

## **Special Issue for Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship**

### **Title: Entrepreneurial Ecosystems**

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#### **Aims & Scope:**

The research on entrepreneurial ecosystem proposes distinctive perspectives. According with Isenberg (2011), firstly, the explicit focus is on entrepreneurial activity and especially on high growth firms. Second, the emphasis is on local and regional environments and the conditions required generating and supporting ambitious entrepreneurship. Third, it emphasizes the interactions between framework conditions and local/regional geographical environments.

These several perspectives allows the inclusion of different topics, such as, 'regional development and smart cities', 'innovation', 'cluster policies', 'technology transfer', 'business incubators', 'entrepreneurial universities', 'triple helix', 'academic spin-offs', 'creative territories', 'digital ecosystems', *etc.*

The debate around the topic 'entrepreneurial ecosystems' is on agenda, some questions asking for an answer:

- Is an entrepreneurial ecosystem born or made?
- Which indicators are suitable to measure entrepreneurial ecosystems?
- It's possible (or not) identify types or archetypes of Entrepreneurial ecosystems?
- Which public policies could approach for develop entrepreneurial ecosystems?
- What are the modifications or adaptations needed in the learning and training strategies for future managers in entrepreneurial ecosystems?

Several researchers worldwide have been studying the subject of the entrepreneurship and contributions are multidisciplinary and diverse, as well as their topics of interest.

The Special Issue Entrepreneurial ecosystems aims to create a space for reflection and discussion on topics of entrepreneurship and ecosystems in a regional context considering its impact on the development of territories and on innovation and technology transfer. Various approaches to the subject will be presented allowing the discussion of papers that propose innovative solutions, strategies and promote sustainable development and competitiveness of the territories.

#### **Subtopics:**

Specific topics of particular interest include, but are not limited to:

- Public policies to promote entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Regional development and smart cities
- Cluster' policies and entrepreneurship
- Business incubators
- Entrepreneurial universities
- Triple helix
- Academic spin-offs
- Creative territories
- Digital ecosystems
- Entrepreneurship, innovation and creation of regional value: Cases sectors / companies with regional impact - industry, services, agriculture - encompassed by level of technology, business size, industry structure, property type.
- Internationalization of entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Learning and Training Strategies for future managers in Entrepreneurial Ecosystems
- Other topics considered relevant

**Schedule:**

- Manuscript submission deadline: 1 June 2018
- Peer Review Due: 1 September 2018
- Revision Due: 15 October 2018
- Announcement of acceptance by the Guest Editors: 30 October 2018
- Final manuscripts due: 7 December 2018

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