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Dear Reader,

In these fast-changing times, beer still stands the test of time, transcending borders and uniting diverse cultures. It brings people together across Europe, to talk, to share and to appreciate a good, refreshing beverage. There is no other drink that has the same power of attraction.

The last few years have seen new challenges coming thick and fast but the beer market is on the road to recovery since the Covid pandemic in 2020 forced bars, cafés and restaurants to close, with lockdowns keeping people from enjoying a beer with friends, family and new acquaintances.

The scars from this period are mapped in the 2023 Edition of our European Beer Trends Report. If 2020 brought an abrupt end to the gradual growth in production and consumption for European brewers, the recovery has been more steady and we can see in 2022 that the market was not yet back to its pre-Covid health.

The statistics show that beer sales in the European Union fell from 322 million hectolitres in 2019 to 297 million hl in 2020 and, while nearly two thirds of the losses had returned by 2022, beer consumption was still only at 313 million hl.

The figures also show how the hospitality sector bore the brunt of the damage and remains under pressure from increased costs and changing lifestyles. While each country has its traditions, the balance between the on-trade of immediate consumption and the off-trade of retail stores has shifted towards the latter. Between 2019 and 2022, the on/off trade mix moved from 68/32 to 59/41 in Spain, from 35/65 to 31/69 in the Czech Republic, and from 45/55 to 41/59 in the UK.

In terms of production, high manufacturing costs (in mid-2023 they were 20-25% higher than in 2019), coupled with a sharp rise in shipping costs have prevented the dynamic export growth of the previous decade that might have compensated for the gradual recovery in beer consumption.

The number of active breweries is however still up: it rose again in the EU from 9500 breweries in 2021 to 9,680 in 2022, still a far cry from the increases at the end of the

last decade when brewery numbers were rising by a thousand a year, but a sure sign that consumer fascination with beer remains. With this growth in brewery numbers is a parallel growth in the diversity and choice on offer for all.

Brewers are naturally resourceful and positive people. We are creative and adaptable. We are innovating to meet consumer demand for diversity and quality, ensuring that there is a beer for everyone and every occasion. For example, non-alcoholic beer now represents over 5% of the European beer market.

Today, the challenges are different. Where once we battled a pandemic, now we face a war in Ukraine, tightening government budgets, a general cost of living crisis and a surge in raw materials prices. For brewers, this also translates into bottlenecks for the imports of cereals and malt, as well as packaging – glass bottles and aluminium cans – and fluctuating energy costs.

To be clear, most of these factors are having an effect across the economy. But in these straitened times, brewers need a supportive fiscal and policy regime, one that also recognises the positive and sustainable contribution that beer and brewing make to European communities, its social wellbeing and the economy.

