



In this newsletter you can read all about last year's achievements of the research team Institutions for Collective Action and we share our plans for the upcoming year.

Our research team has moved!

From September onwards, our team has moved from Utrecht University to the Rotterdam School of Management at Erasmus University. Here, we are linked to the chair 'Social Enterprise & Institutions for Collective Action', which has been assigned to Prof. dr. Tine de Moor. You can find the official press note through [this link](#).

Knowledge platform CollectieveKracht

Since 2019, we have been developing a knowledge platform with the support of RVO, Stichting DOEN, and NWO. This platform, named **CollectieveKracht**, is being set up for, and in collaboration with, citizen collectives. After analyzing the results of a series of interviews and a survey amongst citizen collectives in 2020, we have written a report on the challenges that these collectives seem to face. A summary of this research, named 'Krachtiger als Collectief' (transl. 'More powerful as collective'), including its most important findings can be found by clicking on the button below.

[CLICK HERE FOR A SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH RESULTS](#)

The full report can be read through [this link](#) (however only in Dutch). We are currently further developing the functionalities and design which the knowledge platform will contain. Our goal is to have the platform up-and-running by the end of 2021.

New project (VICI - NWO): Building a UNified theory for the development and resilience of Institutions for Collective Action for Europe in the past millennium (UNICA)

From January 2021 onwards, the UNICA-project will start. This project is financed by a VICI-subsidy of NWO and aims to build a uniform theory which interprets the development and the spread of institutions for collective actions (ICAs) across Europe in the past millennium. To read more about the UNICA-project, please [click here](#).

Vacancies

For the UNICA-project, the ICA-team is currently looking for multiple PhD-students, a postdoctoral researcher, and a research officer. Are you interested?

- For more information about the PhD-position on mutual insurances, click [here](#).
- For more information about the PhD-position on fishing collectivities, click [here](#).
- For more information about the postdoctoral researcher, click [here](#).
- For more information about the research officer, click [here](#).

Next to these, there is a PhD-position available on social enterprises. For more information on this vacancy, [click here](#). Please note that the application deadline for the PhD-positions is **January 15th, 2021**. The application deadline for the postdoctoral researcher and research officer is **January 30th, 2021**.

Further team updates

- Last September, we said goodbye to René van Weeren and Jolien Reijerink as members of the ICA-team. Fortunately, we have been able to welcome two new members as well: Carolien Veldsink and Eline Karlas. They are now fully focusing on the development of the knowledge platform CollectieveKracht.
- Eva Vriens, one of our PhD-students, has handed in her PhD-dissertation on *'Mutualism in the 21st Century: The Why, When, and How behind Successful Risk-Sharing Institutions'* in December. She is currently working as a postdoc researcher in Rome (for more information, click [here](#)). The defense of her dissertation will take place on May 7th in Utrecht.
- ICA PhD-candidate Damion Bunders has initiated the Young Scholars Network (YSN), that stimulates knowledge exchange between PhD-candidates who do research on platform cooperatives. Want to know more about YSN? Please click [here](#). If you know PhD-candidates that should be included, want to present yourself, or have a suggestion for a speaker, please send an e-mail to: bunders@rsm.nl.
- ICA-researcher Pieter Steenbergen is currently working on longitudinal research into local consumer cooperatives. He conducts a quantitative analysis on local consumer cooperatives, and in a comparative study design of five local cooperatives (which are now all part of COOP Nederland) he deepens his knowledge about factors that are of influence on the resilience and dynamics of such cooperatives. The results of his study will be extended to the challenges of today's consumer cooperatives in the food sector.

Overzicht presentaties, interviews en artikelen

- Podcast 'De prosociale burger als co-piloot' (NL) with Tine de Moor and Kirsten Notten. Listen to the podcast through: <https://bit.ly/37hqy9U>.
- Article 'Meer ruimte voor de 'commons'?' (NL) by Tine de Moor. Read the article through: <https://bit.ly/3mIgdI0>.
- Presentation 'Commons & Crisis: Understanding transitions in the past millennium' (ENG) by Tine de Moor. Listen to the presentation through: <https://bit.ly/34bE2lp>.
- Presentation 'Praktische wijsheden voor burgercollectieven' (NL) by Ton Duffhues. Read the slides through: <https://bit.ly/3oXfiVY>.
- Interview on **platformcooperatives** (ENG) with Damion Bunders. Listen to the interview through: <https://bit.ly/37AnVzZ>.
- Webinar Nudge on **the development and management of collectives** (NL) with Tine de Moor. Watch to the webinar through: <https://bit.ly/3nllmat>.
- Article 'Burgercollectieven staan klaar om de post-coronasamenleving vorm te geven' (NL) by Ton Duffhues, Eva Vriens and Tine de Moor. Read the article through: <https://bit.ly/2KNCCXO>.
- Presentation 'De heruitvinding van de coöperatie: samen voedsel van dichtbij inkopen en samen toegang tot land' (NL) by Tine de Moor. Watch the presentation through: <https://bit.ly/2lloG1B>.
- Interview 'Power to the people? The role of citizen collectives in fighting climate change.' (ENG) with Tine de Moor and Johan Schot. Listen to the interview through: <https://bit.ly/2Kt4iAM>.
- Podcast 'De coöperatieve beweging en haar uitdagingen' (NL) with Tine de Moor and Derk Loorbach. Listen to the podcast through: <https://bit.ly/3oYNctL>.
- Article 'Op weg naar een groene economie' (NL) by Tine de Moor and Rene Bruijns. Read the article through: <https://bit.ly/2le400E>.

Best wishes!

Last, but definitely not least, we would like to wish you all happy holidays and a healthy and happy 2021. We look forward to extending our collaboration in the new year and beyond!

Kind regards,

Ton Duffhues, Pieter Steenbergen, Damion Bunders, Carolien Veldsink, Eline Karlas and Tine de Moor

