

Special Issue

Sustainable Business Models for a Circular Economy

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will focus on business models that support circular value creation, delivery, and capture by integrating environmental, economic, and social dimensions. The scope spans multiple sectors, including manufacturing, construction and the built environment, energy systems, mobility, consumer products, and urban systems. The purpose of this Special Issue is to (i) clarify the mechanisms through which circular business models generate sustainable value for firms and society, (ii) identify the key barriers, drivers, and governance conditions affecting their adoption and scalability, and (iii) provide actionable insights for practitioners, policymakers, and researchers engaged in circular economy transitions. Topics of interest:

Circular business model innovation and value creation mechanisms;

Product–service systems, sharing economy, and platform-based circular models;

Circular supply chains, reverse logistics, and industrial symbiosis;

Digital technologies (AI, data platforms, digital twins) enabling circular business models;

Policy, governance, and performance assessment of circular economy business models.

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