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## Editorial Note

A crucial aspect to emphasize in this second 2022 issue is the fact that all of the articles published - unfortunately only three, compared to the five in pre-pandemic times - are authored by young researchers, some of whom are still PhD students. This signifies, to my delight, that the Geoprogess Association is achieving one of its objectives, which is to promote research and higher education, and also indicates a promising future for the journal. This optimistic outlook is reinforced by a second significant fact: the journal's recognition as a scientific publication by ANVUR, the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research System, which independently oversees the Italian research system. This recognition was communicated to me on December 15, 2022, a few days before uploading this issue's file.

As in the previous issue, the articles in this edition tackle topics of great interest and study objects of privilege for the Geoprogess Association.

1) Mobility and its impact on urban environments, the changes brought by the pandemic, and its outlook in relation to technological advancements in transportation and work practices, these are the subjects covered in the first article, authored by Maria N. Buonocore, Federico Cuomo, and Chiara Ferro, who are PhD students or collaborators of the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Naples "Federico II".

This contribution highlights the significance of the green revolution in transportation that is currently underway in many European cities. This revolution, which is a result and a driving force of the energy transition, underscores the need for thoughtful planning in the development of our cities as a crucial aspect of territorial governance. Effective planning requires coordination among the various actors and sector policies, which may otherwise be contradictory, at the local and even national levels. To reduce waste and pollution, policies must be implemented that guide mobility, minimize unnecessary travel, and promote the production and use of sustainable transportation options.

2) The growth of "Gated Communities" is a matter of concern, not only regarding changes in urban structure and its effects on viability and collective safety, but also about the social changes that physical segregation represents. There are undoubtedly psychological reasons, of collective psychology, behind this growing segregation or the contemporary "Urban Misanthropy," as Fabrizio Aimar describes in his essay, which analyses the phenomenon through European and Anglo-Saxon cases. The growth of this phenomenon is not only due to increasing fear but also because the socio-economic divide is expanding, especially between a small number of wealthy families and a growing number of poor families.

3) The company as a driver of growth and development, for better or for worse, is another fundamental object of study for the Geoprogress mission. It is vital to understand the various organizational forms, territorial conditions (natural, socio-economic, political) of development, different behaviours, impacts, and prospects. In Italy, monitoring SMEs is particularly crucial due to their significant role in the national economy and because they "can become a driving force for innovation in a mutual exchange with the territory of which it is a part, helping to shape its economy," according to Federico Cuomo, the author of the third paper. The paper specifically focuses on innovative SMEs in the Campania region and their relationship with the territory, particularly those supported by the European Union through funding programs, incubators, and accelerators. After analyzing the state of the art and main innovation indicators for European states and Italy, Cuomo's essay concludes by focusing on innovative SMEs in the Campania region and their relationship with the territory."

*Francesco Adamo*, Editor in Chief