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The paper presents the findings of a research project that took place in 2016 and 2017 covering the biggest part of the Greek territory and aimed at providing a full picture of the profiles, motivations and opinions of those who participated in the self-organised cooperative and solidarity ventures of the period. This project is part of a broader research endeavour that studies crises and their consequences with an emphasis on collective responses that try to overcome their effects. This paper is the outcome of an in-depth analysis of primary data that were collected during the aforementioned period through a first-person survey in 404 men and women who participated in 116 alternative ventures.

The presentation of these results today aims at offering a comprehensive tool for reflection about the history, the present and the future of cooperative and solidarity practices in Greece. The focus on the subjects of commoning and not on the ventures at large can highlight a series of issues that remain invisible otherwise. Besides, such a focus allows for a better understanding and exploration of the inherent diversity of opinions, political stances, desires and problems that develop in the inner world of the different ventures. Furthermore, the combination of quantitative and qualitative social research methods, as well as the big size of the sample of the study, allow for an acceptable level of generalizations of the results of the project.