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A strategic niche management perspective on transitions to eco-industrial park development: A systematic review of case studies

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Highlights

- This article involves a comprehensive systematic literature review of EIP cases.
- Case survey method is resourcefully integrated into a systematic literature review.
- 104 EIP cases from 24 countries studied in 66 articles are synthesised.
- Insights of sustainability transitions stream are brought into EIP development literature.
- Strategic niche management framework is used as theoretical underpinning.
- Policy and research implications are derived for transitions into EIP development.

Abstract

In recent decades, industrial park (IP) development has been an important practice for regional economic development for various geographies. Eco-industrial park (EIP) development, on the other hand, has been proposed as an alternative, considering environmental problems raised from the high number of agglomerated industries in IPs. Although there are some quite progressive EIP experiences that are globally distributed, IP development remains the mainstream industrial agglomeration model and has not yet experienced a transition into EIP development. The purpose of this article is both to understand and shed some light on how such a transition can be achieved through lessons from the EIP cases in the existing state of the art and to establish a research agenda that would elaborate on sustainability transitions into EIP development. To achieve these aims, a systematic literature review involving a case survey was conducted. A theoretical framework with an evolutionary perspective was developed drawing on EIP literature and strategic niche management (SNM) framework from sustainability transitions research. This connected two streams of research that have not been closely associated in the past. While synthesising 104 EIP cases from 24 countries, three analytical processes of SNM were considered: (i) articulation of expectations and visions, (ii) building of social networks, and (iii) learning activities. This article also discusses the development of local EIP experiments and global EIP niche formation at different

74 geographies. Based on this synthesis, policy implications are suggested and research implications are
75 provided, stressing critical and interesting issues that have not yet had an explicit focus in the literature.
76 This article enables cross-fertilisation across globally distributed EIP cases while adding to the critical mass
77 in leveraging EIP development.

78 Key words

79 Eco-industrial parks; industrial parks; sustainability transitions; strategic niche management; systematic
80 literature review; case survey

81 1. Introduction

82 The importance of agglomerated industries has been reflected in the development of industrial parks (IPs),
83 which have experienced global popularity especially since the last quarter of the 19th century, when English
84 economist Alfred Marshall coined the concept of industrial districts (1890/1920). Meanwhile, discourse
85 on industrial agglomerations was widened to “capture the knowledge aspect” (Nuur 2016) of development
86 bringing innovation to the scene, which led to the phenomenon of *industrial clusters* (Porter 1990) being
87 used interchangeably with industrial districts. Then, as the idea behind developing industrial
88 agglomerations has passed through different stages, faced new academic debates, and changed over time,
89 the concepts of industrial district, industrial cluster, and industrial park have been used interchangeably
90 (Côté and Cohen-Rosenthal, *Designing eco-industrial parks: a synthesis of some experiences* 1998, Vidova
91 2010). In the present article we have chosen to focus on *industrial parks* as their development as a new
92 system approach started relatively recently, in early 1970s (Kumar 2005, Tylecote 1995, Geng, Zhang, et
93 al., *Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard in two industrial zones* 2008),
94 and our focus is on the sustainability problematique of IP development and possibilities for next-
95 generation IPs.

96 **IP development and its problematique**

97 IPs can be defined as systems of industrial actors within one location (Geng and Hengxin, *Industrial park*
98 *management in the Chinese environment* 2009), based on a philosophy of obtaining advantages of
99 potential common resources and services (Vidova 2010, Fernández and Ruiz 2009), such as infrastructure,
100 transportation, management, recreational facilities, etc. IP development is “perceived as an integral part of
101 regional development strategies of many countries worldwide” (Singhal and Kapur 2002) and it has a
102 crucial role in national and regional economic strategies (Fernández and Ruiz 2009, UNIDO, *Europe and*
103 *Central Asia Regional Conference on Industrial Parks as a Tool to Foster Local Industrial Development*
104 *2012*, UNIDO, *First Forum: ISID - Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development* 2014, Vidova 2010,
105 Liu and Côté, *A framework for integrating ecosystem services into China's circular economy: The case of*
106 *eco-industrial parks* 2017). Naturally, IP development has been a mainstream feature of global industrial
107 production systems. The number of IPs worldwide was between 12,000 and 20,000, according to data
108 from 2001 provided in a report for UNEP (Francis and Erkman 2001), approximately 3000 of which are
109 in China (Liu and Côté, *A framework for integrating ecosystem services into China's circular economy:*
110 *The case of eco-industrial parks* 2017).

111 While it has been claimed that IPs have the potential to function well in terms of efficiency, effectiveness,
112 outcomes, etc. in order to drive for innovation, create new markets, mobilise local assets, and leverage the
113 history and culture of a region while enhancing local development (Vidova 2010, Ablonczy-Mihalyka and
114 Keckkes 2015, UNIDO, *First Forum: ISID - Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development* 2014, Fan,
115 et al. 2017), the environmental pillar of sustainable development has been missed out during their

116 development, which has created pressure on the environment and as such relatedly on the society. Along
117 with increasing awareness of sustainability concerns, negative environmental impacts from a concentration
118 of large number of industries in IPs (Shi, Chertow and Song, Developing country experience with eco-
119 industrial parks: a case study of the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area in China 2010,
120 Liu, et al. 2017, Geng, Zhang, et al., Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard
121 in two industrial zones 2008, Bai, et al. 2014, Fernández and Ruiz 2009, Côté and Liu, Strategies for
122 reducing greenhouse gas emissions at an industrial park level: A case study of Debert Air Industrial Park,
123 Nova Scotia 2016, UNIDO, Europe and Central Asia Regional Conference on Industrial Parks as a Tool
124 to Foster Local Industrial Development 2012, Gómez, González and Bárcena 2018) have started to be
125 discussed seriously. There would appear to be a need to integrate the economic, ecological, and social
126 dimensions of IP development and transform these local scale industrial production systems considering
127 regional, national, and even global ecological limitations (Wheeler 2009).

128 In view of this, EIPs have been proposed as alternative IPs (Zhu, Geng, et al. 2015, Wang, et al. 2010)
129 implementing “industrial ecology principles into existent and newly built industrial parks” (Farel, Thevenet
130 and Yune 2016) to address the sustainability-related problems (Gibbs, Deutz and Proctor 2005, Cote and
131 Hall 1995, Erkman 1997, J. R. Ehrenfeld 2004) benefiting from the agglomerated nature of IPs (Bai, et al.
132 2014).

133 **EIP development**

134 *Industrial ecology*, which Ehrenfeld (2004) once defined as “the science of sustainability”, has been studied
135 both as a policy tool and an academic theory (Daddi et al 2016) with a motivation to provoke systemic
136 transitions and to reduce environmental impacts by mimicking the principles of natural ecosystems
137 (Erkman 1997) to the industrial processes (Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Panyathanakun, et al. 2013).
138 Development of EIPs has emerged as an inter-firm level application of industrial ecology, which was also
139 referred as *industrial symbiosis* (M. R. Chertow, *Industrial Symbiosis: Literature and Taxonomy* 2000). The
140 initial philosophy behind industrial symbiosis was mutualistic interaction of different industries in a system
141 for exchange of materials – water, energy, by-products, infrastructure, and natural habitat – resulting in
142 economic, social, and environmental benefits (Lowe, Moran and Holmes, *A fieldbook for the development*
143 *of eco-industrial parks*. 1995, Cote and Hall 1995, Cossentino, Pyke and Sengenberger 1996, USPCSD
144 1996, M. R. Chertow, *The eco-industrial park model reconsidered* 1999, M. R. Chertow, *Industrial*
145 *Symbiosis: Literature and Taxonomy* 2000). In time, industrial symbiosis has also been approached
146 considering its social aspects revealing the importance of intangible resource exchanges (information,
147 knowledge, and expertise), which has also facilitated the material resource exchanges (Gibbs, *Eco-*
148 *industrial Parks and Industrial Ecology: Strategic Niche or Mainstream Development* 2009, Lombardi and
149 Laybourn 2012).

150 Industrial symbiosis can benefit the advantages of agglomerations, which may ease the potential resource
151 exchanges between industries (Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, *Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico:*
152 *Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies* 2008) and makes EIPs ideal next-generation
153 sustainable IPs (Geng, Zhang, et al., *Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park*
154 *standard in two industrial zones* 2008). EIP development can be followed both by designing/constructing
155 new EIPs (that is, greenfield projects) and also by transforming existing IPs into EIPs (that is, brownfield
156 projects) (Lambert and Boons 2002). In the literature, the evolution of greenfield and brownfield EIP
157 experiments has been addressed mainly by proposing three different models: (i) planned symbiosis (the
158 build-and-recruit top-down model) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” *Industrial Symbiosis* 2007, Gibbs and
159 Deutz, *Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development* 2007); (ii)
160 self-organising symbiosis (the bottom-up model) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” *Industrial Symbiosis*

161 2007, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, *Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial*
162 *Symbiosis* 2012); and (iii) facilitated symbiosis (facilitation by organisations and individuals) (Paquin and
163 Howard-Grenville 2012, Hewes and Lyons 2008), which is a mixture of the top-down and bottom-up
164 models.

165 EIP development has received global attention (Tiu and Cruz 2017), especially after learning about the
166 success of Kalundborg Symbiosis, which can be claimed to be the most influential EIP case for academia,
167 policy-makers, and practitioners (M. R. Chertow, “ Uncovering ” *Industrial Symbiosis* 2007, Branson
168 2016). As expected, not all EIP cases are as influential and well-resulted as Kalundborg due to various
169 reasons related to variety of involved actors and complex dynamics among them. Nevertheless, EIP
170 development is a prevalent research topic in industrial ecology (Zhang, et al. 2013, Yune, et al. 2016). Both
171 success and failure cases have been analysed in order to understand and extend the theory behind them,
172 as well as for policy-making reasons.

173 **Sustainability transitions to EIP development**

174 Despite learnings based on extended research on various EIP cases, many regions continue to develop IPs
175 (Geng and Côté, *Scavengers and decomposers in an eco-industrial park* 2002, Côté and Liu, *Strategies for*
176 *reducing greenhouse gas emissions at an industrial park level: A case study of Debert Air Industrial Park,*
177 *Nova Scotia* 2016) based on traditional ways of thinking that do not prioritise collective benefit through
178 collaboration between industries for material and non-material exchanges, and instead favour the
179 individual benefits of each firm (Lowe, *Creating by-product resource exchanges: Strategies for eco-*
180 *industrial parks* 1997) concerning only individual performances.

181 In other words, EIP development has not substituted traditional IP development and IP development is
182 still seen as strategic tool for local and regional development despite its sustainability problematique.
183 Indeed, EIPs remain fringe sustainable practices and there are limited EIP initiatives distributed over
184 different geographies, whereas IP development is still the mainstream logic. Apparently, there is resistance
185 to potential transitions and this resistance stems from routines embedded in these industrial production
186 systems. Therein lies the crux of the matter; how can EIP development become mainstream and how can
187 such a transition from IP development into EIP development be achieved?

188 There are no concrete answers to those questions. In this vein, the EIP literature provides rich case studies
189 that mostly focus on transitions of particular IPs into EIPs (Yu, De Jong and Dijkema, *Process analysis of*
190 *eco-industrial park development - The case of Tianjin, China* 2014, Shi and Yu 2014, Mathews and Tan
191 2011, Shi, Chertow and Song, *Developing country experience with eco-industrial parks: a case study of*
192 *the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area in China* 2010). However, there is a missing
193 global systemic vision on a wider question of transitions into EIP development. Holding such a vision, we
194 claim that the resistance can be overcome by correct interpretation of implications based on the
195 understanding of development processes of existing EIP examples. Drawing lessons from past and present
196 EIP examples would bring insights for future transitions into EIP development and these insights could
197 be further elaborated through future research. Systematic literature review stands as a promising method
198 for such an ambition especially considering the various EIP cases studied in EIP literature.

199 Therefore, the purposes of this article are (1) to understand and shed some light on how transitions into
200 EIP development can be achieved through lessons from the EIP cases that have been studied in the
201 existing state of the art; and (2) to establish a research agenda that would elaborate on sustainability
202 transitions into EIP development.

203 In this review article, in order to understand better the EIP cases and also enrich the EIP literature with
204 new insights, we intend to build a theoretical framework drawing upon a theoretical perspective called
205 strategic niche management (SNM) (R. Kemp, et al. 1998, Schot and Geels 2008). SNM comes from
206 another recently developed research stream, known as sustainability transitions (ST). In ST, scholars have
207 developed middle-range theories and analytical frameworks (F. W. Geels, *Feelings of Discontent and the*
208 *Premise of Middle Range Theory for STS: Examples from Technology Dynamics* 2007) to study systemic
209 sustainability transitions that hold a co-evolutionary view of society and technology with insights from
210 evolutionary economics, sociology of technology, and history of technology and innovation studies (F. W.
211 Geels 2012, Markard and Truffer 2008, F. Geels 2010). The ST studies explore, describe and explain
212 occurred, happening, or future potential transitions through co-evolution and interdependence of various
213 system structures such as institutions, science, culture, technology, regulations, etc. (F. W. Geels, *From*
214 *Sectoral Systems of Innovation to Socio-Technical Systems. Insights about dynamics and change from*
215 *sociobiology and institutional theory* 2004, Coenen and Diaz Lopez 2010, Smith, Voß and Grin, *Innovation*
216 *studies and sustainability transitions: The allure of the multi-level perspective and its challenges* 2010,
217 Truffer and Coenen 2012).

218 Although both the EIP and ST literatures emphasise sustainability, systemic perspective, necessity of
219 transitions, technological change, institutional change, broad range of actors and networks, etc., they have
220 not often been brought together; furthermore, EIPs, industrial ecology, and industrial symbiosis have not
221 been often studied thoroughly drawing upon analytical frameworks provided by the ST field. Nevertheless,
222 there are still some relevant EIP-related studies. Adamides and Mouzakis (2009), Gibbs (2009) and Shi
223 and Yu (2014) have drawn upon SNM, albeit partially. Adamides and Mouzakis (2009) operationalised
224 EIPs as strategic niches in industrial production systems and analysed three well-known EIP initiatives to
225 provide policy-level implications. Similarly, Gibbs (2009) approached EIPs as niches and provided generic
226 analysis on the potential use of transition literature and particularly SNM framework for industrial ecology
227 and industrial symbiosis research. Moreover, Shi and Yu (2014) borrowed concepts from ST and SNM
228 studies and referred to EIPs as strategic niches. However, none of these studies have detailed analytical
229 processes of SNM for the analysis of EIP development.

