



## EU REGIONS CONFERENCE

### Boosting Industrial Symbiosis for Circular Regions

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In light of transitioning towards a circular economy, companies are looking for ways to optimize their business models and processes. Industrial symbiosis, one of the enablers of this shift, builds on bringing companies together to exchange materials and share services, infrastructure and logistics. This is how companies foster their competitiveness, which in turn helps improve spatial planning and ensures balanced regional development. In the long run, such innovative collaborations bring benefits to the environment and a wider society.

The real meaning and role of industrial symbiosis has already been recognized and implemented abroad. Kalundborg in Denmark was among the first ones in the world to successfully introduce this concept; we invited representatives of the Kalund-

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borg Symbiosis to share their experience, results and future plans. We also invited representatives of industrial symbiosis Kemi-Tornio from Finland, who will highlight an extremely interesting case of revitalization of an abandoned industrial zone.

A number of foreign and Slovenian guest speakers will discuss the synergies between industrial symbiosis and effective spatial planning, estimate the market potential of industrial symbiosis and outline the possibilities for implementing regional industrial symbiosis projects. Participants will also look into whether and how such projects could be supported in the next financial perspective. At the end participants will be invited to explore options, generate ideas and find solutions on how Slovenia as well as the EU could systematically, and better, support industrial symbiosis projects.

Working languages will be Slovenian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

The event is organized by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, a partner within the SYMBI project. The number of seats is limited. You are kindly requested to register for the event by 28 February 2018 at the latest by completing and submitting this [online registration form](#).

*Warmly welcome to join us!*

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## AGENDA

9.30 Registration

10.00 European context of industrial symbiosis

Iztok Purič, Minister without portfolio responsible for Development,  
Strategic Projects and Cohesion, Slovenia (TBC)  
Maria Gracia Benitez Jaramillo, SYMBI project leader, Spain  
Igor Šoltes, Member of the European Parliament, Slovenia (video address)

10.30 Potentials of industrial symbiosis to stimulate resource efficiency

Ignacio Calleja, European Institute of Innovation and Technology - Raw Materials  
Cliona Howie, European knowledge and innovation community - Climate  
Sander Happaerts, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

10.30 Lunchbreak

13.30 Industrial symbiosis in practice - case studies

Lisbeth Randers, Kalundborg, Denmark  
Sanna Tyni, Kemi-Tornio, Finland  
Boštjan Cotič and Barbara Mušič, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia  
Antonija Tončka Cerar, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Slovenia

14.30 Coffeebreak

15.00 Industrial symbiosis in practice - case studies

Aleš Prijon, state secretary at the ministry for environment and spatial planning, Slovenia  
Representative of ministry for economic development and technology, Slovenia  
Sander Happaerts, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission



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