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Enhanced Waste Management Models to Support Waste Prevention and Circularity

Message from the Guest Editors

Significant efforts to decouple economic growth and waste generation are required. Several technological and non-technological barriers exist according to different industrial sectors and value chains. In particular, in the new European Circular Economy Action Plan, seven key value chains have been identified as the most urgent to effectively shift to more sustainable production and consumption patterns, which are: electronics and ITC; batteries and vehicles; packaging; plastics; textiles; construction and buildings; and food, water and nutrients. Starting with these value chains, but not exclusively, this Special Issue of Sustainability aims to collect reviews and research on sustainable and circular models and solutions to manage and reduce waste. The main focus is on technological innovations, to both prevent waste generation and recover, recycle and reuse them as new resources and materials, in the same or in other value chains.

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