Cross-Border Cooperation: a Response to the Challenges Facing Agri-Food Cooperatives in Southern European Countries

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Summary

- Transnational cooperatives in southern Europe
- Statute for European Cooperative Society (SCE)
- Cooperative regulations in ESP and PRT
- Pros and Cons in reality
Statute & Regulation

SCE statute is complex and not used

No big conflicts in regulations of ESP and PRT
Pros & Cons

Pros:
- Size expansion & Cost reduction
- Joint innovation projects
- Channels and market integration

Cons:
- Localism ★
- Culture & Language
- Food safety regulation
Major Comments

1. Why Transnational Cooperatives?
   a. Transnational  ✔ b. Cooperatives  ✗

2. Case Study Methodology
Why Transnational Cooperatives?

Why do we want transnational cooperatives other than transnational companies? What is the advantage of transnational cooperatives when compared with other transnational organization forms? The lack of answers to such questions diminishes the importance of this study.
Case Study

Methodology

This paper only described the cases one by one and listed the constraints straightforward. Authors didn’t follow the case study methodology strictly to organize the paper. Many case studies related to cooperatives can be used for reference (See for example Iliopoulos and Valentinov, 2017).
Minor Issues
At the end of introduction, it will be better if a structure of the following sections is provided.

It would be better if literature part can be reorganized, and more relevant research can be included.

Case study method should be introduced first in Methodology part, and detailed questionnaire information follows.

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