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# Energy for the Future: Participatory and Multidisciplinary Approaches to Sustainable Post-carbon Cities and Societies

### Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, the EU established important climate policy objectives to be reached by Member states to decarbonize its economy and foster a clean energy transition. Cost-effective solutions are needed in all sectors, to reduce fuel poverty, increase security of energy supplies, reduce dependence on energy imports, favor economic growth and job creation, and generate environmental and health benefits. To reach this challenging objective, governance and regulatory frameworks should favor a decentralized and proactive citizen-oriented organization of the energy sector and society as a whole. A strong effort is required to forge new paradigms of urban development and innovative partnerships to ensure that benefits are inclusive and fully shared. The Special Issue will investigate potential technical, economic, and social benefits, and related policy and regulatory implications, of this transition.

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