230 The remainder of this article is structured as follows. Section 2 presents the research objectives and
231 research questions. It is followed by Section 3, which explains the theoretical framework combining SNM
232 perspective with EIP development. In Section 4 the methodology is detailed and justified. That section
233 also details how literature search was conducted, showing all search steps together with inclusion and
234 exclusion criteria, as well as results of literature analysis, which covers meta-analysis of the selected articles
235 focusing on their distribution over journals, years, and geography; this is presented to strengthen the
236 background understanding of upcoming literature synthesis. Then, in Section 5, the literature synthesis is
237 elaborated through re-interpretation of the EIP cases from the existing literature drawing upon the
238 theoretical framework in order to take lessons to understand how IP development can experience a
239 transition into EIP development. This section provides policy implications for sustainability transitions
240 into EIP development and research implications for a future research agenda on EIP development. Finally
241 Section 6 offers conclusions and a combined list of policy and research implications.

242 **2. [Research objective](#)**

243 The industrial ecology literature has studied various EIP development initiatives from all around the world.
244 Considering the rich EIP case studies available in the literature, we aim to learn from these cases how IP
245 development can experience a transition into EIP development. A systematic literature review represents

246 a proper method to do this by its facilitating capability to provide an overview of existing knowledge
247 (Fischl, Scherrer-Rathje and Friedli 2014, Tranfield, Denyer and Smart 2003).

248 There have already been some related literature review studies in the EIP literature. Therein, the
249 researchers reviewed the literature with respect to identification and classification of industrial symbiosis
250 indicators (Felicio, et al. 2016); analysis of optimisation mechanisms for the design of EIPs (Boix, et al.
251 2015); identification of different forms of eco-industrial networks that have the potential to advance
252 environmental sustainability (Patala, et al. 2014); analysis of the role of governmental policy in facilitating
253 the development of industrial symbiosis (Jiao and Boons, Toward a research agenda for policy intervention
254 and facilitation to enhance industrial symbiosis based on a comprehensive literature review 2014); analysis
255 of the evolution of the industrial symbiosis research field and its embedding in industrial ecology through
256 bibliometric and network analysis (Yu, Davis and Dijkema 2014); exploration of the methodological issues
257 faced in the application of life cycle analysis to the various research questions arising from industrial
258 symbiosis studies (Mattila, et al. 2012); development of a theoretical framework for understanding the
259 industrial symbiosis dynamics through which regional industrial systems change their connectiveness in an
260 attempt to reduce their ecological impact (Boons, Spekkink and Mouzakitis 2011); and development of
261 EIPs as concrete realisations of the industrial symbiosis concept through a taxonomy of different material
262 exchange types (M. R. Chertow 2000).

263 To the best of our knowledge, no literature reviews have been conducted to date to understand how
264 sustainability transitions into EIP development can be achieved. Elaborating such knowledge could reveal
265 the ways in which EIP development processes can be influenced in desired transition directions rather
266 than keeping them as frangible practices. Following that, our objective in this review article is twofold: (i)
267 to understand and shed light on how transitions into EIP development can be achieved through lessons
268 from the EIP cases that have been studied in the existing state of the art; and (ii) to establish a research
269 agenda that would elaborate on sustainability transitions into EIP development. Following these
270 objectives, the two following research questions are formulated:

271 *Research question 1: What can be learnt from the existing state of the art on how transitions from IP*
272 *development into EIP development can be achieved?*

273 *Research question 2: Which topics related to sustainability transitions into EIP development lack further*
274 *investigation and offer opportunities for future research?*

275 **3. Theoretical framework**

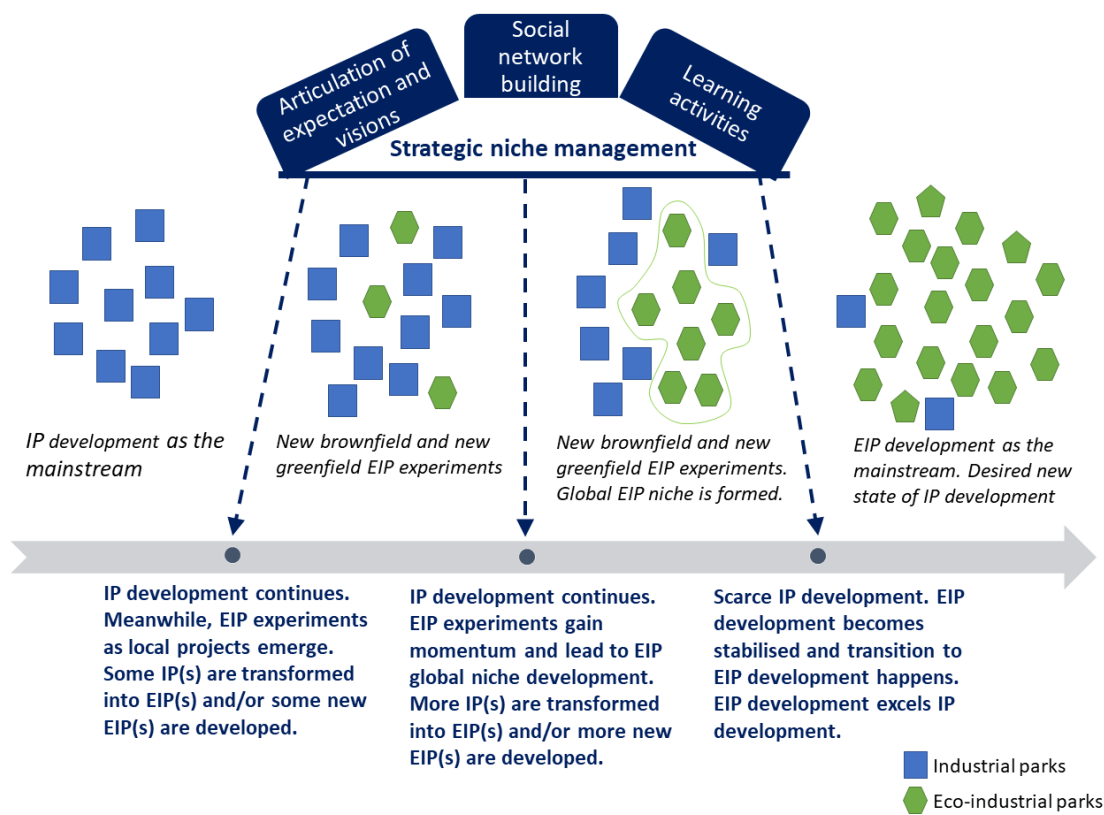
276 This article brings insights from ST research stream and particularly builds on the SNM framework, in
277 which transitional sustainable practices are approached as niche experiments. The SNM framework
278 provides the grounds to analyse and understand niche experiments (Raven 2005), which in some cases
279 successfully challenge the unsustainable routines and in some cases remain as weak and frangible practices.
280 In this article, EIP cases are conceptualised as strategic niche experiments that are expected to steer
281 transitions to EIP development, and mainstream IP development can be thought as the logic of the
282 existing industrial production systems, which is subject to sustainability transitions. When investigating the
283 literature to answer the research questions, three “interrelated and mutually reinforcing” (Caniëls and
284 Romijn 2008) processes of the SNM approach are considered. These processes are (Schot and Geels 2008,
285 Raven 2005, Weber, et al. 1999):

286 (i) *articulation of expectations and visions*, which provides the grounds of interaction and gives
287 direction to learning processes and lead to niche protection;

- 288 (ii) *building of social networks*, which creates mediums for interaction between related actors and
 289 facilitates learning; and
 290 (iii) *learning activities*, which actually sustains the impact of niche experiments and changes the
 291 routines related to the socio-technical system subject to transition.

292 Considering three internal processes of SNM can be valuable while explaining and further understanding
 293 the development of greenfield and brownfield EIP niche experiments, and also the continuation of IP
 294 development due to embedded routines of mainstream actors. Such an understanding can provide clues
 295 on how to achieve sustainability transitions of IP development.

296 Fig. 1 provides an analytical illustration of the research conceptualisation of this article. This framework,
 297 with an evolutionary perspective, follows some theoretical standpoints that have emerged from both the
 298 ST and EIP literatures. In providing this framework, we connect two streams of research that have not
 299 been nurtured from each other very often.



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 301 **Fig. 1. Sustainability transitions of IP development into EIP development.** Processes for SNM on evolution of EIP
 302 development; that is, EIP experiments as local projects, from local projects to global niches, and finally from global niches
 303 to EIP development as the mainstream. Authors' own elaboration based on Geels (2011), Schot and Geels (2008), Geels
 304 and Raven (2006), Chertow and Ehrenfeld (2012), Lambert and Boons (2002), and Gibbs (2009).

305 In the EIP literature, EIP development has been mostly studied by scholars from industrial ecology,
 306 industrial symbiosis and regional science, drawing upon biological and ecological systems theory (Allenby
 307 and Cooper 1994, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of
 308 Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Wright, et al. 2009), having mostly an evolutionary perspective (Chertow and
 309 Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012) and
 310 claiming that industrial ecology principles may lead to fundamental systemic transitions in technologies,
 311 industries and social life (Doranova, et al. 2012, Machiba 2010) through collaboration and interaction
 312 among multiple actors and networks in interaction with institutions (Gibbs, Eco-industrial Parks and
 313 Industrial Ecology: Strategic Niche or Mainstream Development 2009).

314 Here we emphasise that EIP development has an evolutionary perspective but consider EIP development
315 more like a development trend that is expected to excel IP development, rather than focusing on evolution
316 of industrial symbiosis in some specific EIP experiments (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-
317 Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Paquin and Howard-Grenville 2012,
318 Baas and Boons 2004, Domenech and Davies 2011).

319 Referring to SNM studies (Schot and Geels 2008, Caniëls and Romijn 2008, F. W. Geels, The multi-level
320 perspective on sustainability transitions: Responses to seven criticisms 2011), we propose that proper
321 combination and interaction between three internal niche processes can lead, firstly, to development of
322 local greenfield and brownfield EIP experiments; secondly, to global EIP niche formation where there are
323 still IPs but greenfield and brownfield EIP development gains some momentum; and, finally, to transitions
324 into EIP development where EIPs excel IPs and EIP development becomes the mainstream (Caniëls and
325 Romijn 2008). This evolution from local EIP experiments to global EIP niches and then from global EIP
326 niches to sustainability transitions is conditioned and triggered by the three niche processes. Global EIP
327 niches can be thought as accumulations of local EIP experiments and involve an emerging network that
328 has similar or common concerns, problem agendas, expectations, visions, interests, etc. (Schot and Geels
329 2008, Geels and Raven, Non-linearity and expectations in niche-development trajectories: Ups and downs
330 in Dutch biogas development (1973-2003) 2006).

331 Following Schot and Geels (2008), we suggest that three elements will be more effective at achieving
332 sustainability transitions of IP development. These are (1) *expectations and visions* for EIP development, if
333 they are specific enough and shared by various actors; (2) *network building*, if EIP networks are sufficiently
334 broad and deep to articulate multiple views and to engage resources from the represented organisations;
335 and (3) *learning processes*, if they are directed at both first-order learning (that is, observing, analysing the
336 situation and learning facts and data) and second-order learning (that is, thinking of assumptions and values
337 and changing behaviours and routines).

338 Finally, it is important to point out some theoretical assumptions behind the SNM framework that would
339 not fit directly into EIP studies and its assumptions. Studies from ST and SNM are in favour of mainly
340 radical technical innovations and take them to their research focus, whereas EIP development is also
341 generous to incremental innovations that drive for systemic changes once accumulated. Indeed, realising
342 EIPs does not specifically require introduction and diffusion of some particular technical product and
343 process innovations such as wind energy, biogas, public transport systems, electric vehicle transport
344 systems, etc., as usually studied by SNM scholars (Caniëls and Romijn 2008). EIP development, as an
345 industrial ecology in practice (Ehrenfeld and Gertler 1997), is more about changing the industrial
346 production routines through product, process and organisational innovations that may be achieved
347 through institutional changes. Any physical or non-physical exchange between system members in EIPs is
348 realised through an innovative solution and leads to an innovative solution as the result. The product or
349 process innovation out of industrial symbiosis can be in an incremental or radical form depending on the
350 exchange and its results. However, these innovations engaging various actors at the EIP level accumulates
351 into systemic innovations.

352 **4. Methodology**

353 A systematic literature review (SLR) (Fischl, Scherrer-Rathje and Friedli 2014, Petticrew and Roberts 2006),
354 including a case survey (Lucas 1974), was chosen as the method of the present article due to the fact that
355 EIP literature is rich in empirical case studies. We believe that extracting the EIP cases from the literature

356 and re-interpreting them with a different theoretical perspective can provide valuable knowledge to
357 elaborate on how transitions into EIPs can be achieved.

358 The case survey method enables us to have a rich set of case materials (Kivimaa, et al. 2017, Newig and
359 Fritsch 2009) that have previously been generated for different research objectives under different research
360 designs with different research perspectives. We were aware that the proper synthesis of such case material
361 would require a smart bricolage ability, especially considering the “risk of bias in summarising” (Kivimaa,
362 et al. 2017) studies that we have not conducted (Petticrew and Roberts 2006). Considering this, we have
363 devoted enough time and commitment for the synthesis to benefit from the advantage of having numerous
364 case studies, which would not have been possible through direct insight gathering from the primary
365 sources.

366 In order to identify the cases from the literature, the SLR method was preferred for this study over a
367 traditional or narrative literature review. Fink (1998) defined SLR as “a systematic, explicit and
368 reproducible design for identifying, evaluating and interpreting the existing body of recorded documents”.
369 In more reflexive terms, the idea is to gather and re-interpret the earlier interpretations of EIP cases and
370 present them in a new context (Alvesson and Skoldberg 2009), developing new knowledge and addressing
371 the objective of this article. The new context is the proposed theoretical framework, which builds on the
372 SNM approach, as explained earlier. Following this methodology, diverse case studies could be brought
373 together under a common theoretical framework.

374 In order to ensure thoroughness and rigour (Tranfield, Denyer and Smart 2003, Fischl, Scherrer-Rathje
375 and Friedli 2014), this article follows a solid SLR method with three concrete steps – (i) literature search,
376 (ii) literature analysis, and (iii) literature synthesis – in order to use the existing knowledge effectively
377 (Fischl, Scherrer-Rathje and Friedli 2014).

378 The systematic literature review started with a literature search, where the crucial element was to choose
379 the database(s) and the keyword(s) to be searched (Baker 2000). Then, in the literature analysis step,
380 selected studies were descriptively analysed in terms of various aspects related to journals, publication
381 years, and geographical focus of studies. The EIP cases that would be further elaborated at the next step
382 were also identified in this step.

