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Who Are ICOS

- Representative Body for the Co-Operative Movement in Ireland
- Established since 1894
- Today ICOS has
 - > 130 Co-Operatives members
 - With a combined 200,000 members nationally
 - With a combined turnover of €15 billion
 - Employ 12,000 people in Ireland and a further 24000 people internationally
- ICOS itself is a co-op governed, funded and led by its members



What We Do

- The Irish Co-operative Organisation Society (ICOS) serves and promotes commercial co-operative businesses and enterprise, across multiple sections of the Irish economy.
- Collective voice and lobbying on behalf of the sector
- Promote continuous improvement and competitive change
- Promote the principles of the co-operative movement to ensure stronger governance, education, and cooperation



Services ICOS Provide

- Customer service, Co-op development and Co-op registration
- Expertise in Co-operative Rules and Governance
- Providing a Co-operative Voice & Communication for its members
- Lobbying & Representation to national and international bodies
- Training and Education
- Promoting overseas development of Co-ops



The Irish Co-Operative Sector

Sectors Include:

- Multipurpose dairy co-ops
- Livestock sector co-ops
- Store, trade and wholesale co-ops
- Service-related co-ops
- Community-oriented, culture and leisure co-ops
- Food, fishing and beverage co-ops
- Advisory and education-related co-ops



ICOS represents over 130 co-operative businesses and organisations in Ireland





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