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## What is FReINDs about?

FReINDs supports SMEs in adopting digital industrial ecology by promoting Industrial Symbiosis (IS). It offers training, digital tools, and networking to build skills and foster collaboration in the circular economy.



### What is industrial symbiosis?

Industrial symbiosis is a collaborative approach where companies share resources—like materials, energy, and information—to reduce waste and boost sustainability.

## Speaking about FReINDs...

Representatives from the University of Stavanger, project coordinator, Thomas Laudal and Ali Turkeyilmaz disseminated FReINDs at various seminars and conferences.

### December 2024

Interviews with national experts on Industrial Symbiosis (IS) took place in Oslo.

Key takeaways: Norwegian construction regulations lack clear incentives for using non-virgin materials, and the market for recycling and reuse is still small and underdeveloped.

### January 2025

The CIAM Lunch & Learn Event engaged over 25 industry participants, with a positive response and strong enthusiasm for the topics presented.

### Industrial Symbiosis: Unlocking Your Organization's Potential



A CIAM Lunch & Learn event on Industrial Symbiosis and discover how your organization can benefit from this innovative approach with Ali Turkeyilmaz and Thomas Laudal.

- Date: Thursday, January 30
- Time: 11:30 - 12:00
- Where: Webinar on Teams

**14-åring pågrepet og siktet for drap på 12-åring i Birmingham**  
En 12 år gammel gutt ble funnet med knivskader i Birmingham tirsdag og døde senere av skadene. En 14-åring er pågrepet og



## February 2025

At the UiS Green Transition Center, insights were shared with more than 15 academic professionals. The discussions were inspiring, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

## March 2025

Thomas Laudal participated in the 83rd International Scientific Conference of the University of Latvia, speaking on "Future-ready industries: smart, sustainable, and circular resource management through industrial symbiosis" as part of the session "Circular economy: integrated governance approaches promoting resource and social sustainability," hosted by Prof. Natalija Cudecka-Purina. Researchers from Latvia, Spain, Norway, the Netherlands, and Lithuania explored cutting-edge solutions in sustainability and business innovation.




Academic discussion on **sustainability, circular economy** and **industrial symbiosis** at Banku Augstskola with the participation of Prof. Natalija Cudecka-Purina, representing the FReINDs.

Experts from various fields discussed key issues related to urban planning, architecture, construction, access to finance, housing accessibility, and the circular economy. The goal was to promote a coordinated development policy aimed at increasing Riga's attractiveness and competitiveness.

## Join the FReINDs international webinar

Join us for an exciting session on the future of sustainability and digital transformation in industry!

 Date: **April 24, 2025**  
Time: **15:00 CET**  
Location: **Online (Zoom)**

- Learn about the FReINDs Project and its impact on sustainability
- Discover how Industrial Symbiosis is shaping the circular economy
- Explore digital tools driving environmental change
- Uncover the economic and environmental benefits of DIS
- Hear insights from real-world data and surveys

Free registration – don't miss out!



**Scan the QR Code  
to sign up!**

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