383 Finally, in the literature synthesis, each EIP case was re-interpreted based on analytical processes of SNM
384 as explained above. It is worth stating that none of the EIP cases included in that study were developed
385 using SNM as the ex-ante prescriptive policy framework. Instead, we built on SNM as the underpinning
386 of our theoretical framework, which is used as an ex-post analytical framework for re-interpretation in
387 order to understand how transitions to EIP development can be achieved to derive some policy
388 implications. The literature synthesis step covered the crucial discussions in line with the theoretical
389 framework and led to various research implications about critical and interesting issues that require further
390 investigation in the EIP literature. During the synthesis step of SLR, the units of analysis were the EIP
391 cases in selected articles out of the literature search step, rather than the full article itself.

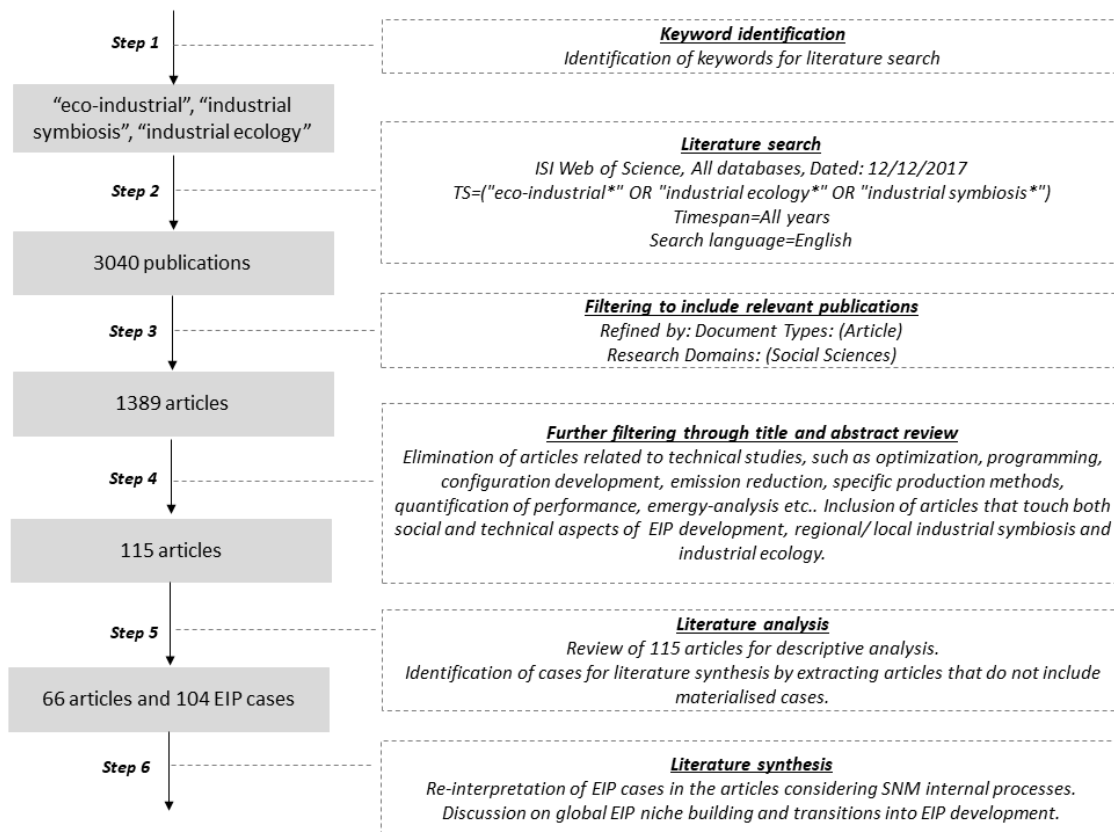
392 **4.1. Literature search**

393 In this step, the initial and crucial decision was related to selection of keywords. In the literature, the
394 concept of EIPs refers to IPs having a focus on environmental and social pillars of sustainability through
395 ‘industrial ecology’, or, more specifically, ‘industrial symbiosis’. On the other hand, different studies in the
396 literature refer to ‘industrial parks’ as ‘local industrial productions systems’, ‘industrial districts’, ‘industrial
397 clusters’, ‘industrial agglomerations’, ‘industrial estates’, etc. Our interest is related to the potential

398 transitions of IP development into EIP development through brownfield and greenfield projects.
399 However, the literature also contains other studies, rather than EIP development, that focus on other ways
400 of making IPs more sustainable. Including ‘industrial parks’ and its used synonyms as keywords in the
401 literature search would bring all other sustainability solution possibilities for IPs. Doing so would be
402 beyond the scope of this article, which argues that ‘EIPs’ would be a better possibility for addressing the
403 problematique of sustainability concerns related to IP development. Therefore, three keywords were
404 selected: ‘eco-industrial’ and its parent concepts ‘industrial ecology’ and ‘industrial symbiosis’.

405 Web of Science was selected as the database because of its reputation as a useful and trustworthy source,
406 as the oldest and most widely used database with rich and well-structured citation and bibliographic data
407 dating back to 1900 (Mikki 2009, Chadegani, et al. 2013). Moreover, its coverage is mostly in English and
408 it has a systematic and established journal selection criteria based on expert views, citation impact,
409 international diversity, publication standards, etc.

410 Reviewing the literature through the search for the keywords ‘eco-industrial’, ‘industrial symbiosis’, or
411 ‘industrial ecology’ in the title, keywords or abstracts of the articles in the Web of Science database rendered
412 3040 publications in English language for all years. The search was conducted on the 12th of December
413 2017. Filters on research domain to be ‘social sciences’ and document types to be ‘articles’ were then
414 applied to the results, which decreased the number of publications to 1389. The review was limited to
415 journal articles because they address a wider scientific audience and are subject to different forms of peer-
416 review process, which increases the quality of the studies. Next, exclusion criteria, which are the measures
417 to determine which articles will be excluded from the review, and inclusion criteria, which are the measures
418 to determine which articles will be included in the review, were identified. Exclusion criteria were set to
419 be elimination of articles related to technical studies, such as optimisation, programming, configuration
420 development, emission reduction, specific production methods, quantification of performance, emergy
421 analysis, etc. Inclusion criteria were set as articles that touch both social and technical aspects of EIPs and
422 regional/local industrial symbiosis and industrial ecology. Taking these exclusion and inclusion criteria into
423 consideration, titles and abstracts of the available articles were scrutinised; this step resulted in 115 articles
424 for literature analysis. A further review was conducted over these 115 articles in order to identify the
425 materialised EIP cases; that is, excluding those that are only at the proposal or planning stage, which would
426 be re-interpreted during literature synthesis drawing upon SNM internal processes. This gave us 66 articles
427 with a sample of 104 EIP cases. Finally, based on these articles, discussions on local EIP experiments,
428 global EIP niche development and sustainability transitions into EIP development were built. The six-step
429 procedure is illustrated in Fig 2.



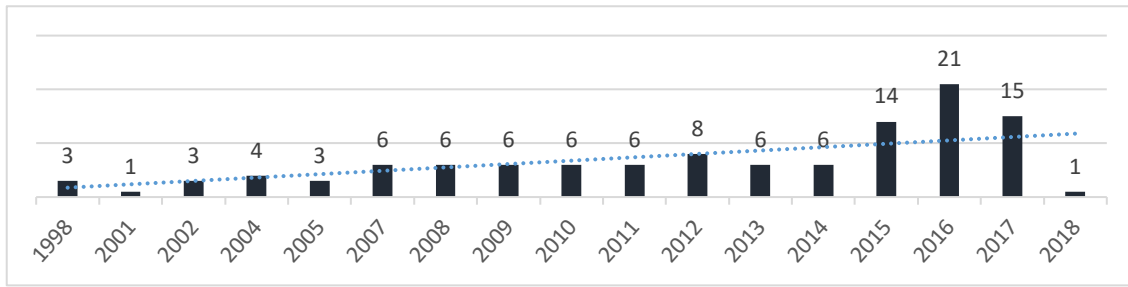
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Fig 2: Systematic literature review embedding a case survey in six steps

432 4.2. Literature analysis

433 In this step, we conducted a meta-analysis of 115 selected articles for a quantitative representation of time
434 and journal distribution of publications, as well as frequency of geographic locations studied in the articles.
435 Moreover, we identified EIP cases that would be subjected further to literature synthesis. The full list of
436 countries, together with references to the articles studying them, is attached as Appendix 1.

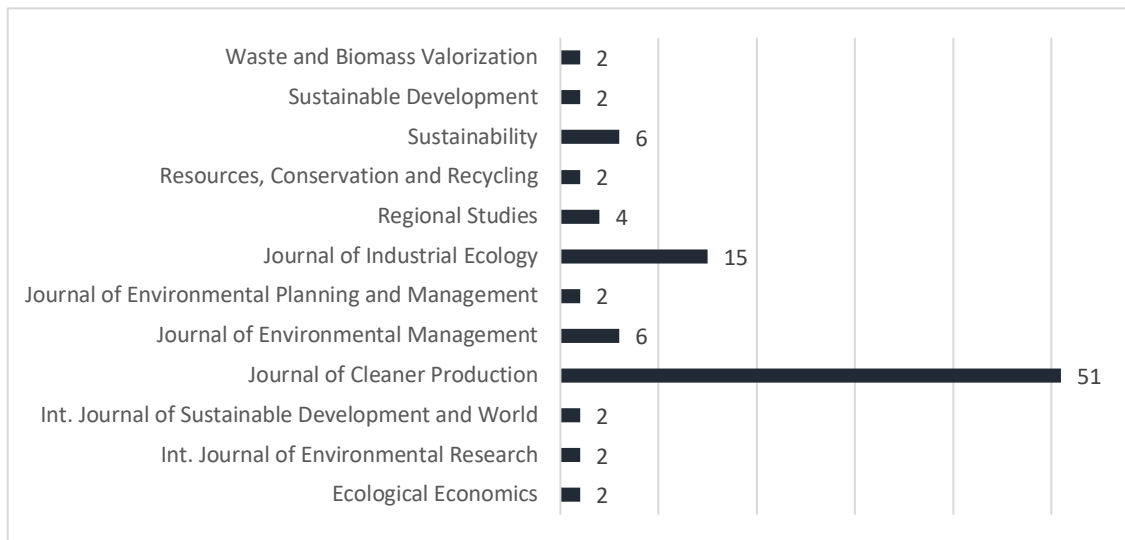
437 Through analysis of number of articles published each year over a sample of 115 articles selected for
438 analysis, we found that there has been a considerable and relatively stable interest in EIP development in
439 social sciences research domain since 2007 (87 per cent, n= 101). Starting from 2015 and peaking in 2016
440 (18 per cent, n=21), an increase was observed in the total number of articles published (see Fig 3). Five
441 journals represent the majority of the total sample (71 per cent, n=82). These are *Journal of Cleaner Production*
442 (n=51), *Journal of Industrial Ecology* (n=15), *Journal of Environmental Management* (n=6), *Sustainability* (n=6), and
443 *Regional Studies* (n=4). The rest of the articles (n=33) were published in 26 different journals related to the
444 fields of environment, sustainability, technology, geography, urban planning, regional science and
445 economics, indicating that eco-industrial development as a research topic has gained interest from scholars
446 from different backgrounds and had the chance to be studied as an inter-disciplinary field. Fig 4 presents
447 the journals with more than one publication within our literature analysis sample. Based on these analyses,
448 it can be concluded that research on EIPs in social sciences domain stands still as a fresh line and may be
449 enriched within interdisciplinary studies being operationalised in concepts from different social science
450 theories. This enrichment would further extend our understanding of if and how transitions to EIP
451 development can be achieved.



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Fig 3: Number of publications over years, n=115



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Fig 4: Number of publications at most relevant journals, n=115, included if >1 article

456 A picture of the geographical distribution of empirical contexts of the studies can reflect how the focus of
 457 different geographies on EIP development differs in intensity by looking at the frequency of countries
 458 studied in the article sample. To draw such a picture, the countries in focus were analysed and listed. The
 459 results showed that not all studies selected for literature analysis have specific geographical empirical
 460 contexts (n=12). Still, it was observed that an importantly large sample of studies (n=103) focused on
 461 analysis and interpretation of different aspects of EIP development in 31 different countries throughout
 462 the world. Among these studies, a relatively large number (n=87) had a single-country focus, while some
 463 others (n=16) have empirical contexts from multiple countries, as illustrated in Fig 5.

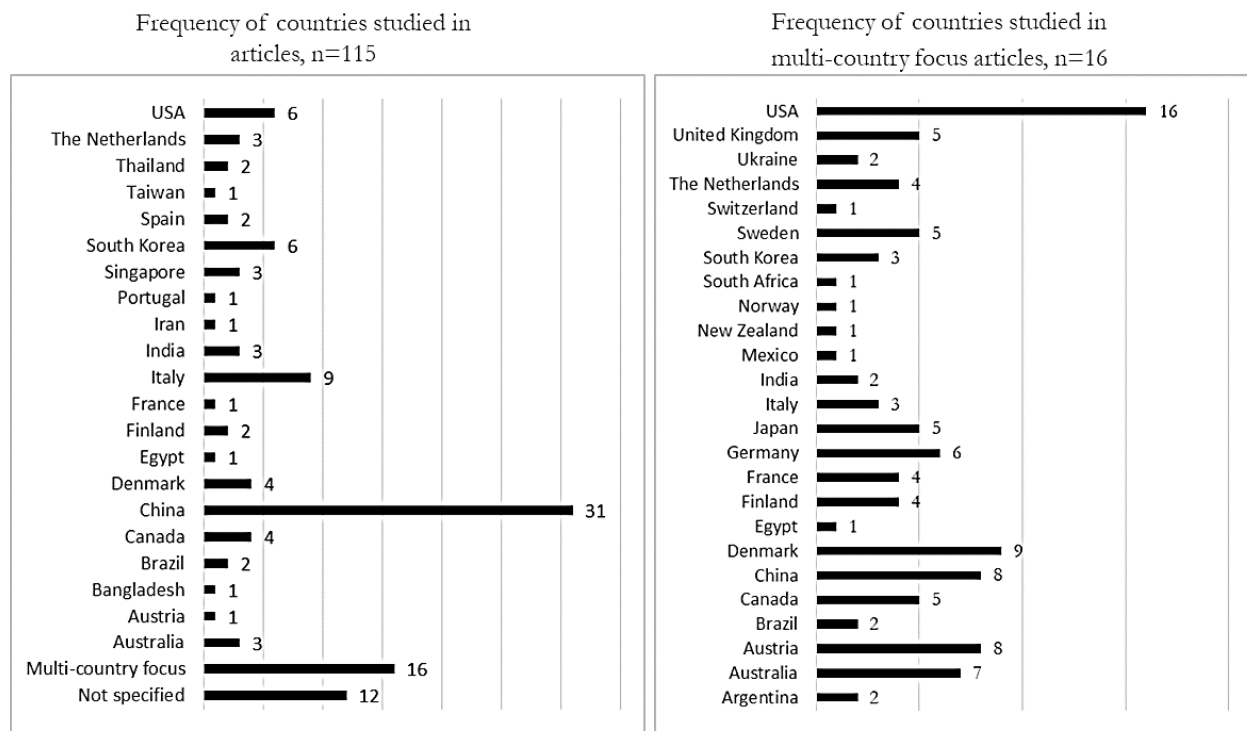


Fig 5: Frequency of countries as empirical contexts studied in articles

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466 Going further into the multi-country focus articles, new countries appear on the list, such as the United
 467 Kingdom, Ukraine, Switzerland, Sweden, South Africa, Norway, New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, Germany
 468 and Argentina. Moreover, when compared to other countries, Denmark, which has a benchmarked self-
 469 organised and perhaps the most cited EIP initiative (namely, Kalundborg EIP), has a relatively radical
 470 increase in its frequency of studies with a multi-country focus. This implies the interest in cross-
 471 comparison of cases with the best practices. The National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP) of
 472 United Kingdom, as another benchmark example, also appears in the articles with a multi-country focus.
 473 However, NISP is not included in literature synthesis as it is a national-scale industrial symbiosis initiative.
 474 Articles with a multi-country focus provide experience and knowledge from and across different contexts,
 475 which arguably creates a more fruitful learning ground for readers.

