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Industrial symbiosis: A tool for the Green Deal



# Market Potential and IS assessment

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## Mapping IS

- Role of coordination nodes
- Typologies of IS ventures
- Success factors, drivers and barriers
- Key features and their impact on network performance
- Policy implementation routes
- Online repository of good practices



## Assessment

- Policy assessment of existing public initiatives
- SWOT of cooperation mechanisms
- Needs assessment of creation of EU level platform
- Feasibility and alternatives for creating EU platform



## Recommendations

- Ways to effectively promote IS ventures
- Policies to promote IS
- Ranked options for EU level platform
- Dialogue with key stakeholders

## Mapping IS in Europe

- Great disparity of IS implementation across Europe
- Evidence of self-organised, planned and facilitated activity
- Large variation of network size and geographical scope (from local, close-knitted networks to large networks) (mean size is 473 members while median is 100 members)
- Self-organised activity tends to emerge alongside industrial clusters and primary activity
- Geographical patterns vary by type of waste streams
- Reported economic and environmental benefits from both self-organised and facilitated activity are substantial
- There is a lack of standardised frameworks to assess impact and reporting standards



## Geographical Reach

### Local

Energy  
CHP  
Steam  
Heat  
C&D waste  
Green / Food waste

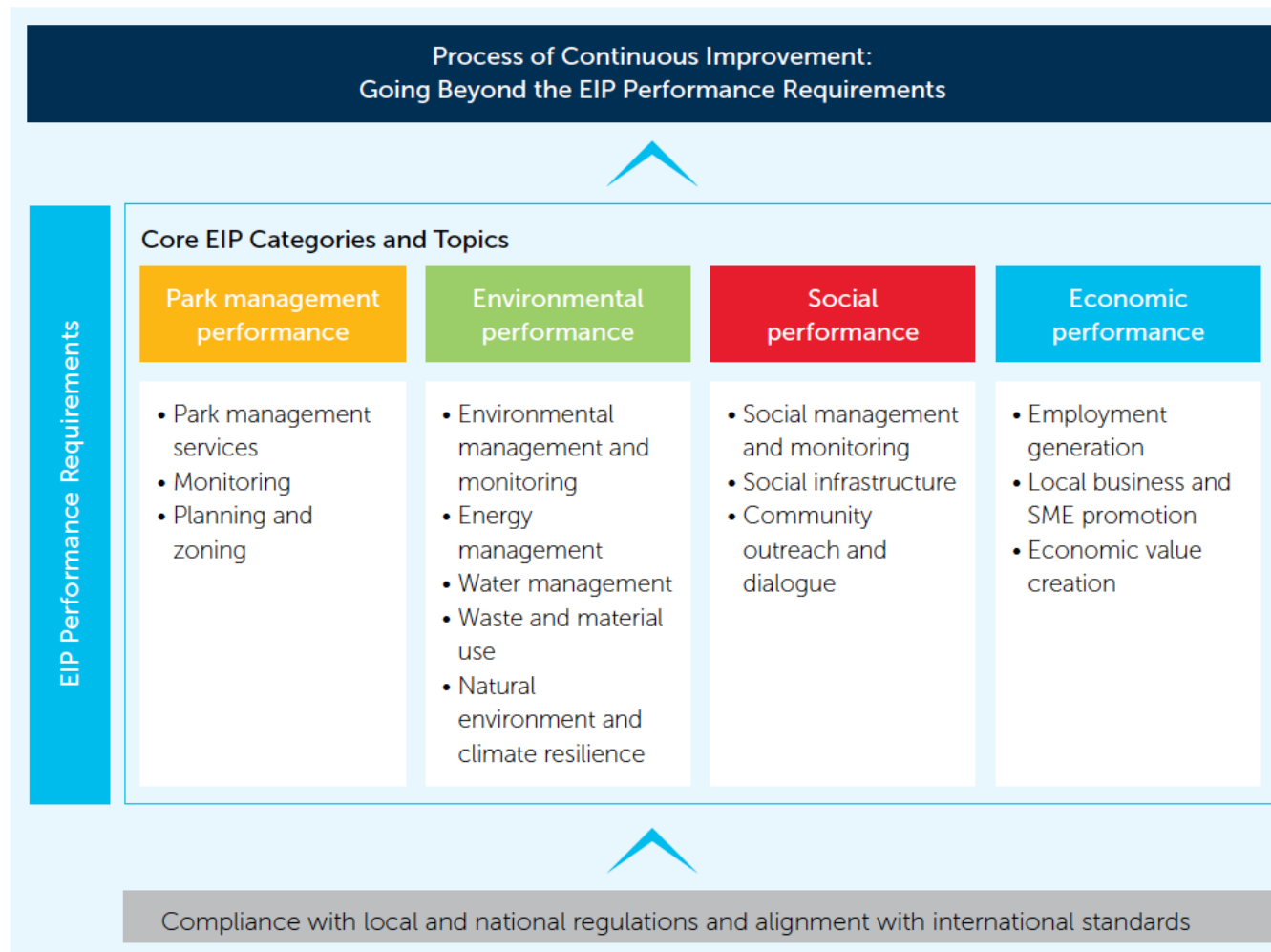
### Regional

Fly ash  
Metal and metal products  
Some mineral waste oil

### National / International

Fly ash  
Critical materials  
(rare earths, critical metals)  
RDF (negative cost)

## ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS (1)



SOURCE: World Bank & UNIDO, 2017

## ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS (2)



**Table 2**  
Evaluation indicators for National Eco-industrial Parks (HJ/T274-2015).

| Groups                   | NO. | Indicators  | Units   | Standard  | Remarks   |
|--------------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Economic development     | 1   | The proportion of high tech enterprises output value of gross industrial output value             | %   | ≥30   | At least one indicator shall reach the standard |
|                          | 2   | Industrial added value per capita   | 10 <sup>4</sup> ¥/Person                        | ≥15   |   |
|                          | 3   | The average three-year growth rate of industrial added value                                      | %   | ≥15   |   |
|                          | 4   | The proportion of remanufacturing industry added value of the gross industrial added value        | %   | ≥30   |   |
| Industrial symbiosis     | 5   | The added eco-industrial chain numbers after enforcing EIP demonstration program                  | Unit  | ≥6  | required  |
|                          | 6   | Comprehensive utilization rate of industrial solid waste  | %   | ≥70   | At least one indicator shall reach the standard |
|                          | 7   | Usage rate of renewable resources   | %   | ≥80   |   |
| Resource conservation    | 8   | Industrial added value per unit industrial land area  | Hundred million/Square kilometers               | ≥9  | At least one indicator shall reach the standard |
|                          | 9   | The average three-year annual growth rate of industrial added value per unit industrial land area | %   | ≥6  | required  |
