



## Governance Mixes for Sustainable Peri-Urbanization

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Dear Colleagues,

Peri-urbanization processes involving urban expansion through land take and soil sealing are massive. The transformations lead to emerging of peri-urban landscapes (PULs), which are transition territories connecting cities with their surrounding environment, where urban, rural and natural or semi-natural characteristics are mixed.

To foster sustainable development, PULs can be approached as interfaces that, beyond many conflicts, can also create opportunities for governance experimentation and thus, for new governance mixes to emerge. In our Special Issue, we are interested in spatial planning-oriented governance mixes which do not refer to a particular type of governance. Governance mixes in our understanding are broader than a combination of different policy instruments and indicate a thoughtful mix of different top-down and bottom-up governance approaches, which are introduced at different administrative levels, bringing different formal and informal outcomes, discussed and implemented by the wide range of governance actors.

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