



ESCOOP

Where

ESCOOP is based in Italy and has been created on July 6, 2006. The SCE has 23 members (in January 2014), including associations, cooperatives, educational centers, individuals and public institutions from Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain and Finland.

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About

ESCOOP aims to pursue the general interest of the community, towards human advancement and the social integration of citizens through the management of socio-health, education and training services for the benefit of underprivileged people and productive activities, in which the working integration and/or work placement of socially underprivileged people would be realized.

The cooperative also has the purpose to achieve continuity of employment opportunities in the best possible economic, social and professional conditions, through appropriate management in associate or collective forms of the enterprise in which the employees, members and non-members work. Their work are in the fields of socio-health, education and training services, working integration of socially underprivileged people.

The SCE has been built by a European project ready to analyse the different situations in the 3 participating countries which were Italy, Finland, Spain. After the study, the consortium of partners decided to create the SCE in Italy where there is a stronger culture of the cooperative movement. In 2006, all the participating partners became members of the SCE. The creation of the SCE was very difficult because it was in 2006 when the directive was unknown from the public administration.

Today, there are 5 countries representing ESCOOP which are Greece, Germany, Spain, Italy and Finland. In Italy, there are the legal head offices but also the executive offices. In Finland, there is also the legal official headquarters. In the other countries, the representation is informal but it exists. The members are physical persons and also organizations.

Corporate structure

ESCOOP has a governance system as the Italian cooperatives. They have an advisory board that meet every 3 months and a general Assembly once a year. In the Advisory board, the employees of the SCE are not represented because they are not very much involved in the decision making process. With 2 employees, Escoop doesn't give a participative role to its employees. The employees of the member of ESCOOP are represented in the Advisory Board and they participate to the decision making process.