|                          | 10  | Elastic coefficient of comprehensive energy consumption   | —   | ·When annual growth rate of industrial added value in the EIP demonstration period is > 0: the value must be ≤0.6;<br>·When annual growth rate of industrial added value in the EIP demonstration period is < 0: the value must be ≥0.6 |   |
|                          | 11  | Energy consumption per unit of industrial added value   | Metric ton of standard coal/10 <sup>4</sup> RMB | ≤0.5  | At least one indicator shall reach the standard |
|                          | 12  | Application ratio of Renewable energy   | %   | ≥9  | required  |
|                          | 13  | Elastic coefficient of fresh water consumption  | —   | ·When annual growth rate of industrial added value in the EIP demonstration period is > 0: ≤0.55;<br>·When annual growth rate of industrial added value in the EIP demonstration period is < 0: ≥0.55                                   |   |
|                          | 14  | Fresh water consumption per unit industrial added value   | m <sup>3</sup> /10 <sup>4</sup> RMB             | ≤8  | At least one indicator shall reach the standard |
|                          | 15  | Recycling rate of industrial water  | %   | ≥75   |   |
|                          | 16  | Reuse rate of reclaimed water   | %   | ·Water deficient cities > 20%;<br>·Jing-Jin-Ji areas > 30%;<br>·Other areas > 10%   |   |
|                          | 17  | Rate of reaching the discharging standard for key pollution sources                               | %   | Meet the standard   | required  |
| Environmental protection | 18  | The conditions of national and local key pollutant emissions                                      | —   | Meet the standard   | required  |
|                          | 19  | Frequency of severe environmental accidents   | —   | 0   | required  |
|                          | 20  | Completion degree of Environmental management strategies  | %   | 100   | required  |
|                          | 21  | Implementation rate of key enterprises' Clean production audit                                    | %   | 100   | required  |
|                          | 22  | Centralized sewage treatment facilities   | —   | exist   | required  |
|                          | 23  | The completion rate of environmental risk prevention and control system                           | %   | 100   | required  |
|                          | 24  | Utilization rate of industrial solid waste(including hazardous wastes)                            | %   | 100   | required  |
|                          | 25  | Elastic coefficient of main pollutant emissions   | —   | ·When annual growth rate of industrial added value in the EIP demonstration period is > 0: the value must be ≤0.3;<br>·When annual growth rate of industrial added value in the construction period is < 0: the value must be ≥0.3      | required  |
|                          | 26  | The annual reduction rate of carbon dioxide emissions per unit industrial added value             | %   | ≥3  | required  |
|                          | 27  | Waste water emission per unit industrial added value  | T/10 <sup>4</sup> RMB                           | ≤7  | At least one indicator shall reach the standard |
|                          | 28  | Solid waste discharge per unit industrial added value   | T/10 <sup>4</sup> RMB                           | ≤0.1  |   |
|                          | 29  | Green cover percentage  | %   | ≥15   |   |

