on the Euricse website. The selection and ranking will be based on various parameters including social value indicators.

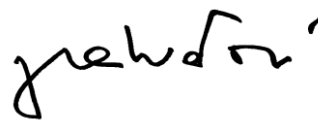
For further details about this initiative and to fill in the application please visit the project website: [www.euricse.eu/en/WorldCooperativeMonitor](http://www.euricse.eu/en/WorldCooperativeMonitor).

If you have any questions please direct these to Alex Rigotti, Project Manager on the contact details below.

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