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## Sustainable Rural Development: Strategies, Good Practices and Opportunities

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The urban concentration has intensified worldwide in recent decades, causing a progressive and widespread exodus of the rural environment and the abandonment of these areas with consequent agriculture, environment, heritage, and leisure resource deterioration.

This is a complex and multidisciplinary problem in which numerous researchers are involved. We encourage authors to submit contributions in the following priority areas to this SI:

- Approaches and models of rural development and their evolution in the world, e.g., European policies and rural development programs or strategies;
- Integrated forms of urban–rural planning and multilevel governance, e.g., urban partnerships and the role of the city in the development and stability of the rural population;
- The diversification of activities, employment, and income: agribusiness, heritage, and tourism as the basis of rural competitiveness and its impact on new models of land organization;
- Depopulation and strategies for the demographic challenge in rural areas;
- The insertion of SDGs 2030 in rural development: the green circular economy.



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