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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project The Use of Social Work in Social Cooperatives in the Czech Republic and Italy	
Scientific importance At this time when there are many discussions about the welfare state crisis and about decreasing opportunities for social work to use its methods, it is relevant to look for a new space for this discipline and for organizations which would be able to provide products and services to people who are in need without being dependent on state subsidies or EU funds. Within the group of such organizations, cooperatives and especially social cooperatives might play a significant role to help their clients at the time when public institutions are not able to do so for some reason.	
Practical relevance The comparison of social cooperatives will illustrate the practice of social work in those organizations- its similarities and differences - and it might also bring inspiration to social workers and other employees or managers in those organizations and maybe initiate a cooperation on the international level between organizations in both countries.	
Main thesis How can social work methods be implemented in social cooperatives? Does this kind of organizations provide the conditions and space for the practice of this profession?	
Research methodology Case studies in social cooperatives and (social) cooperatives providing services of social work in Italy and the Czech Republic, followed with a comparison of those organizations.	
Key words Social work, case study, cooperatives, social cooperatives, social work services	
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Key finding (if already existing)