FM 10: Co-operation and Co-operative Organizations			Credits: 6

Learning objectives:

The students

- have received an introduction into problems of cooperative organizations,
- have learned about different theoretical perspectives: collective action, organizational and development economics, public choice, games and behaviour,
- have discussed about the development of co-operatives getting the empirical background for understanding concepts and ideas and
- know how to analyse the Co-operative law, strategies towards poverty alleviation and rural development, management and business practices as well as self-help initiatives.

Preconditions: none, recommended: methodological competence, social competence, theory building skills, academic writing skills

Teaching formats	Hours per week, workload in hours	Credits and pre-conditions for granting	Topics, contents
L	2 SWS 30 hours 25 hours presence in class, 5 hours preparation and learning	1 credit, participation	• Historical development: civil society, administration and market structure in rural areas (municipalities and cooperatives) • Current problems of development in Europe and its rural areas • Control Paradigms: Good governance, sustainability, multi-functionality, multi-level governance, "jointness", social capital • Basics of economic theory: goods groups, industrial organization • Basics of company law and management of cooperation: Corporate goals, corporate bodies, shareholders, decision-making • Outlook: Cooperation and the future of municipal infrastructure, regional competition, public goods, fiscal balance
SE	1 SWS 90 hours 15 hours presence in class, 75 hours preparation and learning	3 credits Seminar paper, ca. 30,000 characters	Application the acquired knowledge and analysis of cooperative development trends
E	1 SWS 30 hours 15 hours presence in class, 15 hours preparation and learning	1 credit, participation	Case study of a cooperative
Final exam	30 hours Oral exam, 20 minutes, based on seminar paper, and presentation	1 credit, pass	
Duration	☒ 1 semester		☐ 2 semesters
Start of module	☐ winter semester		☒ summer semester

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