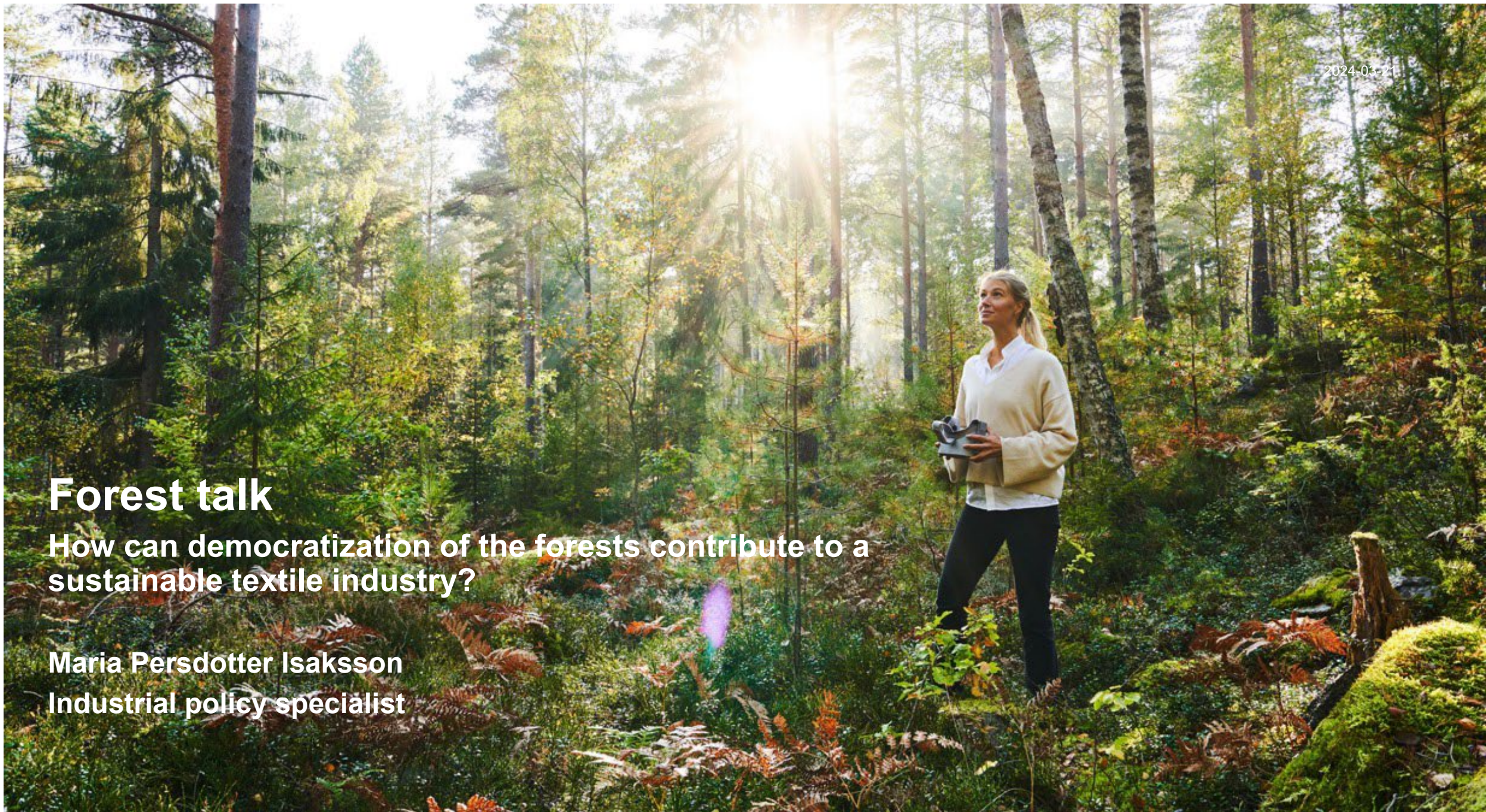


## Forest talk

How can democratization of the forests contribute to a sustainable textile industry?

