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Integrated Sustainable Urban Development: Governance and Management Strategies for Connecting Urban Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Connecting or coupling policy issues and urban systems is considered a suitable strategy for overcoming deadlocked processes while creating mutual benefits.

Especially in the field of the energy transition, such strategies are actively sought in an attempt to speed-up the energy transition by creating support, for example solutions such as waste-to-energy, and the active search for connecting energy transition interventions to improvements at the level of buildings, streets, public spaces or other infrastructures. Issue coupling in the urban domain therefore almost also involves the establishment of physical couplings, with new connections within or between systems. Nevertheless, there are structural limitations to the coupling of multiple systems caused by their complexity and institutional diversity. In this Special Issue, we invite papers exploring the potentials and pitfalls of coupling and connecting strategies, the possible outcomes, and the strategies and supporting instruments used. We are looking for theoretically and empirically informed contributions.

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