

Sectors where the competence is in demand for the program “Science and Engineering of Soft Materials”

Companies in Packaging and Biopolymers

- **Tetra Pak** (Lund) – Global leader in packaging for food and beverages; strong focus on sustainable and recyclable materials.
- **Billerud** – Produces paper and packaging materials with a focus on renewable and recyclable solutions.
- **Stora Enso** – Active in bioplastics, lignin-based materials, and packaging innovation.
- **Södra** – Forest-based industry with strong interest in biopolymer applications and lignin valorization.
- **Essity** – Hygiene and health products; interest in bio-based and sustainable polymer materials.
- **Trifilon** – producing sustainable fiber materials to meet environmental regulations and significantly reduce CO₂ emissions.

Companies in Energy and Electrification

- **ABB Sweden/NKT** – Key player in electrification, power transmission, and electrical insulation materials.
- **Volvo Group / Volvo Cars** – Strong interest in lightweight polymers, battery technology, and circular materials for vehicles.
- **Hitachi Energy** (Ludvika) – Interest in insulation systems for high-voltage applications, materials reliability, and energy infrastructure.
- **Scania** – Focus on electrification and renewable materials in automotive manufacturing.

Companies in Chemicals and Materials

- **Perstorp (now part of PETRONAS Chemicals Group)** – Specialty chemicals company with polymer and plastic additives.
- **BASF Nordic** – Regional hub of a global player in advanced polymers, coatings, and performance materials.
- **Nouryon** – Involved in additives, surfactants, and chemicals used in polymer production.
- **AkzoNobel** – Focus on coatings and functional surfaces based on polymer systems.

Companies in Printed and Organic Electronics

- **RISE / Printed Electronics Arena** (Norrköping) – While not a company, RISE connects to many SMEs and startups in organic electronics.
- **Epishine** – Developer of organic solar cells; strong in printed and flexible electronics using conducting polymers.

Health Tech and Bioelectronics

- **Getinge** – Medical technology company that may benefit from soft polymeric materials and bio-compatible systems.
 - **Mölnlycke Health Care** – Specializes in wound care and surgical solutions; could be interested in polymer innovations for skin contact or sensors.
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Others

- **IKEA** – Active in sustainable materials development and large consumer product applications.
- **Electrolux** – Interest in sustainable plastics, smart coatings, and integration of polymers in home appliances.
- **Various start-ups**