

Special Issue

Circular Economy Implementation: From Processes and Systems to Organizational Transformation

Message from the Guest Editors

The literature on the circular economy (CE) is rich in concepts but thinner on how organizations operationalize CE at scale. This Special Issue focuses on implementation—the concrete integration of processes, metrics, and organizational change that turn circular intent into measurable outcomes. (i) data-enabled implementation (e.g., Digital Product Passport, digital twins, IoT/AI) that improves traceability and decision-making; (ii) robust measurement and evaluation (e.g., dynamic MFA/stock-flow, exergy/material circularity, integrated LCA/LCC/S-LCA); and (iii) organizational and behavioral transformation (governance, incentives, skills, culture) necessary to embed CE in day-to-day operations. Grounded in current policy and market developments—such as the EU Circular Economy Action Plan, Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR), and Digital Product Passport (DPP)—we invite contributions that deliver empirical evidence, implementation frameworks, and comparative insights across firms and value chains. By centering on methods, metrics, and management, the Special Issue moves beyond broad narratives to the practical levers that de-risk adoption and scale circularity.

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