Paper Province
A forest bioeconomy hotspot
VÄRMLAND FACTS

- 16 municipalities
- 280 000 citizens
- 70% covered by forest (12 000 km² of productive forest)
- The forestry and forest industry employs approx. 24% of the total workforce in the county, around 29 000 jobs.
- 6.5 million m³ wood harvested every year – annual growth is over 7 million m³
- Approx. 2 million ton paper is produced
- Approx. 2.2 million ton pulp is produced
- 20,800 private forest owners, 8,200 are women
FOREST VOLUME EVOLUTION IN VÄRMLAND
THE CLUSTER
A forest bioeconomy cluster in Sweden

- Started as a project in 1999
- 108 member companies
- ~ 7,000 employees in the member companies
- Member companies turnover 33 billion EUR 2017
- Vinnväxt winner in 2013 (Long term financing)
- ESCA Gold Label Dec 2017
## Company structure

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73% of the member companies less than 50 employees!
STRATEGIC IDEA

We will demonstrate bioeconomy in practice!
Regional and local engagement is crucial in the transformation to a biobased society.
"Nothing truly valuable can be achieved except by the unselfish cooperation of many individuals”

Albert Einstein