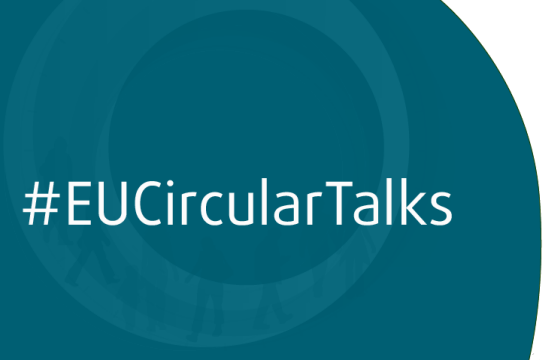
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## Assessment Frameworks in Europe: comparison of impact (1)

Comparison of impacts of facilitated programmes, per year per 1EUR Investment

|              | Period       | Network Size | Number of sy | landfill diver | GHG savings | Virgin raw m | Hazardous w | water saving | Cost savings | Additional sal | Private inves |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| NISP Scotlan | 2007-2011    |              | 127 complet  | 0.24398047     | 0.15170547  |              |             |              | 3.6328125    | 1.5625         | 6.2578125     |
| NISP Hungary | 2010-2012    | 800+         | 72 complete  | 0.00149761     | 0.00472768  | 0.00156021   |             | 0.03         |              |                |               |
| NISP UK      | 2005-2012    | 15000+       |              | 1.01374183     | 0.87857626  | 1.30660059   | 0.04505519  | 1.59945934   | 27.2583915   |                | 38.3194413    |
| Romania ECC  | 2009-2011    | 200+         | 200 synergie | 0.6017462      | 0.14759812  |              |             |              |              |                |               |
| Invest NI    | 2007-2017    | 1900+        | 448          | 0.15076923     | 0.13076923  | 0.09230769   | 0.00488462  |              | 10.6692308   | 6.91538462     | 0.81153846    |
| PNSI         | 2015-2017*   | 588+         | 958 potentia | 0.06133442     | 0.00475353  | 0.01722963   |             |              | 1.12781575   | 15.2843659     | 0.16548359    |
| SMILE        | 2015-2016*** |              | 1559 potenti | 0.07390667     |             |              |             |              | 14.7967367   |                |               |



