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Digital Transformation and Open Innovation for Business Ecosystems

Message from the Guest Editors

Business ecosystems have an important role in the contemporary society and the cores and/or platforms of business ecosystems are nowadays often structured by digital technologies. The outcomes of such open innovation can influence the sustainability of the business ecosystems; yet, research of business ecosystems from the aspect of sustainability that remains relevant to the digital transformation, open innovation, and combination thereof remains underdeveloped. In this Special Issue, broad topics relating these themes are welcome, including original research articles and reviews. Research areas may include, but are not limited to: How the digital transformation improves/erodes the sustainability of business ecosystems;

The occurrence of open innovation in business ecosystems and how this relates to sustainability; The sustainable aspects of open innovation ecosystems;

The sustainability of digital platform ecosystems.

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