Due Diligence for Cooperative Investments Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Define and articulate the strategic importance of due diligence for cooperative investments.
2. Develop and implement a systematic due diligence framework for diverse investment types.
3. Conduct comprehensive financial due diligence, including forensic analysis.
4. Assess legal, regulatory, and governance compliance of investment targets.
5. Perform thorough market and industry analysis for investment viability.
6. Evaluate operational capabilities and management team strength of potential investments.
7. Identify and mitigate key risks (financial, operational, reputational, social) associated with investments.
8. Conduct social and environmental due diligence to ensure alignment with cooperative values.
9. Negotiate favorable investment terms based on due diligence findings.
10. Prepare comprehensive due diligence reports and recommendations for decision-makers.
11. Leverage digital tools and data analytics to enhance due diligence efficiency.
12. Understand post-investment monitoring and risk management strategies.
13. Integrate due diligence findings with the cooperative's overall investment policy.

Organizational Benefits

1. Minimized investment risks and reduced potential for financial losses.

2. Improved quality and success rate of cooperative investments.
3. Enhanced protection of member assets and capital.
4. More informed and strategic investment decision-making.
5. Greater compliance with regulatory requirements and ethical standards.
6. Increased transparency and accountability in the investment process.
7. Optimized returns on capital employed for the benefit of members.
8. Stronger reputation as a prudent and responsible financial institution.
9. Proactive identification and mitigation of unforeseen liabilities.
10. Sustainable growth and long-term financial stability for the cooperative.

Target Participants

- Cooperative Investment Committee Members
- Cooperative Financial Managers and Accountants
- General Managers and CEOs of Cooperatives
- Board Members responsible for Investment Oversight
- Strategic Planners and Business Development Managers
- Internal Auditors focusing on Investment Portfolios
- Legal and Compliance Officers of Cooperatives

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Module 1: Introduction to Due Diligence in Cooperative Investments

- Defining due diligence and its importance for cooperative investment decisions.
- The purpose and scope of due diligence across different investment types (e.g., real estate, business acquisition, project finance).
- Key stages of the due diligence process.
- The unique considerations for due diligence in a member-owned cooperative context.
- Case Study: Understanding why a preliminary due diligence failed for a cooperative's proposed land purchase.

Module 2: Setting Up the Due Diligence Framework

- Developing a systematic due diligence checklist and work plan.
- Forming the due diligence team and assigning roles and responsibilities.
- Establishing clear objectives and scope for each due diligence exercise.
- Importance of confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements.
- Case Study: Designing a due diligence checklist for a cooperative considering investing in a start-up.

Module 3: Financial Due Diligence – Part 1: Historical Performance

- Scrutiny of historical financial statements (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow).
- Analyzing revenue recognition policies and expense patterns.
- Identifying non-recurring items and extraordinary expenses.
- Assessing asset quality and off-balance sheet liabilities.
- Case Study: Uncovering potential financial red flags in a target company's past five years of financial reports.

Module 4: Financial Due Diligence – Part 2: Projections and Valuation

- Evaluating financial projections for realism and underlying assumptions.
- Assessing working capital requirements and liquidity.
- Analyzing debt structure and financial covenants.
- Basic valuation methods to confirm the investment's financial attractiveness.
- Case Study: Critiquing financial projections provided by a business seeking investment from a cooperative.

Module 5: Legal and Regulatory Due Diligence

- Reviewing corporate legal structure, articles of association, and by-laws.
- Assessing contracts, agreements, and intellectual property.
- Identifying pending litigation, regulatory compliance issues, and legal liabilities.
- Understanding relevant industry-specific regulations and licenses.
- Case Study: Discovering a significant undisclosed legal dispute during due diligence for a potential acquisition.

Module 6: Operational Due Diligence

- Evaluating operational processes, efficiency, and scalability.
- Assessing supply chain, production, and distribution capabilities.
- Reviewing technology infrastructure and IT systems.
- Analyzing human resources, key personnel, and management team strength.
- Case Study: Identifying operational bottlenecks in a target business that could impact its future performance.

Module 7: Market and Commercial Due Diligence

- Analyzing market size, growth trends, and competitive landscape.
- Assessing target market segments and customer base.
- Evaluating marketing and sales strategies.
- Understanding industry dynamics, regulations, and technological shifts.
- Case Study: Confirming the market demand for a new product a cooperative is considering investing in.

Module 8: Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Due Diligence

- Assessing environmental impact and compliance with regulations.
- Evaluating social impact, community relations, and labor practices.
- Reviewing governance structures, board independence, and ethical practices.
- Aligning investment with the cooperative's values and sustainability goals.
- Case Study: Evaluating the environmental footprint of a proposed agricultural project.

Module 9: Risk Identification and Mitigation Strategies

- Categorizing and prioritizing identified risks (financial, operational, reputational, strategic).
- Quantifying potential impact and likelihood of risks.
- Developing strategies to mitigate identified risks.
- Contingency planning for adverse scenarios.
- Case Study: Developing a risk mitigation plan for investing in a highly volatile sector.

Module 10: Leveraging Technology for Due Diligence

- Using virtual data rooms for secure document sharing.
- Data analytics tools for processing large datasets and identifying patterns.

- Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) in due diligence (e.g., contract review).
- Project management software for tracking due diligence progress.
- Case Study: Utilizing a virtual data room to streamline the document review process for an investment.

Module 11: Integration with Investment Policy and Decision-Making

- Aligning due diligence findings with the cooperative's investment policy and risk appetite.
- Preparing comprehensive due diligence reports for the investment committee/board.
- Presenting findings and recommendations clearly and concisely.
- The role of due diligence in the final investment decision.
- Case Study: Presenting a due diligence report to a cooperative's investment committee.

Module 12: Post-Investment Monitoring and Ongoing Due Diligence

- Establishing key performance indicators (KPIs) for monitoring investment performance.
- Regular financial and operational reporting from the invested entity.
- Continuous risk assessment and review of changing circumstances.
- Strategies for active post-investment management.
- Case Study: Designing a post-investment monitoring dashboard for a cooperative's strategic investment.

Module 13: International Due Diligence Considerations

- Navigating different legal systems and regulatory environments.
- Cultural considerations in international due diligence.
- Foreign exchange risk and political risk assessment.
- Compliance with international anti-corruption laws (e.g., FCPA, UK Bribery Act).
- Case Study: Identifying key challenges in conducting due diligence for an investment in a different country.

Module 14: Special Considerations for Digital/Tech Investments

- Due diligence for software, platforms, and technology companies.
- Assessing intellectual property rights in digital assets.
- Cybersecurity risk assessment for tech investments.
- Evaluating scalability and future-proofing of technology.
- Case Study: Conducting due diligence on a FinTech startup seeking investment from a cooperative bank.

Module 15: Negotiation Strategies Based on Due Diligence

- Using due diligence findings as leverage in negotiations.
- Structuring deal terms to mitigate identified risks.
- Addressing warranties, indemnities, and earn-outs based on findings.
- The importance of a collaborative yet firm negotiation approach.
- Case Study: Renegotiating investment terms based on a crucial discovery during due diligence.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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