476 As stated, the third step of our review is the synthesis of EIP cases from the selected literature studies.
 477 The frequency of countries focused on in each of the studies has already been presented but it is still
 478 necessary to list the EIP cases already interpreted in the literature. We have analysed each selected article
 479 thoroughly and identified all involved EIP cases. Articles that do not include already developed EIP cases,
 480 but instead analyse potential EIPs, have not been counted in the synthesis. However, articles that do not
 481 have specific EIP case analysis and instead have country-level analyses on different EIP development and
 482 management aspects based on the data collected from various EIP initiatives are included. Excluding such
 483 articles could have resulted in skipping crucial SNM processes' analysis for the EIP development in the
 484 related geographies as they provide insightful knowledge about the background of EIP development in
 485 the country under analysis. After applying these inclusion and exclusion criteria, the final EIP list was
 486 composed of 104 EIP cases from 24 countries studied in 66 articles. The global distribution of EIPs is
 487 illustrated in Fig 6. Furthermore, list of identified EIP cases together with reference articles are given in
 488 Appendix 2.

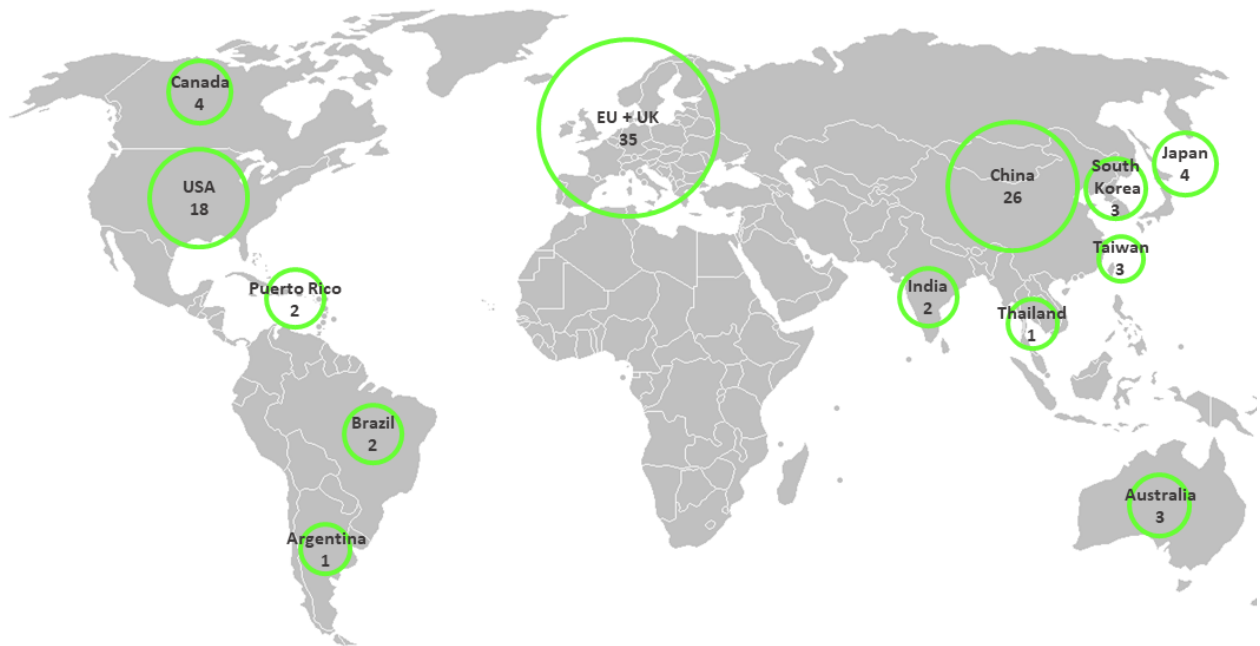


Fig 6: Global distribution of EIP cases.

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491 **5. Literature synthesis**

492 While re-interpreting identified EIP cases from the literature, three “interrelated and mutually reinforcing”
493 (Caniëls and Romijn 2008) processes of the SNM framework are considered, as explained in the theoretical
494 framework. This section presents a learning outcome and discusses how EIP development has remained
495 at the level of local projects in some geographies and evolved into global EIP niche level in others. By
496 doing so, we intend to elucidate how potential transitions from IP development into EIP development
497 can be achieved and studied through giving policy and research implications.

498 **5.1. Articulation of expectations and visions**

499 Expectations from EIP development are strongly shaped by motivations of the involved actors; as there
500 are various involved actors with different interests, expectations can vary, even within the same geography,
501 and they are not clearly articulated most of the time. In general, however, motivation for the industries are
502 almost always economic and whenever the EIP project does not seem economically feasible, the industry
503 is not interested and firms do not prioritise the social and environmental potential of industrial symbiosis.
504 Besides, industrial actors that do not have any related experience and are not equipped with enough
505 background knowledge related to EIP development (Park, Park and Park 2016) are not willing to initiate
506 such experiments. On the other hand, expectations for governmental institutions, especially considering
507 planned EIPs, are positive and motivated mostly by global pro-sustainability development landscape
508 pressure, environmental pollution and resource scarcity problems at the regional or national levels and
509 concerns related to sustaining country’s industry in the international market. In the case of South Korea,
510 for example, financially oriented motivation of industries is clearly articulated in various case studies, such
511 as the *Ulsan* and *Macheon* experiments (Behera, et al. 2012, Kim 2007), whereas government has been
512 developing ambitious top-down planned EIP development mechanisms while also considering the
513 country’s domestic context (Park, Park and Park 2016, Park, et al. 2008).

514 Furthermore, same-group actors at different geographies may have different expectations as well. In some
515 EIP cases, industrial actors, such as *Kalundborg* (Valentine 2016, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial
516 Symbiosis 2007, Branson 2016), *Industrial Eco-System Project* (Lambert and Boons 2002, Heeres, Vermeulen

517 and De Walle 2004) and *Kwinana* (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward
518 a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Giurco, et al. 2011, MacLachlan 2013) took the lead in initiating
519 successful symbiotic exchanges in collaboration with local and regional governmental institutions. They
520 expected and then realised that industrial symbiosis could bring substantial economic and environmental
521 profits and have been willing to invest in such projects.

522 Another important point is the importance of having common expectations from the EIP development.
523 Even for a single EIP experiment, actors who have different interests and motivations may hold diverging
524 expectations and may not communicate to each other clearly. Differences in motivations may lead to
525 misunderstanding or arbitrary understanding of what an EIP is, especially when there is a lack of learning
526 mechanisms. This problem is observed at the *Macheon* experiment (Kim 2007), where government agents,
527 industries and local citizens had different understandings about industrial symbiosis and developed
528 different expectations from this specific EIP experiments, which threatened the aim and sustainability of
529 the project.

530 Expectations of actors are highly interlinked with the vision of EIP development in related geography.
531 Vision related to EIP development can be addressed through three evolution models proposed by the EIP
532 literature: planned EIP, facilitated EIP and self-organised EIP. In the EIP literature, some leading scholars
533 have discussed the importance of building upon existing and potential linkages within a locality (Gibbs
534 and Deutz 2007), using existing strengths (Gibbs, Deutz and Proctor 2005), identifying and uncovering
535 existing symbiosis (Lambert and Boons 2002, M. R. Chertow, “ Uncovering ” Industrial Symbiosis 2007)
536 in EIP development, and promoting self-organised and facilitated EIP models in this respect. However, it
537 has been claimed that planning is still important if it is applied in the early stages of EIP development and
538 if it is combined with a facilitated model to achieve long-term goals for eco-transitions (Yu, Dijkema and
539 de Jong, What makes eco-transformation of industrial parks take off in China? 2015).

540 Despite this, a top-down approach leading to planned EIPs is prevalent in cases from North America,
541 South America, Asia and Australia. Especially in USA and China, EIP development has been strongly
542 guided by the government (Yu, Han and Cui 2015, Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology?
543 Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, M. R. Chertow, “ Uncovering ” Industrial Symbiosis
544 2007), which has led to a higher number of EIP projects (see Fig 6) when compared to all other countries.
545 However, there are cases from these geographies where top-down planning was combined with a bottom-
546 up approach and turned out to be a facilitated model, as in the cases of *Burnside* (Lambert and Boons 2002),
547 *Kawasaki* (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial
548 Symbiosis 2012, Mathews and Tan 2011, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), and *Central Gulf Coast* (Farel,
549 Thevenet and Yune 2016). The *Kwinana* case, as another exception, has been developed in a combined
550 top-down and bottom-up fashion (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016) as it was developed by the government
551 as a greenfield site in 1952 but EIP practices were not planned and they ‘happened over time’ (MacLachlan
552 2013).

553 In Europe there is a variety in EIP development visions where self-organising and facilitation mechanisms
554 for brownfield EIP projects have been competing with planning trends for greenfield EIPs, which was
555 not the case on the other above-mentioned regions. Bottom-up self-organised development as a result of
556 voluntary co-operation has been followed at various European EIPs, such as *Styria* (Zhang, et al. 2013,
557 Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis
558 2012, M. R. Chertow, “ Uncovering ” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Ashton, Chopra and Kashyap, Life and
559 death of industrial ecosystems 2017), *Kalundborg* (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Lambert
560 and Boons 2002, Valentine 2016, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a
561 Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Branson 2016, Gibbs, Deutz and Proctor, Industrial ecology and

562 eco-industrial development: A potential paradigm for local and regional development? 2005), *Knapsack*
563 *Chemical Park* (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), *BASF Verbund* (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), *Porto*
564 *Marghera* (Mannino, et al. 2015), *Bioraffinerie Les Sobettes* (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016) and *Industrial Eco-*
565 *System Project* (Lambert and Boons 2002, Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004). Although the trigger
566 factors for these local projects were related to concerns of industries, facilitation mechanisms were
567 introduced later through public and private organisations. On the other hand, for some other cases from
568 Europe, such as *Biopark Terneuzen* (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), *Moerdijk* (Heeres, Vermeulen and De
569 Walle 2004, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), *Monthey, Norrköping and Linköping, Kymi and Deux Synthe*
570 (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), bottom-up involvement has emerged later, leading to the facilitation
571 model, although EIP mechanisms initially were introduced in a top-down fashion.

572 We have noticed that most of the EIP cases were established on a local vision built by expectations of
573 particular actors targeted mostly at the transition of particular IPs for brownfield experiments or
574 developing greenfield EIP projects. A broader long-term vision for transitions of IP development into
575 EIP development only appears in countries where a top-down approach with national-level goals has been
576 followed, such as China, South Korea, and Thailand through brownfield projects, and the USA, mostly
577 through greenfield projects. However, brownfield projects from Asia using existing linkages and strengths
578 within an IP have been more fruitful than the greenfield projects in the US (Chertow and Ehrenfeld,
579 *Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis* 2012). Moreover, more
580 successful and sustained EIP experiments from those countries have been the ones that engaged in
581 facilitation to keep EIP projects viable at later development stages, such as *Tianjin* and *Dalian* (Yu, Dijkema
582 and de Jong, *What makes eco-transformation of industrial parks take off in China?* 2015), *Ulsan* (Behera,
583 et al. 2012), and *Devens* (Veleva, Todorova, et al. 2015). In such experiments, a combination of top-down
584 and bottom-up approaches have provided the background for interactions of the related actors to build
585 networks under coordination activities provided by mostly public agents, which have also considered the
586 need for learning processes in order to have diverging expectations and visions.

587 Moreover, the vision for EIP development also plays a crucial role with regard to protection of niche
588 experiments in terms of regulatory, policy, and funding frameworks. Protection measures, such as tax
589 regimes, environmental regulations, national policy programmes, financing incentives, and so on,
590 condition and trigger, or in some cases even hinder EIP development, and decisions related to them are
591 made at the political and often at national level (Weber, et al. 1999). In this regard, integration of top-down
592 planning into EIP development is observed to be critical. In geographies where, for EIP development, the
593 government plays an initiator role (as in China, South Korea, Thailand, the US or Canada), or a facilitator
594 role (as in Denmark, Australia, the Netherlands or Sweden), EIP experiments gain legitimacy and stability
595 resulting from government support and protection. Furthermore, support from international landscape
596 can also be beneficial for nurturing EIP experiments. In China, for instance, governments and industries
597 have further participated in EIP development efforts through financial support from international
598 development agencies like the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), the Asian Development
599 Bank (ADB), and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Geng, Haight and Zhu,
600 *Empirical analysis of eco-industrial development in China* 2007). These international support mechanisms
601 are also observed in experiments such as *Biopark Terneuzen* (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016), *Deux Synthe*
602 (Farel, et al., 2016), *AvestaPolarit*, *Eco Dyfi*, *Ecotech* (Gibbs and Deutz, *Reflections on implementing industrial*
603 *ecology through eco-industrial park development* 2007) in which funding from European Union (EU) was
604 received.

