



New Solutions Mitigating Environmental Noise Pollution

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Message from the Guest Editors

The increasing attention of public and scientific results regarding noise pollution effects on health pushed the EU to issue the 49/2002/CE directive. Noise mapping in the EU showed an enormous number of annoyed citizen; cities and infrastructure owners were asked to mitigate noise from transport and industrial sources, inside and outside buildings. New solutions are being studied and applied, and there is a great deal of interest in experimentation taking into account green economy, recycling materials, new approaches to traffic management as low emission zones, new pavements, new vehicles and tires, and novel systems to reduce noise at sources for railways and airports.

Methods and procedures are set to establish the efficacy and efficiency of mitigation actions; standards on barriers and pavement permit to qualify performances, and the prioritization of actions became crucial in order to guarantee transparent principles to the public.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to determine the state-of-the-art on noise mitigation at the source, and also in propagation and at the receivers.





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