

## THE FIRST ONLINE EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED

*On the 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of September, the first online ETP sessions were conducted by Murat Mirata and Milián Nelzén from Linköping University, one of the BIS project partners. Fifteen representatives from twelve different Danish organisations were gathered virtually in a ZOOM auditorium to participate in the training program on Industrial Symbiosis (IS).*

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Within the frame of the BIS project, Executive Training Programs are aimed at building capacity in partner regions by improving the capability of current Industrial Symbiosis practitioners from industry, cluster- and business organisations, public administration bodies, and utility operators, so they can more effectively engage in and contribute to Industrial Symbiosis development.

ETPs' content is informed by raising awareness of the value of Industrial Symbiosis, developing the ability to continually identify local opportunities for symbiotic partnerships, providing knowledge and experience about facilitation tools and techniques, and raising awareness of best practices for relevant business and policy innovations.

The training program includes three stages. In the first stage, over two days, the participants took part in online lectures delivered by Industrial Symbiosis experts, and group activities focusing on relevant knowledge, facilitation tools and techniques, and best practices in the field of Industrial Symbiosis.

Murat Mirata from Linköping University spoke about the concept of Industrial Symbiosis and its forms and determinants. Thomas Budde Christiansen from Roskilde University touched upon the issue of policies, and how they influence the development of Industrial Symbiosis in a Danish context, and Per Møller from Kalundborg Symbiosis presented the screening tool developed and applied under the BIS project.

Following this, the participants selected between the IS facilitation approaches discussed during the first training period to test them internally in their organizations or with their stakeholders over seven weeks. During this phase, the participants will be invited to online feedback sessions with the BIS project partners responsible for the program.

In the last stage, on the 17th of November, the participants will present their work and receive feedback from other training participants as well as relevant experts.

Within the duration of the BIS project, in total, six Executive Training Programs are planned to be delivered. Linköping University leads the development of ETPs, and in dialogue with partner universities, Roskilde University and Gdansk University of Technology, as well as universities in partner regions, is in the process of designing customised online training programs in Denmark, Poland, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Russia.