

An open source financial toolkit for communities



Motivation & Background







Cooperatives in Greece

- Alternative in a time of crisis
- Personal job choice
- Social Impact
- 1737 CoOps in Greece, 42% in Athens as of 2020





Growth Barrier

64%

#1 Appropriate funding mechanisms





Community Currencies







Democratically Governed Social Value



Veiled Community Cryptocurrency

as a Service Provider

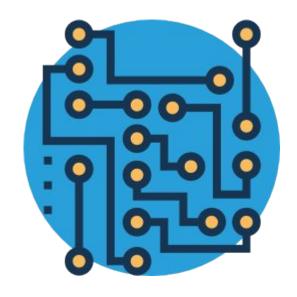


Methods



Technology

- Distributed ledger
- Privacy First
- Open Source





Co-Design

Field Visits

Two co-design workshops

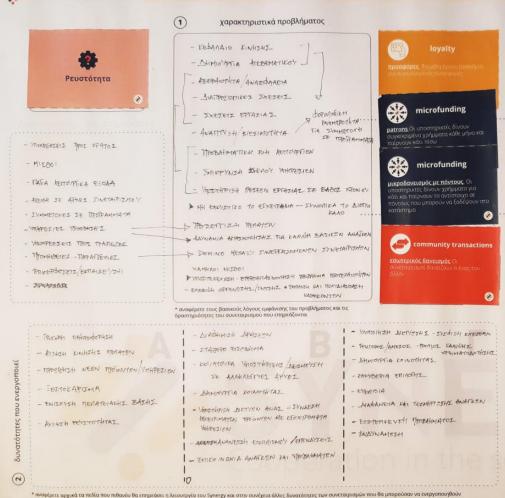
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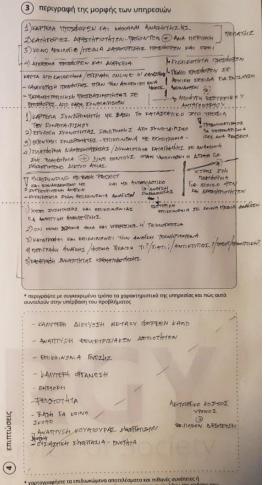












μετασχηματισμούς των δραστηριοτητών των συνεταιρισμών λόγω της χρησης του



Reflections on Co-design

Hesitancy on Loyalty

 Focus on Community Transactions > Vision for Cooperative Bank

 2nd workshop focused on rules > Sustainability & Governance



"It is important that coops who participate have a common culture, they are real coops. We need coops from different sectors. If we are to commit to this process we need to know that it will go on after the EU funding is finished."

Coop Member



Intervention



What is Synergy?

A financial toolkit aiming to provide financial services to communities



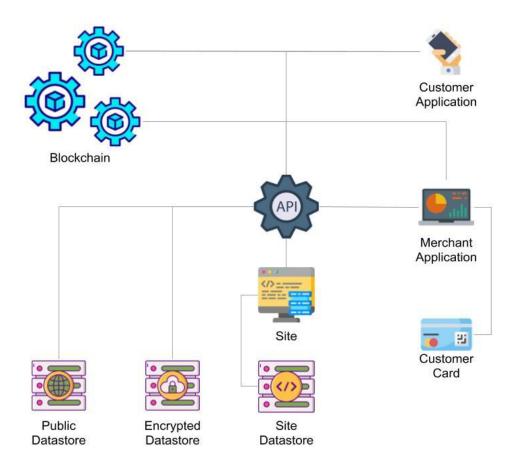


User experience

- Campaign Web Platform
- Digital Wallet
- Membership card
- Mobile Application
- Privacy First









Community Builder

Modular Open Source Toolkit

Reusable and extendable

 New, Self Sustainable and Self Governed Communities





Services

A. Loyalty

B. Microfunding

C. Equity



Loyalty

Customer earn tokens as they buy.
Then can redeem the tokens across
network.

Integration in work routine

Cost of discount comes back?











Micro-credit / Pre-sales

CoOp create a funding request.

Backers buy tokens which they can redeem later at the CoOp.

Economically beneficial

Difficult to organize











Equirty

CoOp needs extra funding from members

Members contribute based on rules set by the CoOp

Digitalization of existing processes









Instances

- A. Artists in Pandemic
- B. Energy Coops
- C. Athens CoOp Community





Στήριξε τους εργαζόμενους στην τέχνη!

Μέσα από αυτή την πλατφόρμα μπορείς να ενισχύσεις άμεσα εργαζόμενους στην τέχνη, καλλιτέχνες και τεχνικούς που έχουν δει το είσοδημα τους να εξαφανίζεται λόγω της πανδημίας

Ενισχύσε τυχαία







Commonspace



Connerative



Rread & Roses





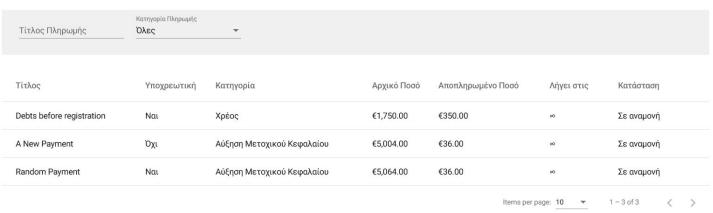
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Reflections



Cooperative finance as a common

Entities with common ethical and societal values



visible community to be supported

Clientele of each entity



shared supporters pool



Cooperative finance as common

Funding mechanism becomes a common, governed by the community, also providing visibility.



Obstacles

- Does not seem very economically attractive to potential members. Limited financial sources compared to state or EU funds
- Continuous effort needed to create awareness and onboard members
- Technology & capacity limitations leaded to different prioritization from what community wanted



Legal Patchwork

fragments of the law used to implement the service

Covid Pause

covid leaded to pause implementation that now restarts



"Economic tools of the workshop have been ideas that have been discussed in the coops. Synergy is a chance to cover needs for which nor the time nor the people existed to cover them"

Coop Member



existing practices in SSE & capitalist economy



socio-technical infrastructure



financial commons.
re-imagine practices in SSE & appropriate capitalist practices



Team



Sociality is a 8 member coop in Athens operating since 2014 and working on online presence, user-centered digital tools, education and research.



Partners





Synaphea is a team of blockchain professionals

Open Lab Athens is Research Collective and Technology Lab



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