

Special Issue

Rural Development Strategies in the EU: Strengthening Agricultural Sectors and Local Economies

Message from the Guest Editors

The goal of this Special Issue is to collect papers (original research articles and review papers) that provide insights into the rural development strategies of the European Union that rely on strengthening the competitiveness of the agricultural sector but also on local capacities and specificities. As agriculture is often the dominant economic activity in rural areas, this Special Issue aims to look at practices intended to improve the competitiveness of agriculture in a way that will contribute to rural development in the EU and the candidate countries for EU membership. Also, to build new opportunities with a stronger voice for rural communities, research that looks at local specificities that can improve rural development is of great importance. We welcome manuscripts that link the following themes:

- European policies and strategies in the field of rural development;
- EU rural development policy after 2027;
- Vision for EU rural areas;
- The impact of agricultural development on the development of rural areas of the EU;
- Appreciation of local specificities in the development of EU rural areas.

We look forward to receiving your submission.

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