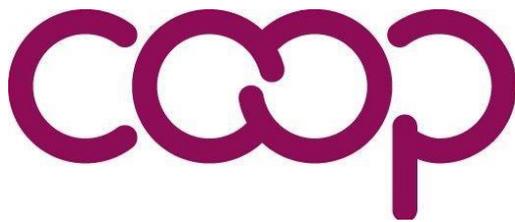


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**Title of abstract: INNOVATION AS A PILLAR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE COOPERATIVISM**

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**Abstract :** This article aims at investigating the scientific extent of innovation as a pillar for the development of sustainable cooperativism in the global cooperative environment. The study is based on a method that uses exploratory bibliometric research and bibliographic and documentary references of secondary data, in the form of qualitative and quantitative presentations. It also comprises the stages of collection, selection, analysis, and interpretation of the studies been published. This methodology contemplates research to Scopus e Lens.org bases, in a temporal scope: from 2010 to 2021, by selecting articles published in scientific journals and conferences. The paper also uses analysis techniques of co-occurrence nets, author’s keywords, and citation of documents. Results demonstrate that the theme had, as of 2018, an increase in publications, and that it is in ascendance – predictions point out that it may reach its pick, most likely around the year of 2040; and its saturation, by 2050. Main fields of studies and appliances are: “social science”, “economics”, “econometric and finance”, as well as “business and management”. Innovation, considering these studies, is the driving force of sustainable cooperative development in 10 countries, chiefly in Brazil, one of the countries that most produces articles linked to this topic. The object of this paper is duly justified, given that innovation in the field of sustainable cooperative environment, besides being incorporated in its pillars and strategy, is essential and permanent, as it improves the work of cooperatives and adds value to it, by contributing to actions that preserve both environment and planet health.

**Keywords:** Sustainable cooperativism; Innovation; Exploratory bibliometric.