



# The importance of the Energy Symbiosis Facilitator

Facilitation is considered one of the most important aspects to foster the establishment of ES.

Facilitated ES networks largely benefit from establishing a central role whose **main endeavour is to identify the business opportunities related to excess heat recovery within the industrial ecosystem**, as well as to **accompany the different stakeholders to implement them**, by **offering support and advice to overcome the multiple barriers** that can hamper an industrial energy symbiosis project implementation.





# Facilitation to overcome barriers



Although the project facilitation role is not crucial for ES implementation, the vast majority of ES projects require a facilitation team to accelerate and de-risk the ES opportunities through **clear opportunity detection, roadmaps and barrier-removing actions.**

An ES facilitator figure should deliver facilitation services that provide continuous and maintained added value to keep the different parts involved and committed working collaboratively for the ES project implementation. The role of an ES facilitation activities identified should aim to **lift each particular barrier encountered, build and maintain the stakeholders network based on trust.**

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