



## Corporate Social Responsibility for More Resilient and Sustainable SMEs

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This Special Issue will explore the role of corporate social responsibility in enhancing the resilience and sustainability of small and medium-sized enterprises.

CSR has become an increasingly important concept for businesses of all sizes, but its impact on SMEs has been less explored. SMEs are the backbone of many economies, providing employment opportunities, contributing to economic growth, and driving innovation. They often face significant challenges in managing their social and environmental impact, while also ensuring their sustainability. The aim is to explore the different ways in which CSR can help SMEs become more resilient and sustainable. We welcome submissions on the following topics: Role of CSR in enhancing the resilience of SMEs to external shocks and crises; Relationship between CSR and financial performance in SMEs; Best practices in integrating CSR into SMEs' operations and business models; Impact of CSR on SMEs' social and environmental performance; Role of CSR in enhancing SMEs' reputation and stakeholder relations; Implications of the implementation of SDG and ESG in SMEs

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