

**Special Session (SS16) on:**  
*Twin transition for regional futures: digital innovation, sustainability and policy design*

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**The aim and scope:**

This session explores how digital transformation — AI, data spaces, automation, digital twins, among others — and innovation drive sustainable and competitive regional development. We welcome theoretical, empirical, methodological, and policy-oriented contributions on digital tools for sustainability, green business models, territorial impacts of technological change, and governance for the twin transition. Papers addressing the link between regional competitiveness, business competitiveness, SME innovation, and the role of innovation districts as catalysts of digital and green transitions are especially encouraged. Selected high-quality papers will be invited to submit to the Special Issue in *Sustainability (Green Innovation and Digital Transformation in a Sustainable Economy - [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special\\_issues/31F285KEI0](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/31F285KEI0))*. Our goal is to generate insights that strengthen regional resilience and long-term competitiveness.

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