

RESUME OF “THE BASQUE COOPERATIVE LAW IN THE CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE LAW”

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"The Basque Cooperative Law in the Context of International Cooperative Law" is an in-depth analysis of the evolution and significance of cooperative legislation in the Basque Country within a global context. Coordinated by experts in cooperative law, the book explores how the Basque Cooperative Law 11/2019 aligns with international trends in cooperative law and how it can serve as a model for other jurisdictions.

The text, published in English, Spanish, and Basque, is divided into two main sections. The first focuses on the international perspective of cooperative law, while the second explores the Basque Cooperative Law through the lens of various key stakeholders.

A key aspect addressed in the first part is the translation of cooperative principles, as defined by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), into effective legal norms. These principles include democratic management, economic participation of members, and the autonomy and independence of cooperatives. The text examines how these principles have been implemented in the Basque legislation and how they can be applied in other legal contexts to strengthen the global cooperative movement.

Another important topic in this section is the relationship between cooperative law and sustainable development. It is argued that cooperatives, due to their structure and principles, are particularly well-positioned to contribute to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Basque Cooperative Law 11/2019 is presented as an example of how cooperative legislation can be designed to promote not only economic efficiency but also social equity and environmental sustainability.

This first section also offers a comparative analysis, examining cooperative legislation in other regions of the world, including Europe, Americas, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. This comparison allows readers to understand the different ways in which cooperative law has evolved in response to specific social, political, and economic contexts. For example, in Latin America, cooperative legislation has been influenced by a strong focus on social justice and the fight against inequality, while in Asia the evolution of cooperative law has been driven by the need to adapt to emerging economies and globalization.

The second section of the book delves into the legal innovations of the Basque law, analyzing its avant-garde approaches in the international context. This analysis is accompanied by a critical perspective. It also addresses the complexity associated with the implementation of

legal changes in cooperatives, discussed by one of the country's most prominent legal advisors.

The book emphasizes the importance of collaboration among academics, legislators, and cooperative movement actors to continue developing and improving the legal framework for cooperatives. It highlights the role of academic institutions, such as the Institute of Cooperative Law and Social Economy (GEZKI) at the University of the Basque Country, in promoting the study and innovation of cooperative law. International collaboration is seen as crucial for strengthening cooperatives globally, allowing the exchange of ideas and best practices across different regions.

Overall, "The Basque Cooperative Law in the Context of International Cooperative Law" is an exhaustive work that not only documents the evolution of cooperative law in the Basque Country but also offers a broad vision of how cooperatives can and should play a central role in the global economy. The work is an indispensable reference for legislators, academics, and anyone interested in social economy and cooperative law, providing both theoretical analysis and practical examples of how legislation can be adapted to meet the challenges of the 21st century.