

## Special Issue

# Contribution of Smart City Solutions to Positive Energy Districts and Climate-Neutral Cities

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue, promoted by the International Energy Agency Energy in Buildings and Communities Annex 83 “Positive Energy Districts” (Subtask-C) in cooperation with the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action EU PED-NET (WG3) and EU Smart Cities and Communities projects (Monitoring & Evaluation Task group) will focus on tackling the fundamental aspects of sustainability assessment in positive energy districts, proposing advancements within the field, and promoting a holistic approach aimed at breaking the silos of knowledge as the only way forward. Authors participating in the Smart and Sustainable Planning for Cities and Regions - SSPCR 2022 international conference 18–22 July 2022 in Bolzano (Italy) (<https://www.sspcr.eurac.edu/>) are invited to submit their papers to this Special Issue (see dedicated session “Towards a Sustainability Assessment of Positive Energy Districts: Methodologies, Case Studies and Applications” <https://www.sspcr.eurac.edu/session-towards-a-sustainability-assessment-of-positive-energy-districts/>).

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