

Special Issue

Sustainable Spatial Planning and Territorial Governance

Message from the Guest Editors

Sustainable approach is gaining momentum at our eyes. We can witness the negative consequences of unbalanced economic-biased development. We need a deeper reflection how to change is unsustainable path of development. Spatial planning should be a part of the remedy since spatial planning is dealing with long term processes of a “longue *durée*” character. This special issue will serve this purpose to start scientific debate on reconceptualization of the role of spatial planning and development in the context of sustainability. How spatial planning can contribute to prosperity, high quality of life and diminished disparities between countries while respecting ecosystem and social integrity? According to the ESPON COMPASS report, 'spatial planning and territorial governance are collections of formal and informal institutions some of which are shared'.

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