



## Sustainable Polymer Technologies for a Circular Economy

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Plastics are the “workhorse” material of the modern economy, with multiple functions that help to tackle a number of the challenges facing our society. However, after a first short use cycle, most of its value is lost to the economy. Therefore, it is high time to implement the Circular Economy principles in the plastic sector. This Special Issue focuses on recent research studies devoted to enabling better economic and environmental advances in the plastic packaging value chain that can successfully accelerate the transition of the plastic industry from its traditional linear economy to a more valuable and sustainable model. Potential topics include but are not limited to recent advances in the following areas:

- Plastics towards a Circular Economy
- Biopolymers
- Green composites
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- Compostable plastic articles
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