

## Special Issue

# Regional and Urban Innovation for Sustainable Competitiveness in the Digital Age

### Message from the Guest Editors

Regional and urban areas today face converging pressures ranging from digital transformation and climate challenges to global economic restructuring. In this shifting landscape, innovation and competitiveness emerge as useful levers for achieving sustainable and inclusive development. Cities and regions alike are being called upon to redesign their economic models, encourage circularity, and integrate digital technologies in order to remain resilient and future ready. This Special Issue invites contributions that explore how regional and urban innovation ecosystems can support competitiveness in the age of sustainability and digitalization. We seek both empirical and theoretical papers that address new forms of collaboration between public authorities, businesses, and communities; the role of smart specialization in regional strategy; or how Procurement 4.0 and digital infrastructure impact performance, resilience, and green growth. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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