



Environmental and Social Sustainability in Rural Areas

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Dear Colleagues,

Rural communities need to re-imagine their future within a locally based economy, rooted in a sustainable paradigm that builds on local assets, skills and collective action. The potentials emerging for sustainable agricultural food production and the production of renewable energy are well documented as addressing contemporary needs of society for mitigating climate change challenges and environmental threats. This *Special Issue* represents an attempt to put forth a discussion that goes beyond the established popular discourses on the environmental dimension of sustainability: it will try to shed light on the least addressed- but still equally important- pillar, social sustainability, and advocate for the symbiotic relationship between the two terms (environmental and social sustainability). In so doing, this special issue draws on the theoretical lens of community-led development and diverse economies and builds on cases that unlock the dynamics of the community economies...

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