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Industrial policy specialist







# 50,000

## forest owners as members

Södra is Sweden's largest forest-owner association with more than 50,000 forest owners as its members.

Södra was founded in 1938 on the idea that we are stronger together.

Together we will grow a sustainable tomorrow / society.



# With roots in the forest we create the future

Our members both inherit the forest from their parents and borrow it from their children





# The forest

As a carbon sink

A thriving countryside

Biodiversity

Substitution of fossil material



# Renewable and circular textile

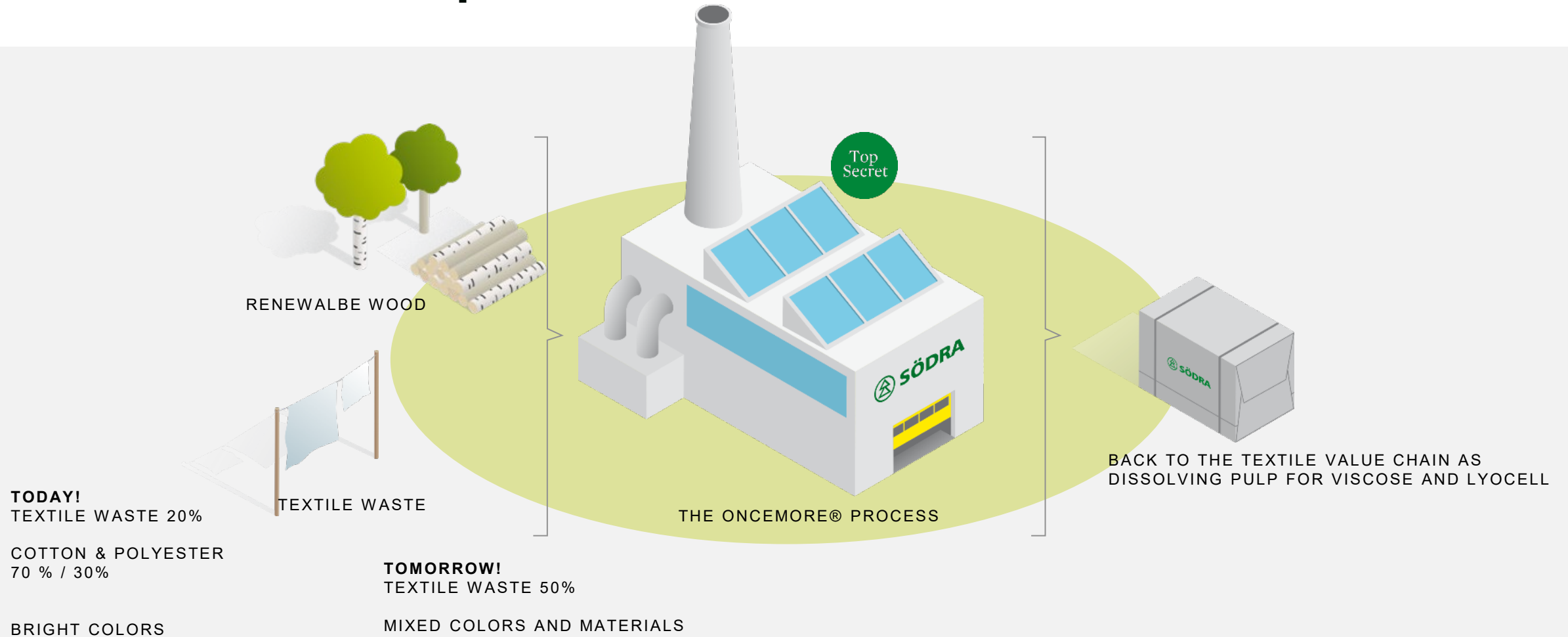
OnceMore® is the world's first large-scale process for recycling blended fabrics.

It was launched in 2019 with 3 percent recycled textile content, now we are reaching a share of 20 percent recycled textile content, and our target is 50 percent.

With OnceMore®, Södra is making an important contribution in the shift towards a sustainable textile industry.



