

## Special Issue

# Open Innovation and Sustainability: Smart Cities and Local Government

### Message from the Guest Editors

A smart city, defined as an innovative urban development aiming for sustainable development and high quality of life of its citizens, has been increasingly linked to the concept of open innovation. Open innovation practices have augmented knowledge flow, accelerated innovation, and increased markets for the external benefit of the results of innovation. Consistent with the open innovation paradigm, smart cities are open in terms of the actors and the resources they involve, and they actively promote data sharing. Local governments play an essential role in the sustainability of innovation, not only in helping to advance business models facilitating collaboration among universities, industries, and society, but also in both helping to create knowledge and stimulate demand. This Special Issue aims to promote the use of emerging technologies and innovation processes to foster open innovation in business models and public services for achieving sustainability and all issues concerning the interaction between smart cities and sustainable practices in the design and implementation of innovative public services. We look forward to your contribution.

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