



Small Farm Strategies and Territorial Integration

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

European rural areas are populated mostly by small farms. Farms are defined as small in relation to limited resource endowments (land, herd, labor or capital), but they can be really understood only considering the sector and the contextual agrosystem conditions. They contribute to the production of food that is, later on, self-consumed or purchased by consumers, in both rural and (peri) urban areas. As they operate in rural environments, small farms are part of rural dynamics (e.g., economic, social, environmental) in connection to urban centers and provide everyday more recognized contributes to the local territories in terms of social, environmental, and economic integration.

This Special Issue will explore the topic of small farms and their integration with territorial dynamics also by offering explicit cases that can foster a dialogue between academics and other territorial stakeholders. Contributors to the Special Issue are requested to present their paper related to the topic, but they should also present a specific case illustrating an example of integration among a small farm and its territory.





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