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## **SMEs in Economic Development: An International Overview**

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

The economic development is one of the world's main goals which can lead to the nations' prosperity (Constantin, Galati 2019). In order to reach this goal the concept of economic development is based on two pillars: economic growth and improving the population's living standards through fair incomes, economic opportunities, safety etc. (World Economic Forum, 2017). In every country the Small and Medium Enterprises play an important role in order to satisfy the above conditions.

Some researches highlight that SMEs account for about 95% of all companies around the world and they have generally a high ratio of employment in most countries. The SME's have an important contribution to the development of a sustainable entrepreneurial environment.

This special issue aims at putting together new findings that can contribute to enrich the literature regarding the contribution of SME's to the economic development at all levels: local, regional, national or international. The contributions should address approaches like the below themes. Other themes of interest for this topic are welcome!



