

# International Journal for Quality Research



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## *Call for Papers*

### Special Issue on

## **“Driving Sustainable Quality through Innovation and Excellence”**

### **Special Issue Information:**

*This special issue aims to bring together cutting-edge research and real-world insights from academia, industry, and policy-making bodies to advance the field of sustainable quality and contribute to a more responsible and resilient future.*

*"Driving Sustainable Quality through Innovation and Excellence,"* a special issue of the International Journal for Quality Research, will investigate the critical intersection of quality management and sustainability in the contemporary global environment. Recognizing the necessity for traditional quality paradigms to adapt to evolving environmental and social challenges, this issue will present leading research and practical applications that advance sustainable quality through innovation and excellence. This special issue will examine the integration of sustainability into fundamental quality management systems, demonstrating how organizations can incorporate ESG principles into their operational structures. A primary focus will be on innovative quality practices that support the circular economy, with emphasis on resource efficiency and waste minimization across product lifecycles. The role of technology in facilitating sustainable process improvement will be analysed, exploring the potential of AI, IoT, and data analytics to optimize quality and reduce environmental impact. Furthermore, the issue will highlight the essential role of leadership and organizational culture in promoting sustainable quality. It will investigate how effective leadership can drive cultural transformation and embed sustainability into organizational values. Contributions focusing on the development of robust metrics and reporting frameworks for sustainable quality performance are encouraged, enabling organizations to accurately assess and communicate their progress. Sustainable supply chain quality management will be explored, examining how quality principles can ensure sustainability throughout the value chain. The intersection of quality and social responsibility will be addressed, investigating how quality practices can contribute to ethical sourcing, fair labour practices, and community engagement. Research on innovation in sustainable product and service design will be welcomed, showcasing how quality can drive the creation of environmentally friendly and socially responsible offerings. Data-driven approaches to sustainable quality will be emphasized, highlighting

the use of analytics for informed decision-making. Finally, benchmarking and best practices will be featured, sharing real-world examples of organizations successfully implementing sustainable quality initiatives.

### Key topics to include are:

- Integrating Sustainability into Quality Management Systems
- Innovative Quality Practices for Circular Economy
- Leveraging Technology for Sustainable Process Improvement
- Leadership and Organizational Culture for Sustainable Quality
- Measuring and Reporting Sustainable Quality Performance
- Sustainable Supply Chain Quality Management
- The Intersection of Quality and Social Responsibility
- Innovation in Sustainable Product and Service Design
- Data-Driven Approaches to Sustainable Quality
- Benchmarking and Best Practices in Sustainable Quality

**Submission timeline:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

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### Submission Guidelines

Full papers should be submitted the Corresponding Guest Editor directly (see below).

Prospective authors may contact the Corresponding Guest Editor directly with abstracts or draft version of the intended papers for an early feedback on the appropriateness for submission to the Special Issue.

Guidelines for Paper Submission format: [https://www.ijqr.net/guide\\_for\\_authors.php](https://www.ijqr.net/guide_for_authors.php) (except “paper submission” – the paper should be submitted directly to the Corresponding Guest Editor)

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