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*I dedicate this work to my lovely children,
Mariana, Gonçalo and Bárbara. I love you
from here to the moon (André Sardet).*

Preface

A new governance paradigm is emerging as a result of the rapid urbanization, globalization and technological innovations. The old, sectorial, traditional governance models cannot answer anymore to multidimensional, multidisciplinary and interdependent social, economic and environment sustainability challenges. For addressing these unprecedented challenges, cities all over the world are embracing a new concept to govern their cities; this concept is called smart governance. In this book, we are looking to this smart governance concept in two complementary perspectives, a more theoretical one where the fundamental theory underpinning this concept is identified and deeply described and other more practical one where the application examples of successful smart governance initiatives are given and described in detail. The rationale behind the choosing of those two perspectives was to provide a comprehensive overview of smart governance concept and target the knowledge needs of all stakeholders involved in the construction of a city: governments, industry and civil society. Therefore, we hope this book becomes a useful tool not only for researchers but also for many policy- and decision-makers who are concerned or under the process of transforming their cities in a better place for people living and not only for the present generation but also for future generations. Guarantee the future of the next generations only can be accomplished with sustainable development measures, and smart governance is all about that. In this book, the governments and practitioners can find the most recommendable policies and good practices to endeavour to follow a sustainable development path.

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