

Credentials

International Synergies is the world's leading expert in applied industrial symbiosis and is:

- Retained expert for DG Enterprise: Environmental Technologies and Services and Green Business Models, 2010
- Retained expert for DG Enterprise: INNO GRIPS: combating global warming and resource scarcity, 2010
- Retained expert for the United Nations Asia Pacific Low Carbon Road Map, 2010
- The only UK Member of the Tianjin Economic-Technology Development Area (TEDA) Low Carbon Economy International Cooperation Committee, 2010
- A founder member of the European Climate Knowledge and Innovation Community, 2010

International Synergies' NISP (National Industrial Symbiosis Programme) is the world's only national programme and is:

- Acknowledged as one of the world's top 20 Green Game Changing Business Innovations in a report by the Worldwide Fund for Nature, 2010
- Winner in the Best Carbon Reduction Project category of the edie.net Awards for Environmental Excellence, 2010 (subsequently entered into European Business Awards for the Environment, 2012)
- Candidate for Systemic Innovation Exemplar Programme: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (2011)
- Cited as best practice in the EU Waste Framework Directive, 2009
- Recognised as an Exemplar of Eco-Innovation in the EU's Environmental Technology Action Plan
- Winner of the British Expertise Award for Global Environmental Impact, 2009

Recent reports

CBI "Making ends meet", Feb 2011: "The CBI supports the work of NISP which should be encouraged and further developed"

EU's Cradle to Cradle Network Initiatives Guide, 2011: NISP included to share and capitalise on regional best practice amongst European Member States

New evidence from EU supports cost effectiveness of NISP and importance of publicly funded model: DG Environment commissioned a report in 2010 to look at the “Economic Analysis of Resource Efficiency Policies”*.

The report considered 120 programmes across 23 countries. Criteria for selection included “Expectation of large resource efficiency potential, coverage of key sectors, coverage of key resources (including water) and the economic structure of the country”. Based on further screening the report selected nine cases for further analysis. **Of these nine, NISP is at the top of the list for cost effectiveness, impact and replication potential across Europe.**

NISP was said to give “**the widest environmental and economic benefits**” and “**optimises the use of resources**”. Key factors identified as **underpinning NISP’s success** included “**cross sectoral synergies between industries**” and “**backing of national funding**”. The report further suggests that an “EU-wide network has the potential to be even more successful than NISP in England”

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Alternative investment models are limited