



## Sustainable Public Health and Human Safety

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Goal number 3 of the Sustainable Development Goals defined by the United Nations is to “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”. Indeed, as we experienced during the recent COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing is a crucial challenge for a sustainable development of our societies. The implementation of this issue can be declined in many ways: guaranteeing access to medical care, fighting against communicable and non-communicable diseases, and strengthening the prevention of substance abuse are only some of the options. The COVID-19 pandemic has tested the resilience of public health worldwide, reinforcing awareness of the importance of prevention strategies. Prevention is paramount to improve our health, embracing a large variety of interventions that may considerably reduce efforts and resources. Sustainable public health and human safety may be explored in terms of strategies to support i) behavior change, ii) the improvement of both living and working environments, and iii) the most vulnerable groups.





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