605 **Policy implications**

606 Based on the lessons learnt from the EIP cases, we suggest that top-down planning with a stronger focus
607 on brownfield EIP experiments can provide promising conditions for governments to build specific
608 expectations with specific motivations. Then, bringing in facilitation mechanisms that engage industries,
609 research centres and citizens may lead to the convergence of motivations and shared expectations of wide
610 variety of actors. Thus, an effective combination of a top-down and bottom-up approach stressing more
611 brownfield projects through providing support and protection mechanisms would be more suitable
612 considering the long-term vision required for transitions from IP development into EIP development.

613 **Research implications**

614 We propose following research implications related to expectations and visions for EIP development:

615 **Research implication 1:** Evolving expectations and visions for EIP development covering a wide
616 variety of related actors and their motivations requires an explicit focus of the EIP literature.

617 **Research implication 2:** A broader vision for transitions of IP development into EIP
618 development in comparison to vision for transitions into particular EIPs has not been explicitly
619 examined in the EIP literature.

620 **5.2. Social network building**

621 The network perspective in the EIP literature has been mostly addressed in reference to the development
622 of industrial symbiosis exchange networks focusing on different aspects of network building, such as
623 network connectedness and resilience through social network analysis (Zhang, et al. 2013, Chopra and
624 Khanna 2014); networking behaviours of the firms in industrial symbiosis networks (Gibbs, Deutz and
625 Proctor, Industrial ecology and eco-industrial development: A potential paradigm for local and regional
626 development? 2005); social relationships and shared norms among actors in industrial symbiosis networks
627 (Ashton and Bain, Assessing the “Short Mental Distance” in Eco-Industrial Networks 2012); growth
628 patterns for industrial symbiosis networks (Zhu and Ruth 2014); embeddedness and proximity in industrial
629 symbiosis networks (Schiller, Penn and Basson 2014, Domenech and Davies 2011); and the role of EIP
630 coordinating bodies (Tessitore, Daddi and Iraldo 2015). These studies have provided important insights
631 into the structure and dynamics of the industrial symbiosis networks. However, EIP development requires
632 a wider constellation of actors including external institutions such as governmental bodies, regional and
633 local development agencies, universities and research centres, local communities, non-governmental
634 organisations (NGO) representing the community interests, etc., in order to involve multiple views and
635 engage resources from different agents.

636 In the *Kalundborg* experiment, which is considered a benchmark EIP example by various scholars (Branson
637 2016, Park, et al. 2008, Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico:
638 Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial
639 ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005), a social network was built among industries,
640 coordinating body, local government, regulatory authorities, universities and research centres (Costa and
641 Ferrao 2010, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Valentine 2016, Chertow and
642 Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012) and this
643 wider network has conditioned the industrial symbiosis network within the park. This was the case for
644 various other EIP experiments such as *Chamusca* (Costa and Ferrao 2010), *Deux Synthe* (Farel, Thevenet
645 and Yune 2016), *Landskrona* (Park, et al. 2008, Adamides and Mouzakitis 2009), *Norrköping and Linköping*
646 (Farel, et al., 2016), *Kawasaki* (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a
647 Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Mathews and Tan 2011), *Ulsan* (Behera, et al. 2012), *Daedok*
648 *Technovalley* (Oh, Kim and Jeong 2005, Pilouk and Koottatep 2017), *Northern Region Industrial Estate*

649 (Panyathanakun, et al. 2013), *Kwinana* (Giurco, et al. 2011), and various Chinese EIPs including *Guigang*
650 *Group* (Zhu and Côté, Integrating green supply chain management into an embryonic eco-industrial
651 development: A case study of the Guitang Group 2004, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007), *Suzhou* (Yuan, et al.
652 2010, Yu, Dijkema, et al., From an eco-industrial park towards an eco-city: a case study in Suzhou, China
653 2015), *Weifang Binbai* (Liu, Côté and Zhang, Implementing a three-level approach in industrial symbiosis
654 2015), *Tianjin* (Yu, De Jong and Dijkema, Process analysis of eco-industrial park development - The case
655 of Tianjin, China 2014), *Shanghai Chemical* (Yune, et al. 2016, Zhang, et al. 2009), *Dalian* (Yu, Dijkema and
656 de Jong, What makes eco-transformation of industrial parks take off in China? 2015, Geng, Zhang, et al.,
657 Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard in two industrial zones 2008),
658 *Rizhao* (Yu, Han and Cui 2015), and *Qijiang* (Sun, et al. 2017). Industrial symbiosis network within the park
659 can then be considered as part of the wider EIP development network.

660 In the literature, a crucial structure of EIP development network has been considered as the coordinating
661 body (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial
662 Symbiosis 2012), which other articles referred to as the management body (Tessitore, Daddi and Iraldo
663 2015). The coordinating body in an EIP is generally responsible for strengthening networking, ensuring
664 communication and information exchange among all of the network actors and especially among industrial
665 actors in symbiosis network to facilitate the identification and establishment of symbiotic exchange
666 potentials among the participating companies (Yu, Dijkema and de Jong, What makes eco-transformation
667 of industrial parks take off in China? 2015) and more importantly among actors in the wider EIP
668 development network. This role can be played by a private company, an industry association, or public
669 authorities (Caniëls and Romijn 2008) depending primarily on the expectations and visions of the EIP
670 development in the concerned region. For instance, in China (Yu, Dijkema and de Jong, What makes eco-
671 transformation of industrial parks take off in China? 2015), South Korea (Behera, et al. 2012, Park, et al.
672 2008) and Italy (Tessitore, et al., 2015), where there is a national-level EIP development vision planned in
673 a top-down manner, coordinating bodies are established and represented by public authorities. In contrast,
674 coordinating bodies in EIP experiments like *Kwinana* (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing
675 Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012), which have a mixture of top-down and bottom-
676 up vision, demonstrate a more mixed structure for coordinating bodies that are composed of
677 representation from the industrial actors, government and academia, and appreciate and communicate a
678 wider range of articulated views.

679 Drawing on the articles included in literature synthesis, another important structure of the EIP
680 development network appears to be a local champion (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis
681 2007, Roberts 2004, Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004) for the purposes of goal setting and creating
682 the actor network, which is in line with the SNM perspective (Caniëls and Romijn 2008). Hewes and Lyons
683 (2008) elaborated on the role of local champions in development of *Komsomolske* and *Cherkassey* EIPs in
684 Ukraine, where the champions were locally embedded within the community. Although the local
685 champions were explicit in these two EIP experiments, the role of local champions was deliberately
686 unidentified in some other cases, such as *Industrial Eco-System* and *Rietvelden/Vutter Sustainable Revitalisation*
687 experiments from the Netherlands, to avoid prejudice among industrial actors, since many of them would
688 be suitable for the task (Hewes and Lyons 2008). The existence of local champions has been also favoured
689 in EIP development in South Korea, where regional EIP centres established by the government act as
690 local champions (Park, Park and Park 2016); an exception is the *Ulsan* experiment, where the local
691 champion was an academic researcher (Behera, et al. 2012). Local champions in all those experiments
692 promoted and strengthened bottom-up activities in order to gather all relevant actors for promoting social
693 connections and developing trust in the EIP development networks.

694 **Policy implications**

695 Relying on experiences related to network building from the articles, we propose that the network
696 perspective in EIP development should be widened, aiming at a combination of industries, which form
697 the industrial symbiosis network, and external actors such as government bodies, research institutes,
698 universities, informal institutes like industrial associations and NGOs. A perspective on such a wider EIP
699 development network would be broad and deep enough to reflect multiple views. Moreover, networking
700 building can be more efficient if it is guided by a coordinating body that ensures all actors communicate
701 effectively, and also if it is supported by local champions that facilitate interaction and trust development
702 among network actors. Clearly, vision for EIP development constructed through top-down and/or
703 bottom-up approaches should impact the variety in actor structure, their interactions, or existence of
704 coordinating body or local champions.

705 **Research implications**

706 We arrive at the following research implications considering social network building:

707 ***Research implication 3:*** Structures of broader networks for EIP development, which involves
708 not only industrial actors in symbiosis networks but also external institutions such as governmental
709 bodies, university and research institutes, NGOs, industrial associations, local community, etc.,
710 and the interaction among them remain underexplored in EIP literature.

711 ***Research implication 4:*** The EIP literature lacks an understanding of the correlation between
712 the EIP development visions, tailored by top-down, bottom-up, and mixed approaches, and
713 network building characteristics, related to involved actors and their interactions.

714 **5.3. Learning activities**

715 Learning has a crucial role in sustaining niches at the level of single niche experiments or a set of
716 demonstrations experiments (Schot and Geels 2008). Despite this, it has not found an explicit interest in
717 EIP literature. A deeper look into the articles has been necessary to synthesise cases with respect to learning
718 activities embedded in their evolution path.

719 The depth and breadth of learning processes – that is, first-order or second-order learning – are found to
720 be related to characteristics of EIP development networks. When the EIP development networks are
721 broad and connect various EIP experiments, as in countries like China, where there is a top-down
722 approach for vision on national-level transitions into EIP development, second-order learning seems to
723 be more likely. One reason for this is the “structured repeated visioning” (Schot and Geels 2008) through
724 various EIP experiments under the protection of the same umbrella programmes, such as the National
725 Demonstration EIP Program (NDEIP) and the National Demonstration Circular Economy Zone
726 Program (NPCEZ) in China (Zhang, et al. 2010). Another reason is related to the high number of EIP
727 cases, which were initiated and protected by these programmes through concurrent experimentation, and
728 aggregation of learning outcomes from these experiments. For instance, Chinese governmental
729 organisations have, since the beginning of the 21st century, been accumulating knowledge through
730 monitoring results from different EIP experiments and have been facilitating learning for IPs by
731 disseminating this knowledge through publications and by exchanging lessons via useful capacity-building
732 events such as seminars, forums, workshops, trainings, business meetings, etc., as well as dissemination
733 through media. However, there is still a lack of a learning system in China with a common platform for
734 information sharing and communication among IPs, and such a system would create the knowledge and
735 practice sharing network among all IPs and EIPs (Zhu, Geng, et al. 2015).

736 We also observed that network diversity, both in industrial symbiosis networks and wider EIP
737 development networks, enhances learning processes. Considering industrial symbiosis networks that are
738 centred on one or a few major industries, the absence of diversity may “hinder learning and critical
739 reflection about the experiment” (Weber, et al. 1999). This was the case in *Porto Marghera* (Mannino, et al.
740 2015) in Italy, a failed EIP experiment in which high dependency on a single industry reduced the diversity
741 and thus the learning for the resilience of the network.

742 Indeed, the experiments from the literature show that heterogeneity in terms of sectoral and size
743 differences inside the park facilitates favourable contexts, especially for observing, analysing and learning
744 from the facts and data with a focus on technological issues; that is, first-order learning. Communication
745 and disseminations events as capacity-building measures, organised by coordinating bodies, anchor
746 tenants, local champions, environmental agencies, or governmental institutions, have provided mediums
747 for first-order learning in many EIPs, such as *Burnside* (Lambert and Boons 2002), *ValuePark Schkopau*
748 (Liwarska-Bizukojc, et al. 2009), *Devens* (Veleva, Lowitt, et al. 2016), *Kwinana* (MacLachlan 2013), *Kalundborg*
749 (Branson 2016), *Guitang Group* (Zhu and Côté, Integrating green supply chain management into an
750 embryonic eco-industrial development: A case study of the Guitang Group 2004), *Suzhou* (Yu, Dijkema,
751 et al., From an eco-industrial park towards an eco-city: a case study in Suzhou, China 2015), *Weifang Binbai*
752 (Liu, Côté and Zhang, Implementing a three-level approach in industrial symbiosis 2015), *Xi'an High-Tech*
753 (Shi and Yu 2014), *Dalian, Tianjin*, (Yu, Dijkema and de Jong, What makes eco-transformation of industrial
754 parks take off in China? 2015), *Qijiang* (Sun, et al. 2017), *Ebara* (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo
755 2017), *Kokubu* (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017), *Ulsan* (Behera, et al. 2012), and *Northern*
756 *Region Industrial Estate* (Panyathanakun, et al. 2013). Information systems technologies can also be
757 important tools to facilitate the exchange of information and materials, as in cases such as *Chamusca* (Costa
758 and Ferrao 2010), *Landskrona*, (Adamides and Mouzakitis 2009), *Tianjin, Kalundborg*, etc. Then, repetition
759 and accumulation of first-order learning over time, as in the cases of *Devens*, *Kwinana*, and *Kalundborg*, led
760 to the rethinking of assumptions and changing of production routines in such EIPs (that is, second-order
761 learning), where not only technological issues but also social, managerial and organisational network
762 features were addressed.

763 Another important aspect of learning in niche building is related to transfer of experiences and lessons
764 from one experiment to other places (Weber, et al. 1999) as such cross-fertilisation across experiments can
765 occur (Caniëls and Romijn 2008). In that respect, the *Kalundborg* case stands as the most influential EIP
766 experiment (Branson 2016, Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico:
767 Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies 2008, Deutz and Gibbs 2008) and served as a
768 reference benchmark learning centre for the development of various other EIP experiments (Adamides
769 and Mouzakitis 2009, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of
770 Industrial Symbiosis 2012) distributed over wide geographies (Gibbs, Deutz and Proctor, Industrial
771 ecology and eco-industrial development: A potential paradigm for local and regional development? 2005,
772 Park, et al. 2008). In view of this, international collaborations can play a role in terms of knowledge transfer
773 and co-creation, such as in the *Suzhou* experiment where knowledge from experience in Singapore has
774 been adopted by China for EIP development; the *Biopark Ternuzzen* experiment (Farel, Thevenet and Yune
775 2016), which was a part of an international project funded by the European Union by international
776 partners; or national-level EIP development programmes in countries like China (NDEIP and NPCEZ)
777 (Bai, et al. 2014), South Korea (National Plan for Eco-industrial Park Development) (Park, Park and Park
778 2016), or Thailand (Development of Eco-Industrial Estates and Networks Project) (Pilouk and Koottatep
779 2017), for which governmental organisations have been collaborating with international institutes and
780 experts.

781 **Policy implications**

782 In light of these aspects, we argue that learning activities and processes require an explicit focus in EIP
783 development as they sustain the impact of EIP experiments during their evolution over time. If first-order
784 learning can be achieved continuously via capacity-building measures for actors in industrial symbiosis
785 networks and wider EIP development networks, it can accumulate into second-order learning, which
786 facilitates the viability of an EIP experiment and also the emergence of expectations and visions for EIP
787 development at wider geographies. Network characteristics like diversity, connectedness and size also have
788 an influence on learning activities. Moreover, cross-fertilisation across EIP experiments from different
789 places is crucial so the experiments can learn from each other.

