Special Issue

Approaching Sustainable Development: Innovative (Policy) Governance in Fostering Local Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue delves into the realm of innovative policy and governance, highlighting its pivotal role in fostering sustainability. It explores the institutional capacity to build a critical mass, engage in networking, interact with a multitude of actors, enhance common resources, and mediate social conflict. The issue underscores the significance of innovative policies in addressing complex environmental and social challenges, thereby fostering a shared vision on the use of existing resources. The issue spans various fields related to specific Sustainable Development Goals. By welcoming case studies focusing on the topic related to innovative governance, this issue contributes to provides insights into the application of sustainability policies, thereby enhancing our understanding of sustainability's multifaceted nature and its socioeconomic and scientific aspects. We welcome submissions focusing on but not limited to the following topic:

- participatory urban planning, social inclusion and housing policy;
- green infrastructure and nature-based solutions;
- emission reduction, waste and recycling;
- post-pandemic health innovation;
- local sustainable development.

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