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Mini Track on Tourism, SMEs and Collaborative Marketing

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Now, more than ever, Tourism SMEs (TSMEs) are being regarded as relevant for job creation, economic stimulus, and sustainable development (Hallak et al., 2015) and the competitiveness of destinations (Peters et al., 2019). However, TSMEs must be prepared for a much more high-tech/digital world, a process that has been accelerated during confinement and that has taken root even more in people's daily routines. On the other hand, how the pandemic will continue to affect tourists' behaviour is still unknown. Tourists may become more demanding when travelling, more restrictive on budget, less concerned or less eager to socialize. Adjusting to this "new tourist" is an added challenge for tourism service providers. Moreover, the pressure from society and governments towards more sustainable tourism provides additional challenges for TSMEs.

In this context, traditional modus operandi might be inadequate, there is a need to rethink/re-create the tourism marketing. In an increasingly interconnected world, with uncertainty concerning new tourist behaviours, and pressure to move towards a circular economy, cooperation between TSMEs might be the way to respond (collaboratively) to the challenges ahead, using technological advances in their favour, gaining scale, more efficient use of resources, and rapid adaptation of the tourism product to the new demand in balance with sustainable concerns. We welcome topics on a wide range of issues, including but not limited to:

- New tourist behaviours
- Circular economy in tourism
- Cooperation between tourism SMEs
- Collaborative economy and sustainable tourism
- Interactive digital marketing and promotion of the regions
- Collaborative venture driven by technological change on tourism
- Challenges and successes in collaborative tourism governance
- Growing demand for authentic co-created experiences in tourism



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Submission details

In the first instance a 300-word abstract is required, to be received by the **14th September 2023**.

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