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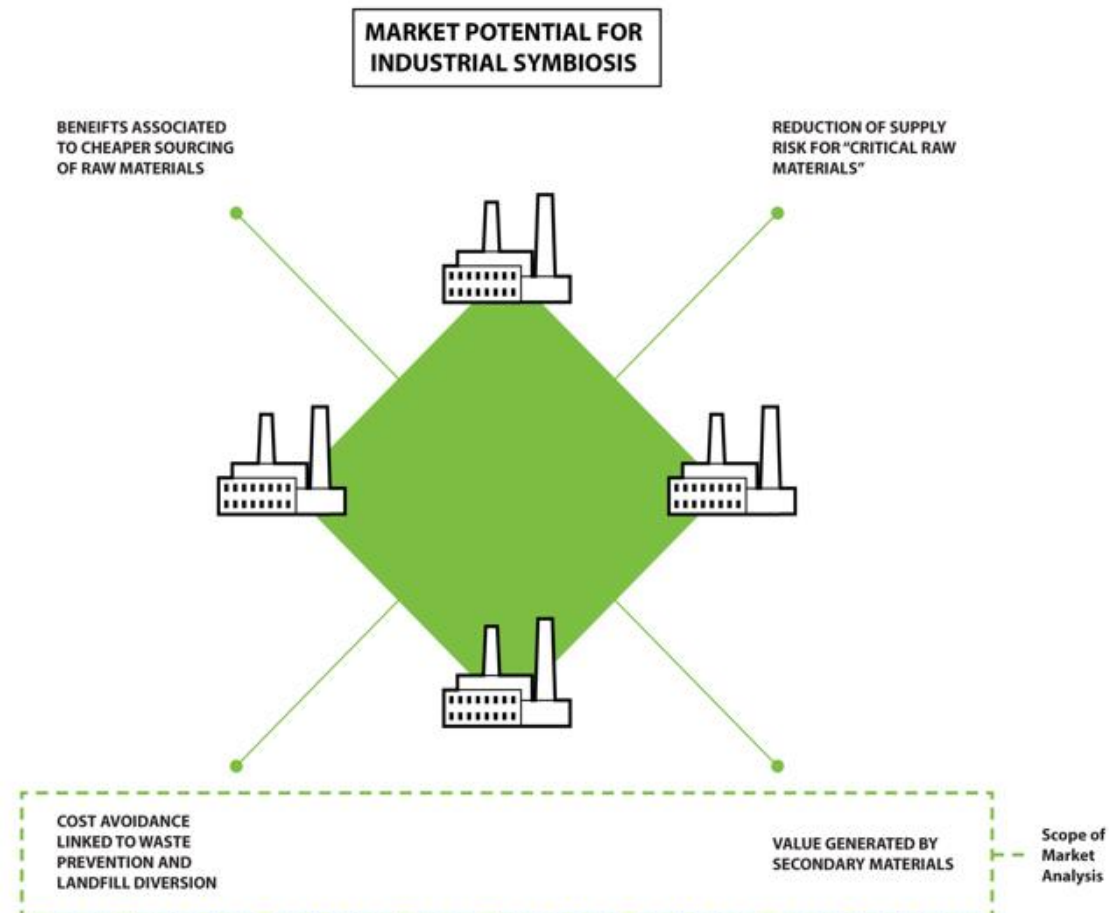


## Assessment Frameworks in Europe: Benchmarks (2)

|  | LOW         | MEDIUM     | HIGH       |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| GHG SAVINGS (T, CO2e)<br>per 1 EUR Investment                  | 0.00475353  | 0.14759812 | 0.87857626 |
| 1 Tonne GHG avoided  | €210        | €6.77      | €1.13      |
| Landfill diversion, per EUR<br>Investment                      | 0.006133442 | 0.6017462  | 1.01374183 |
| 1Tonne Landfill diversion                                      | €16.3       | €1.66      | €0.98      |
| Cost savings (from carbon<br>taxation 7.59€ at 29-11-<br>2017) | €0.036      | €1.12      | €6.67      |
| Cost savings (landfill tax-<br>Average €80.75)                 | €0.49       | €48.53     | €81.75     |



- Our approach:
- (1) Waste stream potential
- (2) Landfill diversion potential





## ■ Waste stream potential approach (1)

- Plastics – up to €2.4bn per year
- Food – around €100-425 million per year
- WEEE - €2.1bn per year current, increasing to €3.7bn per year in future
- CD&W – growth potential from €0.8bn per year current to €1.4bn



