

**Cooperative and Commercial Entrepreneurship in Puerto Rico:
Do the existing entrepreneurial framework conditions exert the same influence on these
two types of entrepreneurship?**

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Abstract

The existing entrepreneurship literature shows that research on commercial venture creation is quite broad, whereas research on *cooperative enterprises* is rather limited. This article focuses on cooperative enterprises as a form of collaborative and social entrepreneurship. The authors examine whether the existing entrepreneurial framework conditions (EFCs) in Puerto Rico favor collaborative entrepreneurship over commercial entrepreneurship, and *vice versa*. The authors base their analysis on data obtained from the 2013 National Experts Survey (NES) conducted as part of the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM). The results of this exploratory study reveal that experts in both fields find that the majority of the current EFCs in Puerto Rico do not favor entrepreneurship, finding that commercial entrepreneurship experts are more optimistic than those in the collaborative sector.

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