



Editor's Letter

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^{EN} Dear readers,

The editorial team at REVESCO has been working hard for many years to make the journal a benchmark of quality for the scientific community in its field, and it is an honour for me to lead this project and to write these lines at a time of upheaval that is bringing substantial changes in the editorial and scientific spheres as a result of the revolution brought about by Artificial Intelligence and the implications of open science.

The Journal of Co-operative Studies is a benchmark journal in the field of the Social Economy and other participatory organisations, and has established itself as one of the most prestigious international scientific journals, now also endorsed by its recent impact factor in the area of Economics in the Journal Citation Report (JCR, 2023).

The editorial team is delighted, as this success is the result of the collective efforts of the entire scientific community: authors, editorial and advisory boards, the invaluable and often underappreciated work of associate editors and reviewers, and all researchers interested in their articles who, by citing them, have contributed to the visibility of the Social Economy. We express our sincere gratitude to all of them.

Furthermore, REVESCO continues to maintain positions indicative of high quality in other databases. It is ranked in the Third Quartile of Scopus in the area of "Economics and Econometrics" and in the Second Quartile in the area of "Social Sciences" in 2023.

At the national level, it is ranked in the First Quartile in the Dialnet journal index. This index is a system for evaluating the impact of national journals. In the IDR ranking: <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/metricas/idr/>, REVESCO. Revista de Estudios Cooperativos occupies the first quartile, ranking 13th out of 161 Spanish economics journals, demonstrating the growing impact of the scientific field of the Social Economy in recent years.

Additionally, it is ranked in the First Quartile in the recent ranking of law journals adopted by the Conference of Deans of Law in Spain (2023) in the areas of Labor Law and Commercial Law, attesting to the journal's multidisciplinary nature.

Finally, Revesco is a Diamond Open Access journal because, thanks to the funding of its co-publishing entities, the School of Specialization in Social Economy, Cooperatives and Other Participatory Organizations of the UCM, and the Association of Cooperative Studies, and with the sponsorship of the Ministry of Labor and Social Economy, it can be offered in open and free access without an embargo period.

I would like to highlight these achievements by a journal written primarily in Spanish, with the implications this has for its impact. The journal focuses on a minority field of study, not the entire economy but only that which bears the label "Social," and it is limited to a smaller number of entities and organizations representing this field. Moreover, the journal does not have the resources of large publishing companies, as our goal is not profit but simply to contribute to the advancement of science in its field, with the support of the Publications Service of the Complutense University of Madrid, thanks to the work and dedication of a modest editorial team that makes it possible.

I conclude by reiterating my gratitude to all those who work tirelessly day after day to ensure that the journal continues to publish its various volumes on time. The editorial team that I lead is committed to continuing to work with rigor.