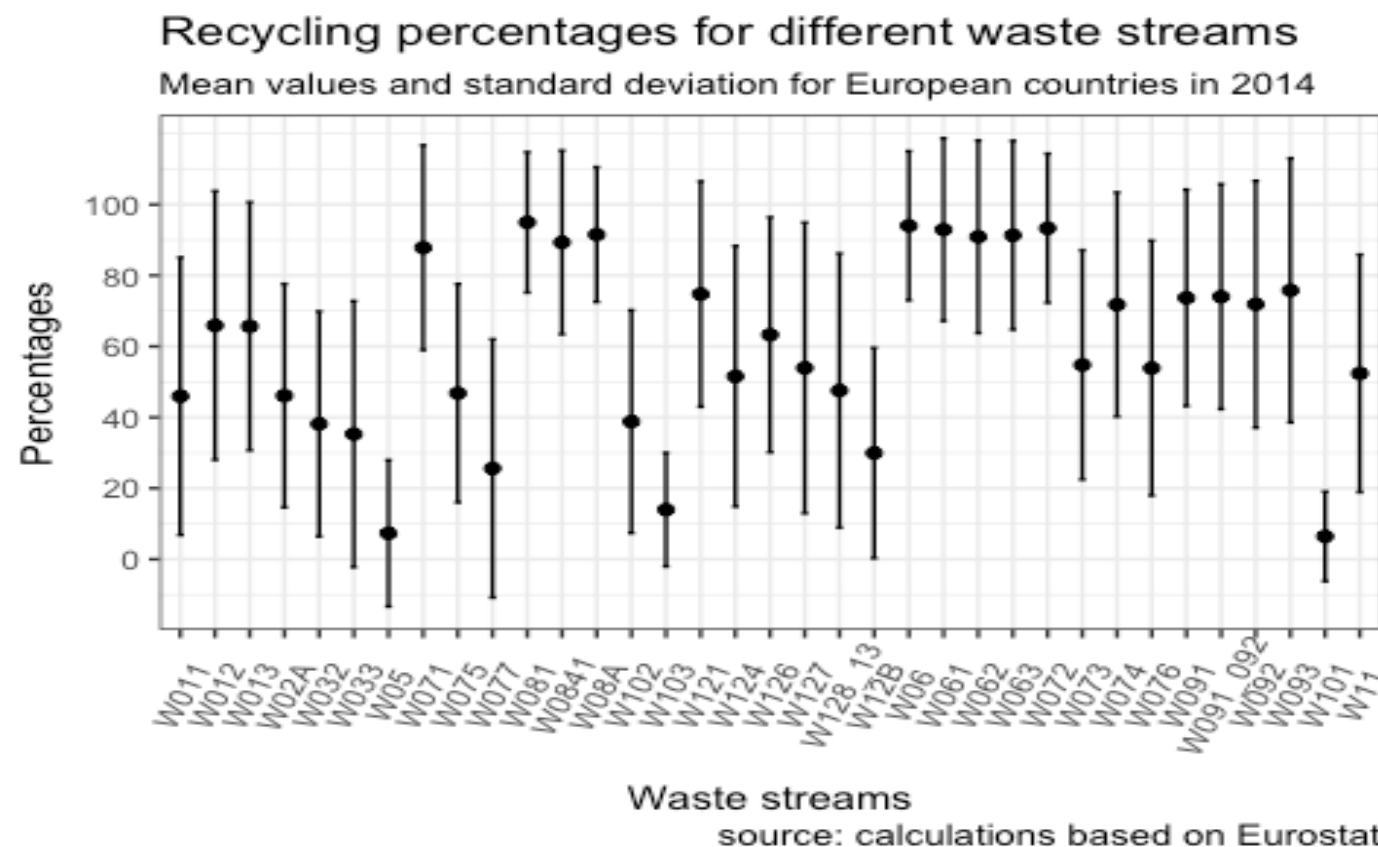
## ■ Waste stream potential approach (2)

