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## COOPEK - New French National Digital Complementary Currency

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Back in 1934, a group of Swiss entrepreneurs agreed to use a means of payment issued by a Basel-based Economic Circle in parallel to the Swiss Franc in order to lubricate the wheels of local commerce. WIR stemmed from the need of counteracting economically disruptive tendencies of the business-cycle exclusively based on conventional money, the Swiss Franc. Today, the WIR system is still in operation and it is framed in a network of WIR Banks, which offer services both in Swiss Francs and WIR

308 Sectors were defined to implement COOPEK (1 COOPEK = 1 EURO). The aim is not to replace Euro but to bring a complementary system which benefits the most committed to a more sustainable development and more fair society. The aim being to create a currency for 'real economy' and not susceptible to become a speculative currency. Unique in FRANCE, it wants to be a tool to finance four transitions : energetic, carbon, food and social. This means a Simple operation open to all.

The COOPEK system was explained, during the Press Conference by the following (in chronological order) :

- \* Claude GRUFFAT : President of BIOCOOP SA
- \* Gérard POUJADE : Co-Founder of COOPEK (Digital Complementary Currency) & CEO of SCIC SA Coopek
- \* Denez L'HOSTIS (as a testimony) : President of FNE (France Nature Environnement)
- \* Jérôme GLEIZES : EELV Consultant at the Paris City Hall (EELV being a Green Party)

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