



Co-operatives: an essential lever for a fair ecological transition in our communities

Conseil
québécois
de la **coopération**
et de la **mutualité**



Mission

To achieve its mission, the CQCM:

- organizes consultations between the co-operative and mutual sectors as well as with their partners;
- represents and defends the interests of the entire Quebec co-operative and mutualist movement;
- promotes co-operative and mutualist development in order to multiply the beneficial effects of cooperation and mutuality for its members and the population;
- Promotes the values of cooperation and mutuality to the general public;
- Supports the development of co-operative and mutualist skills with co-operative and mutualist networks and educational institutions.



Our members



Co-operatives and mutuals in Québec

3 000

Businesses

\$52 billion

2020 business figure

\$427 billion

Assets

120 000

Jobs

- **98.8% of co-operatives survive after the first year whereas 75.4% of traditional businesses survive this crucial period. Fast-forward 10 years, the gap remains as 44.4% of co-operatives are still operating compared to 19.5% of traditional businesses**
- **The fundamental essence of the co-operative formula is to respond, above all else, to a need of the members and not to maximize profitability**
- **It is in their DNA to create a business model that places the environment and sustainable development within its operations and principles**



On-going and evolving challenges

- **The current socio-economic context : decisive turning point for a drastic transformation**
- **Transport, agriculture, food supply chains, education: how to answer to the needs of our communities**
- **Co-operatives : a fundamental business model that conveys ecological practices throughout their economic activities**
- **United Nations : *Resolution 74***

The co-operative approach

- **Retournzy**
- **Radish**
- **Coop carbone**
- **Agri-food logistic centers**
- **Forest industry – workers co-operatives**



Radish

COOP CARBONE

Sollio Cooperative Group: Corporate and Co-operative Responsibility Report

➤ Aligning its efforts with 6 SDGs



Examples :

- Inventory of its GHG emissions and a water assessment at its three divisions
- Olymel: reuse the water from its bird chillers allows it to save 7.5 million liters of water per year at the Sunnymel, Port Colborne and Unidindon slaughterhouses
- Reduce the amount of waste generated by their operations by eliminating food waste and reclaiming organic waste generated by their operations



Co-operators Task-Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

- **2030: 60% of their investment portfolio in impact or climate transition investments.**
- **2040: Net zero operations**
- **2050: Net zero investments**
- **Sustainability and Citizenship Committee under the board of directors**



Moving forward

- **Sustainable development**
 - **Support ecosystem**
 - **Partnerships**
 - **Intercooperation**
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Thank you!