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Sustainable Smart Cities

Message from the Guest Editors

Sustainable urban development issues have acquired particular relevance over recent decades. “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” is Goal 11 of the SDGs. The tasks of this SDG are primarily to improve the environment of cities and the availability and safety of housing and infrastructure. As a result of rapid urbanization, the authorities are forced to rethink and determine how the urban infrastructure will be created, how public services will be provided, how citizens will participate in managing the development of the city, and how all these subsystems will be interconnected. The goal is not only convenience in this case but also the transformation of cities into more sustainable and reliable environments. ICT-driven innovations for the smart urban environment are at the heart of this transformation. Sustainable development based on smart innovations (technologies) will make cities flexible, adaptable, mitigate adverse impacts, and stimulate beneficial socio-economic and environmental changes.

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