

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS – POLAND

This one-pager aims to provide a brief overview of the most salient features of Poland's national cooperative landscape, based on the detailed input provided by the membership.

### Poland counts 5 ICA member organisations:

- **The Auditing Union of Housing Co-operatives *Związek Rzewizyjny Spółdzielni Mieszkaniowych RP***: provides housing assistance to affiliated cooperatives.
- **The National Association of Co-operative Savings and Credit Unions / *Krajowa Spółdzielcza Kasa Oszczędnościowo-Kredytowa (NACSCU)*** : represents and assists member credit unions
- **National Auditing Union of Workers' Co-operatives / *Związek Iustracyjny Spółdzielni Pracy (NAUWC)***: is a voluntary and self-governing organisation, which associates labour cooperatives and other cooperative organisations in Poland.
- **The National Co-operative Council / *Krajowa Rada Spółdzielcza (NCC)***: is the apex organisation of cooperatives of all sectors in Poland. It represents Polish cooperative movement in the country and abroad.
- **The National Supervision Union of Spolem Consumer Co-operatives (SPOLEM)**: is the national federation of consumer cooperatives.

Members are active in the following sectors:

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| - Real estate activities                        | - Agriculture and food industry           |
| - Construction                                  | - Human health and social work activities |
| - Transport                                     | - Wholesale and retail trade              |
| - Accommodation and food service activities     | - Banking                                 |
| - Administrative and support service activities | - Industry                                |

The following national figures have been compiled based on the ICA member's data relative to their own member organisations:

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| <b>Number of cooperatives</b> | <b>8 917</b>     |
| <b>Number of memberships</b>  | <b>8 049 347</b> |
| <b>Number of employees</b>    | <b>200 000</b>   |

In addition, the following sectoral data was compiled based on member's replies:

|                                      | <b>Number of cooperatives and/or mutuals</b> | <b>Number of memberships</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Real estate activities</b>        | <b>3 457</b>                                 | <b>5 105 656</b>             |
| <b>Banking</b>                       | <b>566</b>                                   | <b>2 381 738</b>             |
| <b>Agriculture and food industry</b> | <b>1 767</b>                                 | <b>352 120</b>               |
| <b>Wholesale and retail trade</b>    | <b>1 264</b>                                 | <b>183 203</b>               |
| <b>Human health and social work</b>  | <b>1 298</b>                                 | <b>13 915</b>                |
| <b>Industry</b>                      | <b>495</b>                                   | <b>10 011</b>                |
| <b>Other services</b>                | <b>115</b>                                   | <b>2 704</b>                 |

These figures and full typological information are further developed and broken down in the complete Poland report, freely available online on the [#coops4dev website](#).