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SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES DUE
DILIGENCE: GOOD EXAMPLES AND
THE ROLE OF SOCIAL DIALOGUE

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# COUNTRY BACKGROUND AND CASES (SPAIN)

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# Spanish Context (National Background)

- Strong cooperative tradition

-  Active social dialogue with high collective bargaining coverage

-  Advanced voluntary sustainability reporting

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- Limited scope of Sustainability legislation (autonomous regions)

- Banking: digitalization not excluding seniors, rural communities

- Retail: carbon footprints, long value chains

-  Agriculture: resource consumption and replacing farmers.

# COVAP–Agricultural Sustainability and Social Impact

- **Integrated cooperative governance** ("360-degree" approach: farm-to-market)

- **Pioneering environmental initiatives** (methane reduction, renewable energy, zero waste)

- **Significant territorial impact supporting 10,000+ jobs and rural populations**

- **"Juntos en el círculo": proactive supplier sustainability programme**

# Cajamar – Sustainability in Financial Services

- Social and environmental sustainability ingrained since foundation

- Example of cooperative integration: growth while maintaining cooperative values and operational principles

- Deep rural presence enhancing financial inclusion

- Innovative green finance solutions (eco-loans, green bonds)

# EROSKI – Cooperative Retail Innovation

. Pioneering sustainable value chains (extensive scope and depth)

. Active member of cooperative network Mondragon, balancing growth with cooperative principles

. Democratic governance structure involving equal consumer and worker participation

. Local Supplier Support Programme: boosts regional economy and trust

# Cross-Sector Lessons Learned

- Cooperative governance enhances long-term sustainability and resilience
- Social dialogue is a critical driver of innovation and adaptability
- Active stakeholder participation crucial for effective sustainability due diligence
- Key sectors in polycrisis (intrinsic values and double regulation) > central role 4 cooperatives.

# Thanks!

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