790 **Research implications**

791 We arrive at following research implications related to learning activities:

792 ***Research implication 5:*** Learning activities, processes or mechanisms have received little
793 attention in the EIP literature. The existing analytical levels, or processes related to learning for
794 analysis and development of sustainability niche experiments from other research streams such as
795 ST can be used and adapted to EIP development.

796 ***Research implication 6:*** Transfer of learning from one experiment to other places is considered
797 important for EIP development. However, it has received scant attention in the existing EIP
798 literature and requires further investigation.

799 **5.4. Local EIP experiments, global EIP formation and transitions**

800 EIP development as a sustainability strategy has organisational characteristics and requirements that are
801 close to the characteristics and requirements of the existing mainstream industrial development but also
802 promises substantial changes in the management and operational logics of IPs and industries located in
803 and around IPs in the long-term. Various EIP experiments at different geographies have shown that an
804 operating EIP can be the result of evolution over decades (Mathews and Tan 2011). Although EIP
805 development does not require a radical divergence from the development patterns of IPs, EIP experiments
806 from the literature revealed that it could not have gained its internal momentum rapidly and easily and at
807 various geographies. Instead, it stayed at local isolated experiments level, like most of the strategic niche
808 experiments (Schot and Geels 2008), and often did not lead to global niche formation and obviously could
809 not replace the IP development trend and lead to a transition.

810 Although SNM as a policy tool suggests that niches are assumed to emerge through collective actions by
811 bottom-up approaches (Schot and Geels 2008), the review of EIP experiments from the literature, building
812 on SNM as an ex-post analytical tool, has demonstrated that the most promising EIP global niche
813 development is observed at geographies where top-down planning mechanisms were more prevalent, such
814 as China, South Korea and the US. However, even when the top-down planning runs as the main trigger
815 for EIP development, the necessary role of facilitating, enabling, coordinating the networks for EIP
816 development (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of
817 Industrial Symbiosis 2012) indicates the analytical and practical importance of combination of top-down
818 and bottom-up mechanisms.

819 In China, since the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) initiated EIP projects in 2001, a total of
820 108 projects – mostly brownfield but also a few greenfield proposals – have been approved and 31 of
821 those have met the criteria and become EIPs (Liu, et al. 2017); meanwhile, the MEP has been collaborating
822 with other governmental agencies like the Ministry of Commerce (MOC), the Ministry of Finance (MOF),

823 the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and the Ministry of Science and Technology
824 (MOST). This governmental-level collaboration, having positive expectations about EIP development in
825 China, has provided spaces for experimentation (Shi and Yu 2014) and triggered various IPs to apply to
826 be an EIP, as well as greenfield EIP projects through well-established two programmes, NDEIP and
827 NPCEZ, that have practical quantitative evaluation indicators. However, having two national-level
828 programmes, one focusing on EIP development with a more ecological perspective, and the other focusing
829 on circular economy for IPs with a more economic perspective, has created a blurred understanding about
830 what an EIP is and how to become one (Zhang, et al. 2010).

831 The present article included 26 EIP Chinese experiments. Chinese experience shows that brownfield
832 experiments have been more popular (Bai, et al. 2014) and successful (Shi, Tian and Chen, *China's Quest
833 for Eco-industrial Parks, Part II: Reflections on a Decade of Exploration* 2012) than greenfield
834 experiments. Although many EIPs in China still struggle with challenges related to technologies,
835 management and regulations, at the national level, we would argue that China provides the most nurturing
836 environment for EIP niche formation considering the number of experiments, which is the highest
837 globally (see Fig 6), ongoing protection policies of the Chinese Government and a rich set of different
838 sectors involved in projects (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007), including mining, metallurgy, electric power,
839 chemicals and petro-chemicals, construction materials, general mechanics, electronics, transportation,
840 airplane manufacture, textiles, paper, beer, alcohol and pharmaceuticals. However, compared to other
841 international EIPs, Chinese EIPs are observed to be more dependent on the Central Government for
842 design, management, and financial support (Ghisellini, Cialani and Ulgiati 2016). This may be problematic
843 if and when the government decided to withdraw the niche protection as suggested by SNM literature
844 (Caniëls and Romijn 2008, R. Kemp, et al. 1998) as strong on-going protection can restrict autonomous,
845 bottom-up learning processes (Weber, et al. 1999). To date, Chinese government have provided
846 continuous support for EIP development since 2001 when the first EIP projects were started (Jiao and
847 Boons, *Policy durability of Circular Economy in China: A process analysis of policy translation* 2017). This
848 support could be strengthened by adding more financial support and enforcing the supervisory task of
849 coordinating agencies for approved EIPs (Zhang, et al. 2010). Moreover, a learning system with a common
850 platform for information sharing and communication would promote experiences from benchmark EIPs
851 (Zhu, Geng, et al. 2015), such as Tianjin, Guigang Group and Dalian, and strengthen the niche formation
852 process in China.

853 EIP development in other Asian countries (n=13) also followed EIP development in a similar vision as in
854 China. The top-down approach is observed to be prevalent in Japan through the Eco-town Programme
855 (Pilouk and Koottatep 2017), South Korea through the National Plan for EIP Development (Park, Park
856 and Park 2016), Taiwan through the Green Economy Program (Li, et al. 2015), Thailand through the
857 Development of Eco-Industrial Estates and Networks Projects and Community-Based Eco-Industrial
858 Estate Framework (Panyathanakun, et al. 2013), and also in India (Ashton and Bain, *Assessing the "Short
859 Mental Distance" in Eco-Industrial Networks* 2012, Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017),
860 although a national level programme has not been observed in the Indian cases.

861 Synthesis of the 18 EIP experiments from the US involved in this review have revealed that EIP
862 development has not been particularly fruitful. These projects were outcomes of a strong top-down push
863 in 1996 from the President's Council for Sustainable Development through a task force for creating
864 various greenfield EIP projects. However, experiments remained at the level of local projects and even
865 they could not sustain themselves for years and industrial actors generally remained passive throughout
866 the project lifetimes (Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004). The reason for this was claimed to be the
867 central planning, with attempts to even predetermine IP tenants, which did not end in organic systems

868 (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, *Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis*
869 2012). However, more fruitful EIP experiments from Puerto Rico (n=2), integrating top-down strategies
870 into bottom-up initiatives (Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, *Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico: Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies* 2008, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” *Industrial Symbiosis* 2007), demonstrated evolving notable industrial symbiosis exchanges over time.

873 Compared to other continents, Europe has the longest list of EIP cases (n=35), which indicates on-going
874 momentum for continuous development of EIPs. Inspiring experiments can be observed in Europe
875 (examples include *Kalundborg*, *Ecopark Hartberg*, *Styria*, *Rantasalmi*, *ValuePark Schkopau*, *Chamusca*,
876 *Landskrona*, *Industrial Eco-System Project*, *Rietvelden/Vutter Sustainable Revitalisation*, *Moerdijk*, *Biopark Terneuzen*,
877 *Komsomlske* and *Cherkassey*). Still it is difficult to identify a global EIP niche building in any European
878 country; instead, EIP experiments have remained isolated events without bridges in between. Even
879 *Kalundborg*, which is considered to be the benchmark EIP example, did not repeat, even in Denmark, and
880 there have been no other Danish cases. Similar EIP experiments in Denmark may have led to the niche
881 formation, but *Kalundborg* remained a unique local experiment in the country. Considering this, local
882 government organisations have recently launched new projects to extend industrial symbiosis mind-set to
883 other locations of municipal oversight (Valentine 2016). Expanding this approach of Danish local
884 government, a learning system at the European level that could facilitate cross-fertilisation between these
885 distributed experiments by disseminating information and building wider EIP development networks may
886 support global EIP niche building at both the specific country level and the continent level.

887 At another geography, the few EIP experiments (n=3) from South America (Bellantuono, Carbonara and
888 Pontrandolfo 2017) also remained as isolated experiments and did not succeed in changing the strategies
889 of mainstream actors involved in IP development, although they did receive governmental support
890 through a top-down approach. This situation may be claimed to be similar in Australia, considering the
891 low number of EIP experiments (n= 3) identified in the literature. However, the *Kwinana* experiment,
892 which followed a combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches, has been one of the most studied
893 EIPs due to its successful reputation on how it has been evolved into an EIP even though industrial
894 symbiosis was not planned or foreseen when *Kwinana* was originally established as a greenfield site
895 (MacLachlan 2013). In this respect, *Kwinana* has been influential for other EIP experiments at different
896 locations.

897 **Policy implications**

898 Based on the information gathered from EIP experiments in this synthesis, we observed that the general
899 trend of EIP development appears to remain at the stage of local projects and is not connected to a broader
900 strategy to develop EIP niches in most of the countries. Still, it can be claimed that the countries that
901 developed national-level protection programmes for the transition of IPs at the country level into EIPs
902 have made a greater contribution to global niche building. Drawing on the SNM perspective, we suggest
903 that isolated EIP experiments can be further developed into global niches by interconnecting similar
904 experiments or expanding them beyond the local level by means of effective policy mechanisms whereby
905 common visions can be formulated through network management by enabling learning and exchanging
906 lessons learnt from different experiments.

907 **Research implications**

908 Finally, we arrive at the following research implications related to global EIP niche building and transitions
909 into EIP development:

910 **Research implication 7:** Although various case studies related to EIP development have been
911 conducted, concepts such as niche experiments or global niche building have not been examined

912 in EIP literature. Theoretical frameworks for examining various single EIP experiments for
913 sustainability transitions of IP development are missing in the literature.

914 **Research implication 8:** So far, the ST stream and EIP development literatures have not been
915 often studied together. However, it would be fruitful for EIP development research to bring in
916 insights from different theoretical frameworks in ST literature while learning from other
917 sustainability practices that have been the objects of ST studies.

918 **6. Conclusion**

919 Certainly, EIPs are sustainable practices and transitions into EIP development are not easy to realise.
920 Existing actors in industrial production systems have a tendency to resist fundamental changes in their
921 operational and production routines, and this brings lock-ins in the existing systems. For this reason, IP
922 development still is very popular despite its problematic related to environmental sustainability
923 concerns. Transforming existing IPs into EIPs or developing new EIPs instead of IPs are not often the
924 options that the related actors choose. Therein lies the crux of the matter: How can EIP development
925 become mainstream and how can such a transition from IP development into EIP development be
926 achieved?

927 While there is no one specific answer to these complex questions, we argue that there is a lot to learn from
928 the rich EIP case studies available in the literature and we can contribute to the EIP literature using
929 different perspectives. In this vein, our objective in this article was twofold: (i) to understand and shed
930 some light on how transitions into EIP development can be achieved through lessons from the EIP cases
931 that have been studied in the existing state of the art; and (ii) to establish a research agenda that would
932 elaborate on transitions into EIP development with the aim of bringing a sustainability transitions
933 perspective to the EIP literature. To accomplish these aims, we systematically analysed the EIP literature
934 and synthesised the identified 104 EIP cases from 24 countries.

935 To conceptually guide the literature synthesis, we developed a theoretical framework following certain
936 theoretical standpoints from the ST and EIP literatures. From the ST field, we mainly built on the SNM
937 framework with a particular focus on its three interlinked niche processes (Schot and Geels 2008, Smith
938 and Raven, What is protective space? Reconsidering niches in transitions to sustainability 2012, Kemp,
939 Schot and Hoogma 1998), while considering the differentiation between local and global niche levels
940 (Geels and Raven, Non-linearity and expectations in niche-development trajectories: Ups and downs in
941 Dutch biogas development (1973-2003) 2006). We integrated the SNM framework into the EIP literature
942 with an evolutionary perspective for conceptual elaboration of the sustainability transitions into EIP
943 development. In doing so, we connected the EIP literature and ST field, which have not been nurtured
944 from each other very often.

945 Drawing on the developed theoretical framework for understanding and re-interpretation of the identified
946 EIP cases, we completed the literature synthesis considering four conceptual building blocks: articulation
947 of expectations and visions; building of social networks; learning activities; and local EIP experiments,
948 global EIP formation and transitions. Based on our learning from the existing state of the art with regard
949 to these conceptual blocks, we arrived at some policy implications regarding how to achieve sustainability
950 transitions into EIP development (see Table 1). We recognise that there are no universally correct policy
951 implications and that each geographical context needs to consider the local constraints before
952 implementing any policy implication. Therefore, we have carefully derived these implications so that they
953 can offer enough flexibility to be tailored and further detailed considering the geographical space and scale

954 on which they can be followed. Moreover, deriving policy implications in this article should be seen as an
 955 attempt to provide a global perspective on EIP development for connecting various geographies through
 956 network building activities so that they can learn from each other to articulate the expectations and visions
 957 guiding a common agenda for sustainability transitions of IP development.

958 We argue that the theoretical framework and the synthesis presented in this article are crucial steps towards
 959 examining EIP development from the perspective of sustainability transitions. In line with this, we derived
 960 some research implications for guiding the future research related to EIP development in that respect (see
 961 Table 1).

