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## Call for Papers

### Development of Innovative Ecosystems in the Energy Area

1 December 2015: Full paper submission.

Innovation is a laboratory for applied creativity where development of innovative projects and exploration of new directions in different disciplines are dynamically perceived. Innovation enables a more conscious perception of place and its characteristics; it is an experimental space in which design methods can be used to examine and interrogate ideas, forms, structures, dreams and visions. Innovation is about transgressing boundaries of multiple disciplines in view of developing novelties or improving existing offerings, methods and processes while taking into account numerous dimensions and angles. It is also about opening new perspectives on the world of tomorrow. Innovation is also a state of mind, which has to be nurtured and cultivated. The currently turbulent environment renders innovation even more challenging, yet necessary, to reach the competitive edge and maintain sustainable advantage. The successful ability to innovate requires a multidisciplinary attitude towards understanding, designing and implementing an overarching innovation strategy.

#### Objective of JIM

JIM addresses a wide audience involved in innovation and aims at bringing together international academics, professional associations, policy makers, thought leaders and practitioners, to discuss the various challenges linked to innovation.

#### Energy & Innovation

The efficiency of the Energy sector is one of the strategic principles for maintaining the rate of economic growth of countries. Accordingly, innovation becomes an important factor, which explains much of the concern for the development of new technologies and processes in this sector. Investment in research, development and innovation is a fundamental condition in countries competing for a privileged position among the world's leading providers of energy and technology, capital goods and related services. Thus, the use of environmental and business opportunities can be initiated through the development of innovative chains in the Energy area.

The objective of this call is to promote the dissemination and sharing of knowledge in investments made in areas related to energy involving the entire innovation chain. Innovation projects and actions to report the engagement experience of the main stakeholders in this chain: universities, research centers, industry organizations and utilities companies, are expected for this thematic issue.

In this context, we expect authors to address challenges related to energy issues such as production, delivery, new needs, etc., but also the challenges faced by energy/utilities companies and how innovation is being used as a leverage.

#### Submission Process

All submitted papers will be subjected to a double-blind review process, through the dedicated online submission system of JIM: [www.open-jim.org](http://www.open-jim.org)

Your article will be reviewed as fast as possible and the results of the first screening will be available within 6 weeks after its full submission. The author guidelines for this topical issue are available on the journal's website: <http://feupedicoes.fe.up.pt/journals/index.php/IJMAI/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

#### Important Dates

Submissions of notification of interest (abstract): October 15th, 2015

Submission of full papers: December 1st, 2015

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