



## Cooperativele agricole in Europa centrala

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With the perspective of accession to the European Union, agriculture and the food industry in Central Europe is in urgent need of restructuring. In this work paper is evaluated the current state of development of agricultural cooperatives in Estonia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia. These countries are expected to be the first to become members of the E.U. Additionally, some routes are presented for future development of agricultural cooperatives. In view of the important role cooperatives have played and presently still continue to do in the economy of Western Europe, it would seem very relevant to assess the trends and prospects of this institutional form in the candidate accession countries.