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1. Organisation leading the project. *

Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network

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Study visit to Mondragon

7. How much funding are you applying for?*You can submit a bid for between £10k - £20k depending on the complexity of the project. **

£10,000

8. Summary of project idea (150 words max)*This text will be used on the CCIN website should your application be successful **

The CCIN Leaders/Co-operative Leads Group is recommending a visit to Mondragon so that members could see for themselves what a fully immersed co-operative region looks like.

9. Which other CCIN members will work on this project?

A key requirement of Policy Lab Funding is that you work in partnership with other CCIN members. We recommend engaging a minimum of three other CCIN members (Affiliates and Associates should bid alongside Full Council members) to create a working group to support the development of your project.

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10. What is your idea and how will you allocate the budget?

Explain how you identified the need or opportunity for the proposal and how the money will be spent.

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Mondragon offer organised Study Visits: <https://www.mondragon-corporation.com/en/visit-us/visit-request/>

You can book 2 hours 1 day (100 euros), 4 days (800 euros) or 5 days 800 euros. I have made a speculative booking for 12 people for a 4-day visit in October 2022. I am seeking confirmation that the fee includes meals and accommodation.

It is proposed that the CCIN funds 12 places for CCIN Members. Priority given to Full and Associate Members. Additional places to be offered at cost for other members, organisations wishing to join us.

Travel costs are to be met, and organised, by participants.

11. What are the outcomes you hope to achieve?

What are the outcomes you hope to achieve through this project and how will you know if your outcomes are achieved? What is your measure of success?

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In November 2021 the University of Central Lancashire and Preston City Council organised a symposium to delve deeper into the phenomenon that is Mondragon. The influence of Mondragon on the Preston Model and the partnership between the University and Preston City Council has prospered since their first visit in 2013.

The CCIN has been considering what it is 'to be a cooperative council' these discussions have included how councils can support the development of regional community banking, grow the cooperative economy, promote the circular economy etc.

As the Network continues to grow there is great interest from its members to find out more about what a cooperative region looks like. This visit will generate a deeper understanding.

12. How does your project support the aims and objectives of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network?

The Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network aims to frame the debate on the future of sustainable solutions to public sector challenges. Our work will ultimately improve outcomes for communities by enabling Members to develop radical innovation in policy and practice, sharing best practices and learning, and enabling innovators to chart new territory together. Please provide details of how your project will support this aim.

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MONDRAGON is the outcome of a cooperative business project launched in 1956. Its website describes itself as "a dedicated group of people with a cooperative identity forming a business group that is profitable, competitive and enterprising, capable of successfully operating in global markets. Our organisation uses democratic methods in its corporate organisation, and its aims are employment, the personal and professional advancement of its workers, and the development of its community."

The Region comprises: 95 coops | 80k people | 14 R&D Centres | 1st place in Basque business banking.

Mondragon is the epitome of a Co-operative Region and this proposal seeks to invest in the CCIN Membership.

13. How does your project support the CCIN Statement of Values and Principles?

See Statement: : <https://www.councils.coop/about-us/values-and-principles/> *

This project exemplifies all of the Principles but it specifically supports:

- Community leadership and a new role of councillors
- Learning
- Walking the Talk

14. How will you share your learning across the Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network? *

This project will enable up to twelve CCIN Members to undertake the Mondragon experience.

15. I agree that the final report will clearly show the Co-operative Difference that this project will deliver. *

Agree