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Islands and Tourism Industry: The Path for a Sustainable Development

Message from the Guest Editors

Local development is always more often dependent on the tourism sector, especially in fragile contexts, such as islands. These territories, in fact, represent a special cluster, such as an independent state from member countries. Particularly, insular economies are almost totally based on tourism and connected activities. Because of this, it needs to take care the positive and negative aspects of economic development based on the tourism sector and to drive it towards long-term wellbeing. Tourism can bring development and growth but also negative effects on the local environment and residents. Thus, it needs to consider a sustainable development approach based on quantitative and qualitative indicators, a wide awareness about the need to preserve and then valorize local resources and the right cooperative strategies among tourism industry operators. We encourage researchers to highlight advances, best practices, questions and any other issue related to this topic in order to encourage a fruitful scientific debate and exchange.

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