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**SPECIAL TRACK ON TOWARDS THE GREEN ECONOMY THROUGH INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENTS  
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The role of eco-innovation in fuelling smart, inclusive and sustainable growth is at the core of the analysis of the transition towards the green economy. In this respect the issues related to the emergence and diffusion of environmental technologies and of the co-evolving socio-economic, institutional and policy contexts are gaining growing relevancy in the current academic and policy debate. In particular, the ongoing economic and financial crisis has engendered increasing attention green transition as a powerful mechanism to escape from the current downturn, especially in the European Union context. This implies that not only environmental objectives should be achieved without harming economic competitiveness, productivity and economic growth, but that the framework of policies designed to promote environmental sustainability should be able to sustain economic recovery and employment growth. To reach these objectives, a roadmap for the development and diffusion of environmental-friendly technologies combined with a coherent and effective governance framework for the achievement of both environmental and economic goals is widely acknowledged as necessary.

Given the relevance of these issues both for the academic and policy communities, we encourage the submission of abstracts contributing to such a debate. Both empirical and theoretical contributions are welcome. Three main issues have been identified, which of course are not exhaustive of the whole range of possible contributions:

- Market, policy and territorial drivers of eco-innovations, including environmental and technology policies.
- The role of complementarities between different types of (eco)innovations.
- Regional issues in the adoption of eco innovations.
- The economic and social impacts of eco-innovations (productivity, economic growth, quantity and quality of jobs, skills, polarization, gender effects).
- The environmental impact of eco-innovations.

A selection of the papers presented to the special session will be considered for inclusion in a special issue published in the journal *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies* (EEPS), published by Springer.

**Submission:**

Submit a 1000 words abstract to <http://gcw2014.sciencesconf.fr>

The abstract should clearly mention: title of the paper; name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author (postal address, phone, fax and email); submission to the special track 'Towards the green economy through innovative developments'; aim of the study and methodology; (expected) results and/or conclusion; up to 5 keywords.

**Important dates:**

- Deadline for abstract submission: **March 31, 2014**
- Notification of acceptance: **April 30, 2014**
- Full paper submission: **May 31, 2014**