962 **Table 1.**
 963 Policy implications and research agenda with potential avenues for future research

Policy implications	Research agenda
<p data-bbox="199 658 662 687"><i>Articulation of expectations and visions:</i></p> <p data-bbox="199 694 837 1122">Top-down planning with a stronger focus on brownfield EIP experiments can provide promising conditions for governments to build specific expectations with specific motivations. Then, bringing in facilitation mechanisms that engage industries, research centres and citizens may lead to the convergence of motivations and shared expectations of wide variety of actors. Thus, an effective combination of a top-down and bottom-up approach stressing more brownfield projects through providing support and protection mechanisms would be more suitable considering the long-term vision required for transitions from IP development into EIP development.</p>	<p data-bbox="869 694 1428 831"><i>Research implication 1:</i> Evolving expectations and visions for EIP development covering a wide variety of related actors and their motivations requires an explicit focus of the EIP literature.</p> <p data-bbox="869 837 1428 1010"><i>Research implication 2:</i> A broader vision for transitions of IP development into EIP development in comparison to vision for transitions into particular EIPs has not been explicitly examined in the EIP literature.</p>
<p data-bbox="199 1128 486 1158"><i>Social network building:</i></p> <p data-bbox="199 1164 837 1738">The network perspective in EIP development should be widened, aiming at a combination of industries, which form the industrial symbiosis network, and external actors such as government bodies, research institutes, universities, informal institutes like industrial associations and NGOs. A perspective on such a wider EIP development network would be broad and deep enough to reflect multiple views. Moreover, networking building can be more efficient if it is guided by a coordinating body that ensures all actors communicate effectively, and also if it is supported by local champions that facilitate interaction and trust development among network actors. Clearly, vision for EIP development constructed through top-down and/or bottom-up approaches should impact the variety in actor structure, their interactions, or existence of coordinating body or local champions.</p>	<p data-bbox="869 1164 1428 1447"><i>Research implication 3:</i> Structures of broader networks for EIP development, which involves not only industrial actors in symbiosis networks but also external institutions such as governmental bodies, university and research institutes, NGOs, industrial associations, local community, etc., and the interaction among them remain underexplored in EIP literature.</p> <p data-bbox="869 1453 1428 1671"><i>Research implication 4:</i> The EIP literature lacks an understanding of the correlation between the EIP development visions, tailored by top-down, bottom-up, and mixed approaches, and network building characteristics, related to involved actors and their interactions.</p>
<p data-bbox="199 1747 422 1776"><i>Learning activities:</i></p> <p data-bbox="199 1783 837 2065">Learning activities and processes require an explicit focus in EIP development as they sustain the impact of EIP experiments during their evolution over time. If first-order learning can be achieved continuously via capacity-building measures for actors in industrial symbiosis networks and wider EIP development networks, it can accumulate into second-order learning, which facilitates the viability of an EIP experiment and also the emergence of expectations and</p>	<p data-bbox="869 1783 1428 2033"><i>Research implication 5:</i> Learning activities, processes or mechanisms have received little attention in the EIP literature. The existing analytical levels, or processes related to learning for analysis and development of sustainability niche experiments from other research streams such as ST can be used and adapted to EIP development.</p>

Policy implications	Research agenda
visions for EIP development at wider geographies. Network characteristics like diversity, connectedness and size also have an influence on learning activities. Moreover, cross-fertilisation across EIP experiments from different places is crucial so the experiments can learn from each other.	Research implication 6: Transfer of learning from one experiment to other places is considered important for EIP development. However, it has received scant attention in the existing EIP literature and requires further investigation.
Local EIP experiments, global EIP formation and transitions: Isolated EIP experiments can be further developed into global niches by interconnecting similar experiments or expanding them beyond the local level by means of effective policy mechanisms whereby common visions can be formulated through network management by enabling learning and exchanging lessons learnt from different experiments.	Research implication 7: Although various case studies related to EIP development have been conducted, concepts such as niche experiments or global niche building have not been examined in EIP literature. Theoretical frameworks for examining various single EIP experiments for sustainability transitions of IP development are missing in the literature. Research implication 8: So far, the ST stream and EIP development literatures have not been often studied together. However, it would be fruitful for EIP development research to bring in insights from different theoretical frameworks in ST literature while learning from other sustainability practices that have been the objects of ST studies.

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970 Appendix A- Sample of articles for literature analysis

971 * LA=Literature analysis; LS=Literature synthesis; Articles included in literature synthesis are at grey
972 shaded rows.

LA Nr	Author	Year	Name	Journal	Studied geography	LS Nr
1	(Ribeiro, et al.)	2018	An integrated approach towards transforming an industrial park into an eco-industrial park: the case of Salaise-Sablons	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT	France	
2	(Taddeo, Simboli, et al.)	2017	The Development of Industrial Symbiosis in Existing Contexts. Experiences From Three Italian Clusters	ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS	Italy	
3	(Fraccascia, Giannoccaro and Albino)	2017	Rethinking Resilience in Industrial Symbiosis: Conceptualization and Measurements	ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS	China Denmark	

4	(Liu, et al.)	2017	Comprehensive development of industrial symbiosis for the response of greenhouse gases emission mitigation: Challenges and opportunities in China	ENERGY POLICY	China	1
5	(Chen, et al.)	2017	Clustering enterprises into eco-industrial parks: Can interfirm alliances help small and medium-sized enterprises?	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	
6	(Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo)	2017	The organization of eco-industrial parks and their sustainable practices	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Austria Denmark Finland, France Germany UK Italy Spain Sweden Canada USA Argentina Brazil China Japan India Australia	2
7	(Li, et al.)	2017	The vulnerability of industrial symbiosis: A case study of Qijiang Industrial Park, China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	
8	(Pilouk and Koottatep)	2017	Environmental performance indicators as the key for eco-industrial parks in Thailand	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Thailand	3
9	(Hwang, Zhu and Tan)	2017	Green business park project management: Barriers and solutions for sustainable development	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Singapore	
10	(Ceglia, Abreu and Filho)	2017	Critical elements for eco-retrofitting a conventional industrial park: Social barriers to be overcome	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	Brazil	
11	(Boons, Chertow, et al.)	2017	Industrial Symbiosis Dynamics and the Problem of Equivalence	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	not specified	
12	(Hwang, Zhu and Tan)	2017	Identifying Critical Success Factors for Green Business Parks: Case Study of Singapore	JOURNAL OF MANAGEMENT IN ENGINEERING	Singapore	
13	(Jiao and Boons)	2017	Policy durability of Circular Economy in China: A process analysis of policy translation	RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING	China	
14	(Liu and Côté, A framework for integrating ecosystem services into China's circular economy: The case of eco-industrial parks 2017)	2017	A Framework for Integrating Ecosystem Services into China's Circular Economy: The Case of Eco-Industrial Parks	SUSTAINABILITY	China	4
15	(Ashton, Chopra and Kashyap)	2017	Life and Death of Industrial Ecosystems	SUSTAINABILITY	Denmark Australi Austria USA	5
16	(Sun, et al.)	2017	Coordination of Industrial Symbiosis through Anchoring	SUSTAINABILITY	China	6
17	(Veleva, Lowitt, et al.)	2016	Benchmarking eco-industrial park development: the case of Devens	BENCHMARKING-AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL	USA	7

18	(Vahidi, Hoveidi and Kazemzadeh Khoie)	2016	Challenges and Opportunities of Industrial Ecology Development in Iran	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH	Iran	
19	(Horváth and Harazin)	2016	A framework for an industrial ecological decision support system to foster partnerships between businesses and governments for sustainable development	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	not specified	
20	(Park, Park and Park)	2016	A review of the National Eco-Industrial Park Development Program in Korea: Progress and achievements in the first phase, 2005-2010	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	South Korea	8
21	(Ghisellini, Cialani and Ulgiati)	2016	A review on circular economy: The expected transition to a balanced interplay of environmental and economic systems	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Canada USA EU Brazil Argentina Egypt South Africa India China Australia Korea Japan New Zealand	9
22	(Hwang, Jeong and Ban)	2016	Causal relationship of eco-industrial park development factors: a structural equation analysis	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	South Korea	
23	(Guo, et al.)	2016	Evaluation of promoting industrial symbiosis in a chemical industrial park: A case of Midong	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	10
24	(Notarnicola, Tassielli and Renzulli)	2016	Industrial symbiosis in the Taranto industrial district: current level, constraints and potential new synergies	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Italy	
25	(Felicio, et al.)	2016	Industrial symbiosis indicators to manage eco-industrial parks as dynamic systems	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	not specified	
26	(Valentine)	2016	Kalundborg Symbiosis: fostering progressive innovation in environmental networks	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Denmark	11
27	(Taddeo)	2016	Local industrial systems towards the eco-industrial parks: the model of the ecologically equipped industrial areas	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Italy	
28	(Geng, Fujita, et al.)	2016	Recent progress on innovative eco-industrial development	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	not specified	
29	(Branson)	2016	Re-constructing Kalundborg: the reality of bilateral symbiosis and other insights	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Denmark	12
30	(Daddi, et al.)	2016	Regional policies and eco-industrial development: the voluntary environmental certification scheme of the eco-industrial parks in Tuscany (Italy)	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Italy	13

31	(Côté and Liu)	2016	Strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions at an industrial park level: a case study of Debert Air Industrial Park, Nova Scotia	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Canada	14
32	(Dong, et al.)	2016	Towards preventative eco-industrial development: an industrial and urban symbiosis case in one typical industrial city in China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	
33	(Layton, Bras and Weissburg)	2016	Industrial Ecosystems and Food Webs: An Expansion and Update of Existing Data for Eco-Industrial Parks and Understanding the Ecological Food Webs They Wish to Mimic	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	Denmark	
34	(Velenturf and Jensen)	2016	Promoting Industrial Symbiosis: Using the Concept of Proximity to Explore Social Network Development	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	not specified	
35	(Farel, Thevenet and Yune)	2016	Sustainable Manufacturing Through Creation and Governance of Eco-Industrial Parks	JOURNAL OF MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING-TRANSACTIONS OF THE ASME	Denmark South Korea Australia Switzerland France USA Japan The Netherlands China Finland Germany Sweden Austria	15
36	(Yune, et al.)	2016	Greening Chinese chemical industrial park by implementing industrial ecology strategies: A case study	RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING	China	16
37	(LeBlanc, et al.)	2016	Potential for Eco-Industrial Park Development in Moncton, New Brunswick (Canada): A Comparative Analysis	SUSTAINABILITY	Canada	
38	(Yu, Han and Cui)	2015	Evolution of industrial symbiosis in an eco-industrial park in China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	17
39	(Yu, Dijkema, et al.)	2015	From an eco-industrial park towards an eco-city: a case study in Suzhou, China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	18
40	(Liu, Côté and Zhang)	2015	Implementing a three-level approach in industrial symbiosis	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	19
41	(Puente, Arozamena and Evans)	2015	Industrial symbiosis opportunities for small and medium sized enterprises: preliminary study in the Besaya region (Cantabria, Northern Spain)	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Spain	
42	(Qu, et al.)	2015	Sustainable development of eco-industrial parks in China: effects of managers' environmental awareness on the relationships between practice and performance	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	

43	(Mannino, et al.)	2015	The decline of eco-industrial development in Porto Marghera, Italy	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Italy	20
44	(Veleva, Todorova, et al.)	2015	Understanding and addressing business needs and sustainability challenges: lessons from Devens eco-industrial park	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	USA	21
45	(Li, et al.)	2015	Building green supply chains in eco-industrial parks towards a green economy: Barriers and strategies	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	China	22
46	(Patnaik and Poyyamoli)	2015	Developing an eco-industrial park in Puducherry region, India - a SWOT analysis	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT	India	
47	(Zhu, Geng, et al.)	2015	Barriers to Promoting Eco-Industrial Parks Development in China: Perspectives from Senior Officials at National Industrial Parks	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	China	23
48	(Yu, Dijkema and de Jong)	2015	What Makes Eco-Transformation of Industrial Parks Take Off in China?	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	China	24
49	(Tessitore, Daddi and Iraldo)	2015	Eco-Industrial Parks Development and Integrated Management Challenges: Findings from Italy	SUSTAINABILITY	Italy	25
50	(Iacondini, et al.)	2015	Feasibility of Industrial Symbiosis in Italy as an Opportunity for Economic Development: Critical Success Factor Analysis, Impact and Constrains of the Specific Italian Regulations	WASTE AND BIOMASS VALORIZATION	Italy	
51	(Madsen, et al.)	2015	Industrial Symbiosis Exchanges: Developing a Guideline to Companies	WASTE AND BIOMASS VALORIZATION	not specified	
52	(Schiller, Penn and Basson)	2014	Analyzing networks in industrial ecology - A review of Social-Material Network Analyses	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	not specified	
53	(Bai, et al.)	2014	Insights on the development progress of National Demonstration eco-industrial parks in China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	26
54	(Yu, De Jong and Dijkema)	2014	Process analysis of eco-industrial park development - the case of Tianjin, China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	27
55	(Jiao and Boons)	2014	Toward a research agenda for policy intervention and facilitation to enhance industrial symbiosis based on a comprehensive literature review	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	28
56	(Patala, et al.)	2014	Towards a broader perspective on the forms of eco-industrial networks	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	not specified	
57	(Shi and Yu)	2014	Eco-Industrial Parks from Strategic Niches to Development Mainstream: The Cases of China	SUSTAINABILITY	China	29
58	(MacLachlan)	2013	Kwinana Industrial Area: agglomeration economies and industrial symbiosis on Western Australia's Cockburn Sound	AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHER	Australia	30

59	(Zhang, et al.)	2013	Social network analysis and network connectedness analysis for industrial symbiotic systems: model development and case study	FRONTIERS OF EARTH SCIENCE	Denmark USA Japan Austria China	31
60	(Panyathanakun, et al.)	2013	Development of eco-industrial estates in Thailand: initiatives in the northern region community-based eco-industrial estate	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Thailand	32
61	(Spekkink)	2013	Institutional capacity building for industrial symbiosis in the Canal Zone of Zeeland in the Netherlands: a process analysis	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	The Netherlands	
62	(Romero and Ruiz)	2013	Framework for Applying a Complex Adaptive System Approach to Model the Operation of Eco-Industrial Parks	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	Norway USA China Austria Canada Australia	
63	(Conticelli and Tondelli)	2013	Application of Strategic Environmental Assessment to Eco-Industrial Parks: Raibano Case in Italy	JOURNAL OF URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	Italy	
64	(Gregson, et al.)	2012	Territorial Agglomeration and Industrial Symbiosis: Sitakunda-Bhatiary, Bangladesh, as a Secondary Processing Complex	ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Bangladesh	
65	(Behera, et al.)	2012	Evolution of 'designed' industrial symbiosis networks in the Ulsan Eco-industrial Park: 'research and development into business' as the enabling framework	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	South Korea	33
66	(Taddeo, Simboli and Morgante)	2012	Implementing eco-industrial parks in existing clusters. Findings from a historical Italian chemical site	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Italy	
67	(Ashton and Bain, Assessing the "Short Mental Distance" in Eco-Industrial Networks)	2012	Assessing the "Short Mental Distance" in Eco-Industrial Networks	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	India	34
68	(Shi, Tian and Chen, China's Quest for Eco-industrial Parks, Part II: Reflections on a Decade of Exploration)	2012	China's Quest for Eco-industrial Parks, Part II Reflections on a Decade of Exploration	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	China	35
69	(Boons and Spekkink, Levels of Institutional Capacity and Actor Expectations about Industrial Symbiosis: Evidence from the Dutch Stimulation Program 1999-2004)	2012	Levels of Institutional Capacity and Actor Expectations about Industrial Symbiosis	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	The Netherlands	
70	(Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis)	2012	Organizing Self-Organizing Systems	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	Denmark USA China South Korea Australia Austria The Netherlands UK	36

