

Special Issue

Life Cycle Assessment: Methods and Tools to Achieve Sustainable Decarbonization and Circular Economy in the Building Sector

Message from the Guest Editors

At the European level, the building sector accounts for approximately 50% of all material extraction and 37.5% of total waste production. Furthermore, it is responsible for 40% of the primary energy demand in the EU and 36% of greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing the impact of the building sector is a priority for achieving the environmental goals related to decarbonization and the circular economy.

In this context, Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a well-established method that allows for the assessment of the potential environmental impacts caused throughout the building life cycle and, consequently, the definition of strategies to achieve environmental sustainability. LCA in the building sector can be applied at different scale levels: the entire building, the building element, and the building component.

This Special Issue aims to gather original contributions and review articles focusing on the application of LCA in the building sector regarding the following:

- LCA to support policies and regulations;
- LCA as a design support tool to reduce the building life cycle impact;
- Development of LCI and EPD databases to improve data quality.

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