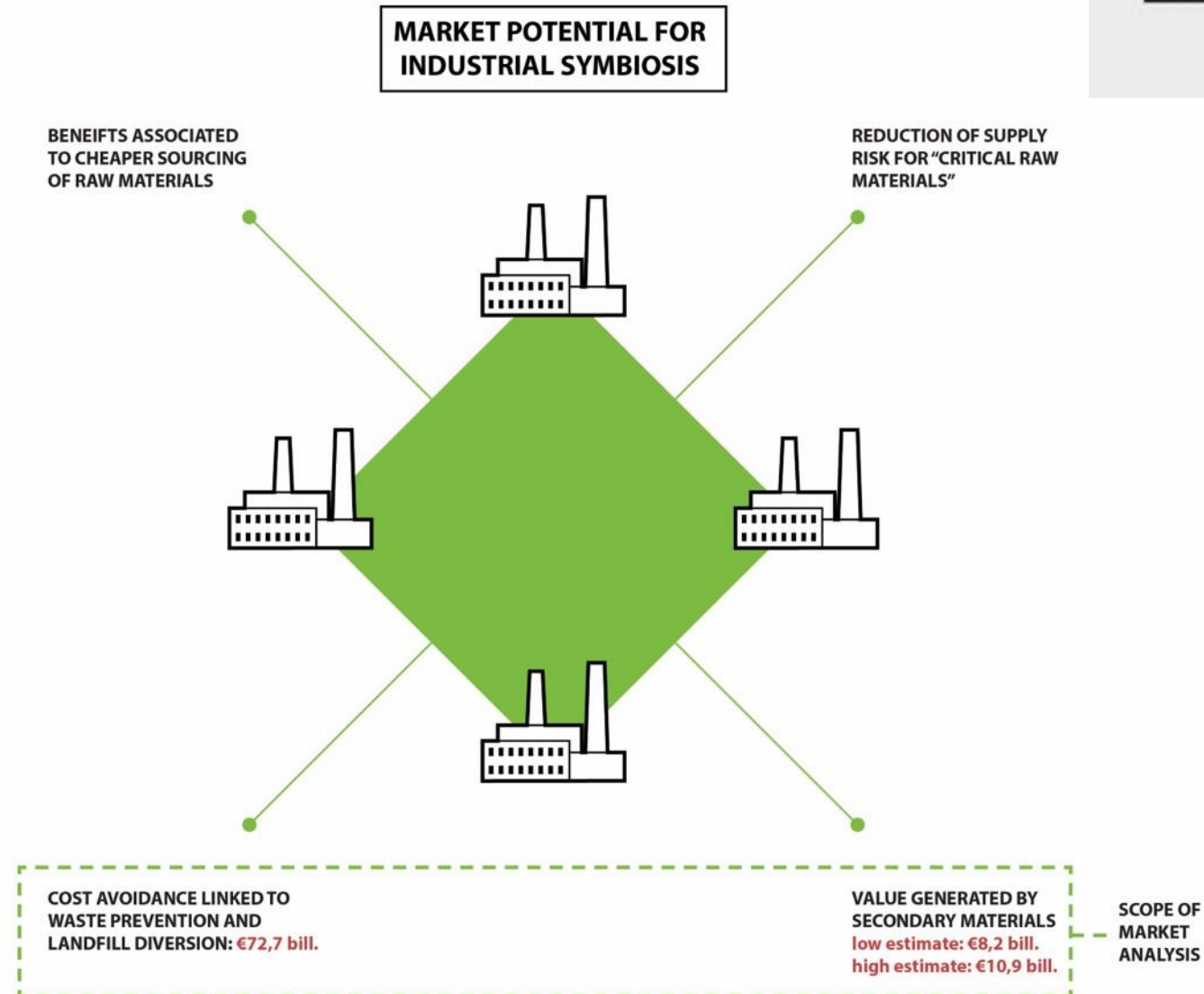
- Textiles – up to €270 million per year
- Wood – potential in range of up to €2.7bn
- Used Oil – up to €1.6 billion potential
- Total – potentially > €5bn per year – although significant limitations to this figure it does give a reasonable order of magnitude estimate



## ■ Cost avoidance approach

- High potential for cost savings linked to landfill cost avoidance
- High estimate is that this could be in the region of €72 bill.
- Great disparities between MSs. Gap best and worst performers means opportunities for IS
- Given its volume, most opportunities are connected with the C&D sector
- Other types of waste such as chemical and recyclable waste show great potential







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## Key conclusions

- The market analysis suggest a substantial untapped potential for IS in Europe
- Assessment of facilitation identifies divergences in the performance of programmes but also suggest that through facilitation environmental targets such as landfill diversion and CO2 savings are made at a relatively low cost and combined with economic benefits in terms of economic cost savings and private investment
- The market analysis seem also to suggest that economic instruments are insufficient to explain differences in recovery potential across countries and other factors such as framework conditions, technologies and business practices may play a fundamental role



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