



Innovation in SMEs and Sustainable Development: The Current Situation and the Way Forward

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Message from the Guest Editors

Small-and-Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs), despite their heterogeneity and diversity, have been found to be the backbone of the economic growth and development of the ecosystems of their operations (Muñoz-Pascual et al., 2019; Singh et al., 2009; Valaei et al., 2016). Although in the last decade SMEs have been interlaced with traditional markets, SMEs now also direct their businesses to emerging markets (Malik and Jasińska-Biliczak, 2018). A considerable number of SMEs across the world have gradually become innovative-driven actors (Vrontis et al., 2020; Widya-Hasuti et al., 2018). However, little is known about whether SMEs' innovative actions are a response to the resource constraints they often face, leading them to seek more effective ways to operate and/or produce (e.g., Widya-Hasuti); how they innovate; and to what extent their innovative actions are sustainability related or sustainability driven (Kleine and Von Hauff, 2009; Kron et al., 2013).

To shed light in SMEs' innovation, this Special Issue focuses on innovative-driven SMEs operating in various national and international regions and contexts.





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