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Circular Economy Strategies in the Industrial Activities: Synergies and Trade-Offs between Sustainable Development Goals—SDGs

Message from the Guest Editors

The circular management of resources has become a key driver in fighting against global issues, such as resource depletion and/or waste overproduction. Even though there are global recycling circuits trying to tackle this challenge already, they cannot give a satisfactory circular answer. Side effects such as the long-distance transportation of wastes, highly energy consumer processes, disparities in the environmental stringency between countries, local unemployment, and high rate of CO2 emissions result in a partial answer to this challenge that in some cases could be triggered into negative rebound effects in resource depletion and final waste production. Bioeconomy has become a realistic alternative to an economy based on fossil carbon (coal, oil, or gas). The bioeconomy proposes the innovative transformation of renewable resources to produce food and non-food goods, molecules of interest, energy, biomaterials, and other biobased products.

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