

Special Issue at Annals of Regional Science: “Policies for Supporting Regional Circular Economy and Sustainability”



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Description of the topic

The transition from the linear to circular economy implies huge economic transformations in the way firms behave and interact with markets. These transformations also require new regional governance trying to balance firms' expectations with public interest. In this sense, as circular economy is related to sustainability, specific policy actions are necessary to engage the economic with the social and technical drivers of production in order to reconsider energy management for supporting circular principles.

Current energy policies need to be revisited from the micro to the macro level to improve efficiency and recovery by redesigning all stages of production, from resource harvesting to disposal and end-of-life practices. Furthermore, policy interventions should be considered involving the effective energy interdependence of individual industries within the industrial ecology/symbiosis concept.

These policies must have a regional dimension, according to a subsidiarity principle and in order to better match the externalities of economic activities with environmental regional management as well as with entrepreneurship supporting activities. Considering the above, we believe that this Special Issue will be a perfect outlet for research related to circular economy and sustainability including, but not limited to, the below listed topics:

- Circular Economy and Innovation
- Circular Economy and Entrepreneurship
- Eco-industrial parks
- Energy Production and Management
- Energy Resources in Circular Economy
- Public Awareness and Stakeholder Involvement
- Renewable Energy in the Context of Circular Economy
- Business Opportunities in Transition to Circular Economy
- Regional Governance in Transition to Circular Economy
- Policies Targeting Circular Economy
- Sustainable cities
- Zero waste management

Procedure and deadlines

If you want to contribute to this special issue, submit your paper using the journal platform (<https://www.springer.com/journal/168>) by October 31th 2020. We encourage previous submissions to the Online Symposium on Circular Economy and Sustainability (there are no fees). Submit your paper to the conference at www.infer2020-thrace.gr/.