



# Circular Economy

## Urban Metabolism and Regional Development

Challenges for a Sustainable Future

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**Special Session (SS10) on:**

***URBAN-RURAL synergies***

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### The aim and scope of the special session:

At a time societies face challenges that increase the demand for quality of life and wellbeing, a synergy agenda for rural and urban areas creates opportunities to build upon mutual benefits, interactions and dependencies. While urbanization processes can contribute to rural development by providing access to markets, services, information and knowledge, rural areas can contribute to urban quality of life, regional competitiveness, cultural identity and resilience. Societal demands for ecosystem services and for more sustainable food systems calls on innovative business models, reshaped public policies, and improved governance arrangements. This session aims to discuss urban-rural synergies as a cornerstone for territorial cohesion, and the development of smart and inclusive growth models.

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