Special Issue

Planning for Water Circular Territories: Drivers, Barriers and Best Practices to Foster Transition

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The purpose of this Special Issue, which is associated with a seminar of the same title promoted by the University of Aveiro, is to understand if and how WCE is considered in the actual spatial planning and water resources legal framework, as well as which barriers and drivers to its implementation are being addressed. Ultimately it aims to promote a debate within the scientific community on how we should plan for a water circular economy, in particular, using River Basin Management Plans and Spatial Plans.

This Special Issue invites academics and practitioners to present and discuss case studies of territories, cities, and projects that have addressed the challenge of integrating WCE into their instruments of water resources planning and spatial planning, institutional, and design practices. It suggests four major topics, namely: a) water resources planning for water circular economy; b) spatial planning for water circular economy; c) water circular economy and integrated water resources management; d) indicators in planning for water circular economy.

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