

# LeadFarm

Improving cooperatives through a new and innovative young farmer leadership

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### Project Overview

The LeadFarm project is developing a flexible training system to support young farmers in developing their Farm Business Skills and to promote co-operative culture and values to provide a better understanding of the co-operative to the young farmers, thus increasing their level of involvement and commitment in co-operatives.

The project also aims to promote gender balance in co-operative's board of directors and other co-operative bodies.

In addition, the project will review the communications and engagement structures with young farmers to establish the best way to engage with young farmers going forward.

The project started in October 2017 and will last for a total of 24 months. The consortium is made up of five (5) partners from different EU countries.

The co-ordinator of the project is the Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd.

For further information on the project, please visit [www.leadfarm.eu](http://www.leadfarm.eu) or contact us by email on [info@leadfarm.eu](mailto:info@leadfarm.eu)

### EU Engagement

ICOS as the lead partner in the project presented to members of COPA COGECA in Brussels in April 2018.

The Purpose of the presentation was to highlight to project objectives and to establish further engagement with young farmer and co-operative organisations.

Further briefings on the project were also held in June 2018, facilitated by Dairygold Co-operative Society in Ireland and RABO Bank.

An overview of the project was given to a delegation of 20 young Dutch farmers visiting Ireland, and discussions were held to establish best practice structures to communicate and engage with young farmers. The session was also used as a method of benchmarking co-operative engagement and gender balance within the Netherlands.

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# Project Partners



## 2nd Trans National Meeting

The 2nd Transnational meeting of the project took place from 11th to 12th June 2018 in Santiago de Compostela, in the Galician Region of north western Spain.

The meeting was hosted by the Asociación Galega do Cooperatives Agroalimentarias – AGACA.

The core focus of the first day was dedicated to operational implementation, progress on deliverables and project

management.

The second day involved a stakeholder workshop, which entailed a discussion forum of industry leaders, to get their views in relation to the project and to highlight the challenges that exists for the Galician co-operative sector. It also aimed at establishing first-hand what the needs of industry are and how the project could support such needs.

The next formal meeting of the steering committee will take place in Paris, France in March 2019.

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