

Special Issue

SMEs and EU Regional Development

Message from the Guest Editor

Overcoming the current health crisis can be conducted only through economic development in general and regional development in particular. In this context, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) play a key role in the development of European Union (EU) member states since they account for 99% of all EU businesses. The main factors that determine economic growth are GDP, SMEs' access to finance, export stimulation, venture capital investments, R&D transfer, innovations, etc. At the same time, another important factor that influences regional development is the banking system. Therefore, this Special Issue will focus on the connections existing between sustainable development and banking.

Keeping in mind that financial markets undoubtedly impact on sustainable growth at the global level, the Special Issue will also consider studies in this direction. During the ongoing health crisis, tourism is among the most affected economic sectors. Hence, studies in this field are important in order to emphasize the link between economic growth and global tourism. More details at:

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