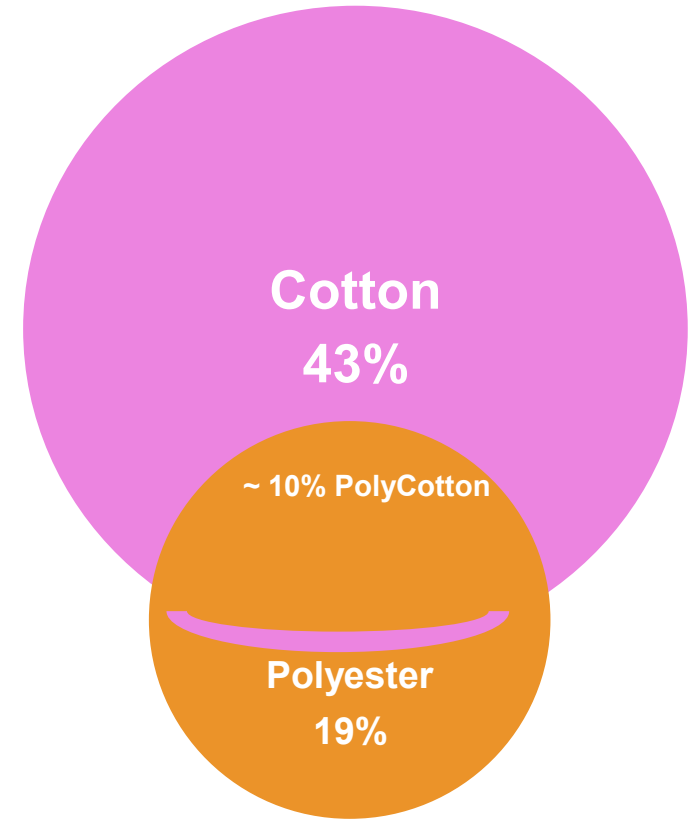
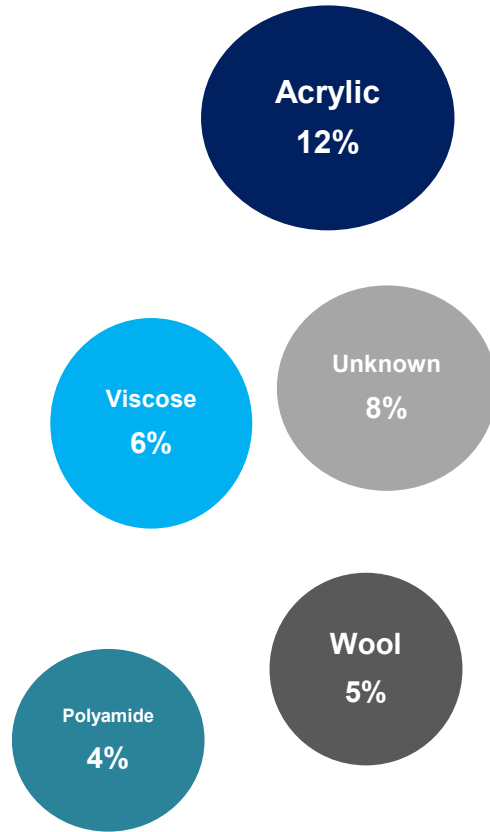
# The OnceMore® process





# What our garments consist of!

*And what we eventually need to recycle*



**Källa:** Re-fashion, Characterisation study of the incoming and outgoing streams from sorting facilities. 2023 Terra.

# How can democratization of the forests contribute to a sustainable textile industry?

If you ask forest owners in southern part of Sweden what they dream about – without being governed by regulations and other circumstances, a recent survey by Linnaeus University gives an indication...

...it is about adapted tree species, about creating deciduous forests, more varied forest management, mixed forests and biodiversity.

**Take time to listen to those who own the forest because their mindset of combining goals enables many different values to be developed in the forest!**

[Full article: The potential to develop environmental values on privately owned forest land in southern Sweden \(tandfonline.com\)](https://tandfonline.com)



# LCA

## Benefits of OnceMore®

Net-zero climate impact



89% less water



54% less energy



Avoids disposal of 0.75kg of textiles in landfill or incineration for each kg of dissolving pulp produced

