# **Special Issue**

# Advancing Sustainability in the Food Industry: The Role of Certification Schemes and Management Systems in Building Trust Within Circular Economy Initiatives

# Message from the Guest Editor

The circular economy (CE) has become a crucial issue worldwide due to legal and corporate requirements. The transition from a linear to a more circular economy is an ongoing process. In the food sector, CE can be supported at the organizational level by standards developed for this purpose, such as the ISO 59000 series. Additionally, other standards and certification schemes also significantly contribute to CE or support its implementation.

Certification plays an important informational role in communication both between organizations within the supply chain and with food consumers. The implementation process and certification of the aforementioned requirements may vary significantly depending on the approach of individual organizations.

This Special Issue covers research on topics such as food and environmental management system certification that supports CE, sustainable communication within the supply chain, and the credibility and trust value of these actions.

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