71	(Wells and Zapata)	2012	Renewable Eco-industrial Development A New Frontier for Industrial Ecology	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	not specified	
72	(Sakr, et al.)	2011	Critical success and limiting factors for eco-industrial parks: global trends and Egyptian context	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Egypt	
73	(Giurco, et al.)	2011	Developing industrial water reuse synergies in Port Melbourne: cost effectiveness, barriers and opportunities	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Australia	37
74	(Zamorano, et al.)	2011	Diagnosis and proposals for waste management in industrial areas in the service sector: case study in the metropolitan area of Granada (Spain)	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Spain	
75	(Lehtoranta, et al.)	2011	Industrial symbiosis and the policy instruments of sustainable consumption and production	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Finland	
76	(Boons, Spekkink and Mouzakitīs, The dynamics of industrial symbiosis: a proposal for a conceptual framework based upon a comprehensive literature review)	2011	The dynamics of industrial symbiosis: a proposal for a conceptual framework based upon a comprehensive literature review	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China UK Australia Japan USA Ukraine	
77	(Mathews and Tan)	2011	Progress Toward a Circular Economy in China The Drivers (and Inhibitors) of Eco-industrial Initiative	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	China	38
78	(Wang, et al.)	2010	Pursuing sustainable industrial development through the eco-industrial parks Three case studies of China	ANNALS OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES	China	39
79	(Yuan, et al.)	2010	Improving Competitive Advantage with Environmental Infrastructure Sharing: A Case Study of China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH	China	40
80	(Desrochers and Leppala)	2010	Industrial Symbiosis: Old Wine in Recycled Bottles? Some Perspective from the History of Economic and Geographical Thought	INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL SCIENCE REVIEW	not specified	
81	(Costa and Ferrao)	2010	A case study of industrial symbiosis development using a middle-out approach	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Portugal	41
82	(Shi, Chertow and Song, Developing country experience with eco-industrial parks: a case study of the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area in China)	2010	Developing country experience with eco-industrial parks: a case study of the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area in China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	42
83	(Zhang, et al.)	2010	Eco-industrial parks: national pilot practices in China	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	43
84	(Elabras Veiga and Magrini)	2009	Eco-industrial park development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: a tool for sustainable development	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Brazil	

85	(Adamides and Mouzakitis)	2009	Industrial ecosystems as technological niches	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Denmark Germany Sweden	44
86	(Liwerska-Bizukojc, et al.)	2009	The conceptual model of an eco-industrial park based upon ecological relationships	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Austria	45
87	(Geng, Zhang, et al.)	2009	Assessment of the National Eco-Industrial Park Standard for Promoting Industrial Symbiosis in China	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	China	46
88	(Wright, et al.)	2009	Diversity and Connectance in an Industrial Context The Case of Burnside Industrial Park	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	Canada	47
89	(Zhang, et al.)	2009	Comparative analysis of socio-economic and environmental performances for Chinese EIPs: case studies in Baotou, Suzhou, and Shanghai	SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE	China	48
90	(Geng, Zhang, et al., Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard in two industrial zones)	2008	Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard in two industrial zones	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WORLD ECOLOGY	China	49
91	(Park, et al.)	2008	Strategies for sustainable development of industrial park in Ulsan, South Korea - From spontaneous evolution to systematic expansion of industrial symbiosis	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	South Korea	50
92	(McManus and Gibbs)	2008	Industrial ecosystems? The use of tropes in the literature of industrial ecology and eco-industrial parks	PROGRESS IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	not specified	
93	(Deutz and Gibbs)	2008	Industrial Ecology and Regional Development: Eco-Industrial Development as Cluster Policy	REGIONAL STUDIES	USA	51
94	(Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico: Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies)	2008	Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico: Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies	REGIONAL STUDIES	Puerto Rico	52
95	(Hewes and Lyons)	2008	The Humanistic Side of Eco-Industrial Parks: Champions and the Role of Trust	REGIONAL STUDIES	Ukraine USA	53
96	(Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development)	2007	Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	USA UK Italy Finland France Germany Austria The Netherlands Sweden Denmark	54
97	(Fang, Côté and Qin)	2007	Industrial sustainability in China: Practice and prospects for eco-industrial development	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	China	55
98	(M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis)	2007	Uncovering industrial symbiosis	JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY	USA Canada	56

99	(Kim)	2007	Building an eco-industrial park as a public project in South Korea. The stakeholders' understanding of and involvement in the project	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	South Korea	57
100	(Geng, Haight and Zhu, Empirical analysis of eco-industrial development in China)	2007	Empirical analysis of eco-industrial development in China	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	China	58
101	(Haskins)	2007	A systems engineering framework for eco-industrial park formation	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING	not specified	
102	(Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA)	2005	Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA	GEOFORUM	USA	59
103	(Oh, Kim and Jeong)	2005	Eco-Industrial Park Design: a Daedeok Technovalley case study	HABITAT INTERNATIONAL	South Korea	60
104	(Gibbs, Deutz and Proctor, Industrial ecology and eco-industrial development: A potential paradigm for local and regional development?)	2005	Industrial ecology and eco-industrial development: A potential paradigm for local and regional development?	REGIONAL STUDIES	USA UK Italy Finland France Germany Austria Denmark Sweden Germany	61
105	(Yang and Lay)	2004	Applying ecosystem concepts to the planning of industrial areas: a case study of Singapore's Jurong Island	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Singapore	
106	(Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle)	2004	Eco-industrial park initiatives in the USA and the Netherlands: first lessons	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	The Netherlands	62
107	(Zhu and Côté, Integrating green supply chain management into an embryonic eco-industrial development: A case study of the Guitang Group)	2004	Integrating green supply chain management into an embryonic eco-industrial development: a case study of the Guitang Group	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	China	63
108	(Roberts)	2004	The application of industrial ecology principles and planning guidelines for the development of eco-industrial parks: an Australian case study	JOURNAL OF CLEANER PRODUCTION	Australia	64
109	(Geng and Côté, Scavengers and decomposers in an eco-industrial park)	2002	Scavengers and decomposers in an eco-industrial park	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WORLD ECOLOGY	Canada	65
110	(Singhal and Kapur)	2002	Industrial estate planning and management in India - an integrated approach towards industrial ecology	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	India	
111	(Lambert and Boons)	2002	Eco-industrial parks: stimulating sustainable development in mixed industrial parks	TECHNOVATION	Canada The Netherlands USA	66
112	(Korhonen)	2001	Regional industrial ecology: examples from regional economic systems of forest industry and energy supply in Finland	JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	Finland	

113	(Martin, et al.)	1998	Applying industrial ecology to industrial parks: An economic and environmental analysis	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY	USA Mexico	
114	(Carr)	1998	Choctaw Eco-Industrial Park: an ecological approach to industrial land-use planning and design	LANDSCAPE AND URBAN PLANNING	USA	
115	(M. Chertow)	1998	Waste, industrial ecology, and sustainability	SOCIAL RESEARCH	Denmark	

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974 Appendix B- List of identified EIP cases and references

975 * Countries of EIP cases are given next to EIP names in form of abbreviations as stated by International
976 Organization for Standardization.

Nr	Name of the case and references	Nr	Name of the case and references
1	Burnside EIP (CA) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Lambert and Boons 2002, Geng and Côté, Scavengers and decomposers in an eco-industrial park 2002, Wright, et al. 2009, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007)	53	Moerdijk EIP Project (NL) (Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)
2	Alberto (CA) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007)	54	Biopark Terneuzen (NL) (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)
3	Debert Air Industrial Park (CA) (Côté and Liu, Strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions at an industrial park level: A case study of Debert Air Industrial Park, Nova Scotia 2016)	55	Komsomlske (UA) (Hewes and Lyons 2008)
4	Innovista (CA) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	56	Cherkassey (UA) (Hewes and Lyons 2008)
5	Fairfield, Baltimore (USA) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004)	57	European Sites ABLE Project (UK) (Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)
6	Brownsville Regional Industrial Symbiosis Project (USA) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004)	58	AvestaPolarit (UK) (Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)
7	Cape Charles Sustainable Technologies Industrial Park (USA) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Heeres, Vermeulen and De Walle 2004, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	59	Eco Dyfi (UK) (Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)
8	Central Gulf Coast Project (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	60	Ecotech (UK) (Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)
9	Riverside EIP, Burlington, Vermont (USA) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007)	61	Humber Industrial Symbiosis Project (UK) (Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)
10	Green Institute EIP, Minneapolis, Minnesota (USA) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007)	62	Crewe Business Park (UK) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)
11	Stonyfield Londonderry EIP, Londonderry, New Hampshire (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing	63	The Guigang Group/ The Guitang Group (CN) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Zhang, et al. 2013, Zhu and Côté, Integrating green supply chain management into an embryonic eco-industrial development: A case study of the Guitang Group 2004, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing

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	industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)		Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, M. R. Chertow, “ Uncovering ” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Mathews and Tan 2011, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
12	Red Hills Ecoplex, Mississippi (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	64	The Pingdingshan Coal Mining Group (CN) (Mathews and Tan 2011)
13	Ecolibrium, Computer and lectronic Disposition, Austin, Texas (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	65	The Lubei Group (CN) (Zhang, et al. 2013, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007, Mathews and Tan 2011)
14	Front Royal, Eco-Office Park, Virginia (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	66	The Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) (CN) (Yuan, et al. 2010, Yu, Dijkema, et al., From an eco-industrial park towards an eco-city: a case study in Suzhou, China 2015, Mathews and Tan 2011, Zhang, et al. 2009, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
15	Dallas EIP, Texas (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	67	Suzhou Hi-Tech Development Zone (CN) (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
16	Triangle J, North Carolina (USA) (M. R. Chertow, “ Uncovering ” Industrial Symbiosis 2007)	68	Yantai Development Zone (CN) (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
17	Phillips Eco Enterprise Center, Minnesota (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	69	Guiyang – Kaiyang (CN) (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
18	Bassett Creek, Minnesota (USA) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	70	Hai-Hua / Weifang Coastal Development Zone / Weifang Binhai Economic-Technological Development Area (BEDA) (CN) (Liu, Côté and Zhang, Implementing a three-level approach in industrial symbiosis 2015, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
19	Devens (USA) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Veleva, Todorova, et al. 2015, Veleva, Lowitt, et al. 2016, Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Hewes and Lyons 2008, Deutz and Gibbs 2008, Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	71	Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA) (CN) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Zhang, et al. 2013, Yu, Dijkema and de Jong, What makes eco-transformation of industrial parks take off in China? 2015, Yu, De Jong and Dijkema, Process analysis of eco-industrial park development - The case of Tianjin, China 2014, Shi and Yu 2014, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007, Geng, Zhang, et al., Assessment of the national eco-industrial park standard for promoting industrial symbiosis in China 2009, Shi, Chertow and Song, Developing country experience with eco-industrial parks: a case study of the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area in China 2010, Mathews and Tan 2011) (Geng, Zhang, et al., Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard in two industrial zones 2008, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)
20	Campbell Industrial Park, Hawaii (USA) (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012)	72	Fuzhou Economic and Technological Development Area (FEDA) (CN) (Shi and Yu 2014)
21	Jacksonville, Florida (USA) (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012)	73	Xi’an High-Tech Zone (CN) (Shi and Yu 2014)

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22	Choctaw, Oklahoma (USA) (Zhang, et al. 2013)	74	Baotou National Ecological Industrial Demonstration Park (BNEIDP) (CN) (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007, Zhang, et al. 2009)
23	Puerto Rico – Guayama (PR) (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016, Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico: Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies 2008)	75	Huangxing (CN) (Zhang, et al. 2013, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
24	Puerto Rico – Barceloneta (PR) (M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico: Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies 2008, Ashton, Chopra and Kashyap, Life and death of industrial ecosystems 2017)	76	Shanghai Chemical Industry Park (SCIP) (CN) (Yune, et al. 2016, Zhang, et al. 2009)
25	La Cantabrica (AR) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	77	Dalian Economic Development Zone (DEDZ) (CN) (Yu, Dijkema and de Jong, What makes eco-transformation of industrial parks take off in China? 2015, Fang, Côté and Qin 2007, Geng, Zhang, et al., Evaluating the applicability of the Chinese eco-industrial park standard in two industrial zones 2008)
26	Paracambi (AR) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	78	Shenyang Economic and Technological Development Zone (SETDZ) (CN) (Ghisellini, Cialani and Ulgiati 2016)
27	Santa Cruz (AR) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	79	Dafeng EIP Project (CN) (Wang, et al. 2010)
28	Ecopark Hartberg (AT) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016, Liwarska-Bizukojc, et al. 2009)	80	Nanghai EIP Project (CN) (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007, Wang, et al. 2010)
29	Styria (AT) (Zhang, et al. 2013, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Ashton, Chopra and Kashyap, Life and death of industrial ecosystems 2017)	81	Lubei EIP Project (CN) (Wang, et al. 2010)
30	Kalundborg Symbiosis (DK) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017, Zhang, et al. 2013, Lambert and Boons 2002, Valentine 2016, Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Branson 2016, Gibbs, Deutz and Proctor, Industrial ecology and eco-industrial development: A potential paradigm for local and regional development? 2005, Ashton, Chopra and Kashyap, Life and death of industrial ecosystems 2017) (Gibbs and Deutz, Implementing industrial ecology? Planning for eco-industrial parks in the USA 2005, Park, et al. 2008, Costa and Ferrao 2010, M. R. Chertow, “Uncovering” Industrial Symbiosis 2007, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016, Mathews and Tan 2011, Adamides and Mouzakitis 2009, Zhang, et al. 2009, Chertow, Ashton and Espinosa, Industrial Symbiosis in Puerto Rico: Environmentally Related Agglomeration Economies 2008, Deutz and Gibbs 2008)	82	Fushun (CN) (Fang, Côté and Qin 2007)
31	Kymi (FI) (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)	83	Midong Chemical Industrial Park (MCIP) (CN) (Guo, et al. 2016)
32	Rantasalmi (FI) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	84	Rizhao Economic and Technology Development Area (REDA) (CN) (Yu, Han and Cui 2015)
33	Uimaharju (FI) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	85	Xinjiang Shihezi EIP (CN) (Zhang, et al. 2013)
34	Deux Synthe (FR) (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)	86	Shanghai Wujing EIP (CN) (Zhang, et al. 2013)
35	Ecosite du Pays de Thau (FR) (Gibbs and Deutz, Reflections on implementing industrial ecology through eco-industrial park development 2007)	87	Qijiang Industrial Symbiosis Park (CN) (Sun, et al. 2017)

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36	Bioraffinerie Les Sohettes (FR) (Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)	88	Nanning Sugar Co (CN) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)
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38	Artois-Flandres (FR) (Bellantuono, Carbonara and Pontrandolfo 2017)	90	Kawasaki (JP) (Chertow and Ehrenfeld, Organizing Self-Organizing Systems: Toward a Theory of Industrial Symbiosis 2012, Mathews and Tan 2011, Farel, Thevenet and Yune 2016)
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