

Special Issue

Efficient Land Use and Sustainable Development in European Countries

Message from the Guest Editors

Land use, land resource demands, and landscape management practices are linked to many of contemporary society's environmental, climatic, and socio-economic challenges. Measuring land use efficiency is pivotal for guiding land use management decisions and promoting more effective and efficient land utilization strategies. The goal of this Special Issue is to collect papers (original research articles and review papers) to provide new knowledge of the European scope and give insights about linking land use efficiency with sustainable development. We welcome empirical research or conceptual/theoretical works examining key processes that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Institutional frameworks and policy review;
- Land use management and territorial governance;
- Linking land use and value creation;
- Implementing ecosystem services in land management;
- Land use efficiency and value capture;
- Value-led development planning and value capture instruments;
- Land system science and sustainable development;
- Sustainability science for policy-making.

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