

## Special Issue

# Collaborative Strategies for Sustainable Agri-Food Supply Systems of the Future

### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleague, What is commonly referred to as the food supply “chain” is an interorganizational network made up of multiple supplier–supplier–customer–stakeholder combinations, in which the sustainability of an individual actor or firm can only be achieved by optimization of the system as a whole. Ideally, the objective of a sustainable agri-food supply chain is to ensure the supply of food to the final consumer whilst guaranteeing the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the system. However, businesses have often focused on short-term cost advantages with little regard for the longer-term implications of sustainability. In this sense, collaborative strategies are shown to have positive effects (market creation, promotion, quality, training, joint supply purchases, data sharing or research ventures, to name a few). With this in mind, this Special Issue aims to explore cooperation strategies that can be implemented within the agri-food system to increase sustainability.

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