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Cities, Regions and Industrial Development for Sustainable Economy

Message from the Guest Editors

Industrial development has long been considered a strong determinant of economic growth, but industrial activities (some more than others) are also among the main sources of pressure on the environment (e.g., air and water pollution, waste generation and resource consumption). At the same time, a large share of industrial activities are spatially concentrated in urbanized areas, determining increasing challenges. Moreover, the industrialisation of regions involves a variety of internal and external players and investment activities, creating new stimuli and opportunities for the green transition of local economies. In light of this, and given that urban populations are expected to rise in the coming years, the sustainable industrial development of regions and cities becomes key to achieving a transition to a just and climate-neutral economy. The objective of this Special Issue is to analyse the critical economic, environmental, and social challenges and opportunities entailed by the sustainable urban-industrial development.

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