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### **Summary of presentation**

He began with European cases as examples of sustainable industrial co-operation. He explained in details the four European cases namely.

- The sustainable revitalisation project – Landskrona (Sweden)
- The park management model – Belgium and the Netherlands
- The industrial district model – Santa Croce sull'Arno (Italy)
- The industrial symbiosis model – Kalundborg (Denmark)

He explicitly mentioned that in most of the cases an intermediate organisation is needed to organise the cooperation between companies. Sustainable cooperation between companies is a workable concept with positive economic and environmental results. He then concluded by emphasizing that the European industrial models prove that sustainable industrial networking, done by integrating industrial and ecological excellence, can create economic opportunities and lead to improved environmental performance.