



Rural Areas Facing the Challenge of Economic Diversification: Threats and Opportunities

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Dear Colleagues,

In developed countries, the traditional agrarian vision of the rural world, has given way to a multifunctional approach to this space. However, there is now a growing interest in other types of investment in rural areas. These types of investments can be valuable alternatives for achieving the longed-for economic diversification, although it is no less true that they involve abruptly altering the traditional agricultural and livestock uses of the rural environment.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to provide scientific and academic evidence regarding the implementation of these two types of projects: their long-term viability, their impact on the demographic and economic structures of the regions or districts in which they are implemented and the change in traditional land uses, as well as any other indicators related to the socio-economic development of these environments. In this endeavour, all types of case studies are welcome, which, based on different methodological approaches, approach the subject under study, both in developed countries and developing regions of the world affected by the same problems.





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