



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you of a new scholarly publishing initiative concerning the preparation of a scientific encyclopedia, to be published under the auspices of Edward Elgar Publishing, entitled:

“Tourism in Island and Coastal Areas”

The encyclopedia accepts **entries**, not full research articles. Entries are a shorter and more focused form of scholarly writing, with the following characteristics:

- Minimum word count: 1,000 words
- There is also the possibility of longer texts (e.g. 2,000 or even 3,000 words), although 1,000 words are considered sufficient.
- Number of references: 3–5 references

An entry does **not necessarily require an introduction or conclusions**, but rather explains a concept, as would be expected in an encyclopedia, reference book, or dictionary. Likewise, an entry does **not require a literature review**. It provides structured information about a concept, an event, a historical date, a law, or anything related to the scope of the encyclopedia.

There is also the possibility of including **tables, figures, and images**, provided they are original or that appropriate reproduction permission has been obtained.

A particularly positive aspect of contributing to the encyclopedia is that **each entry will constitute an independent scholarly publication indexed in SCOPUS**.

We would be very pleased to receive your response indicating:

- **your field of expertise**, and
- **the entry you could write**, based on your specialization.

Alternatively, if you express interest but are unsure about the exact title of your entry, we can propose an appropriate title if you send us the link to your **Google Scholar profile**, so that we may take into account your research interests to date.

Indicatively, a list of possible entries is attached, which can be further enriched based on your own suggestions. The selection of concepts and entry titles follows a **first come – first served** principle.

For further information, you may contact us at:
ictourism-eep@hmu.gr

Deadline for submission of the full entry:

 **30 August 2026**

We very much look forward to collaborating with you.

Kind regards,

Angeliki N. Menegaki & Irimi Dimou

Important note:

This encyclopedia constitutes one of the publication opportunities offered by the conference of the same title, co-organized by the **Department of Business Administration and Tourism of the Hellenic Mediterranean University, Ningbo University (China)**, and the **University of Angers (France)**, which will take place in **September 2026 in Heraklion, Crete, Greece**. However, you may contribute an entry **even if you do not participate in the conference**.

Attachments / Notes:

1. List of possible entries in Excel (you may propose your own)
2. Call for Papers of the conference, for those also interested in participating:
<https://ictf2026.hmu.gr/>
3. Sample of a recently published encyclopedia:
<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/elgar-encyclopedia-of-energy-economics-9781035310364.html>
4. The contributor agreement template that you need to sign and send to us.