During the past decades, literature focused on management and enterprise development has evolved rapidly continuously providing new aspects. This stream of literature has enabled academics, practitioners, and policymakers to contribute, to disseminate knowledge, and to learn from each other’s work, and build on cutting-edge thinking.

This mini-track is focused on business development strategies and policies as well as management processes in different contextual settings. It provides a venue for authors interested in theoretical research, evidence-based case studies and practical applications seeking to explore best practice and investigate strategies for growth management and development in SMEs. The track welcomes multi-disciplinary contributions and both conceptual and practical insights and innovative ideas are welcome.

By participating this mini-track you have an opportunity contribute a joint effort towards opening the diversity and special characteristics of management and enterprise development on individual, company, and contextual levels. We want to provide an outlet whereby management and enterprise development research can shape itself and results can be shared across institutions, governments, researchers and students, as well as industries.

Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Management processes and practices
- Enterprise development
- Development strategies
- New venture creation
- Startup management and scaling
- SME management
- Management of micro-sized business
- Growth management and processes
- Management of international growth and development

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**Submission details**

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