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From Eco-Design to Sustainable Product-Service Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

The European Commission has long been promoting and adopting legislative proposals and a substantial funding package to facilitate the transition to sustainable products and processes. Among the environmental objectives that will be part of the European stimulus plan, there is the transition to a circular economy, focused on the reuse and recycling of energy and material resources. Today there is a lack in the end-of-life design methodologies in early phases of the product concept, a lack of tools and techniques to systematize the matching of end-of-life products and the start of the second life application in the new circular product chains context. The future requires a cultural change overcoming mere green washing activities and pushing companies to adopt new strategies and tools for eco-design and to rethink their business models. Papers exploring novel eco-design tools and methodologies are welcome, especially if aiming to improve efficiency with the adoption of circular economy practices.

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