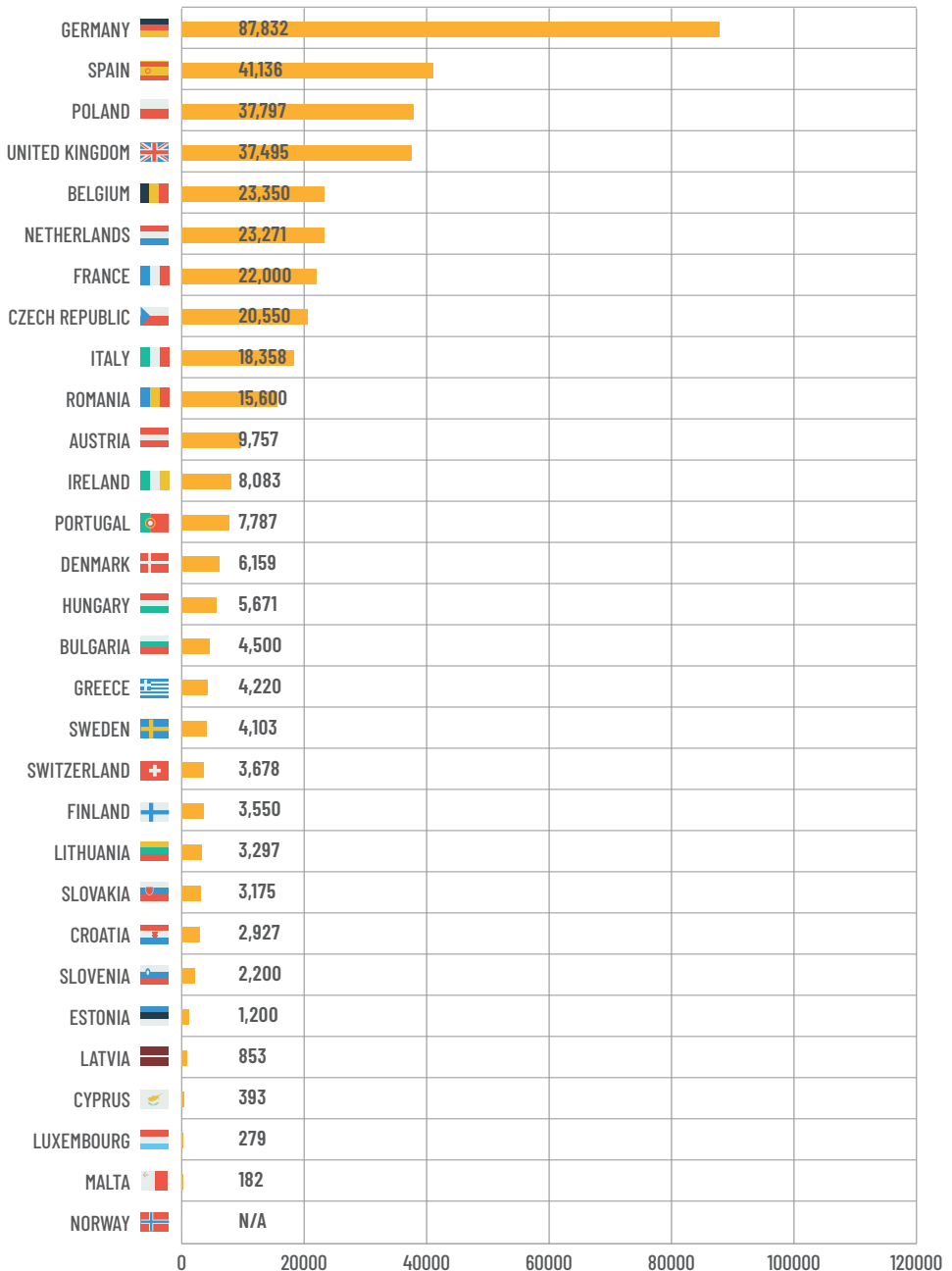
Nor can we ignore the climate crisis: as temperatures shift further to the extremes, it is affecting agriculture, with harvests coming earlier and – in some cases – fires and floods destroying them. We are looking to the future and it is a future that is sustainable. We have reduced our environmental footprint and our brewers have launched hundreds of pioneering sustainability initiatives over the years. We will continue to transition towards a clean, stable, circular economy. We can do that even as we navigate crises.

As we head into 2024, there will be elections in many places, not least for the European Parliament in June. This will shape Europe's political future: when the new European Commission is in place, it will set new policy priorities. We brewers will have to show the importance and uniqueness of beer, that we can move with the times and that we can adapt to the changing environment.

Beer is deeply entrenched in European history and there is a unique cultural heritage in beer. We need to constantly evolve while staying true to our essence to ensure a positive future. So let us raise a virtual toast to the brewers, the artisans, beer sellers and the enthusiasts who contribute to this ever-evolving story.

































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BEER PRODUCTION 2016 - 2022

(in 1,000 HL)

COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
 AUSTRIA	9,227	9,312	9,472	9,516	9,149	9,376	9,757
 BELGIUM	20,616	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,350
 BULGARIA	5,180	5,020	5,070	4,874	4,570	4,460	4,500
 CROATIA	3,348	3,395	3,434	3,239	2,344	2,332	2,927
 CYPRUS	365	383	398	388	295	343	393
 CZECH REPUBLIC	20,475	20,322	21,272	21,604	20,122	19,559	20,550
 DENMARK	6,200	6,060	6,040	5,862	5,874	6,240	6,159
 ESTONIA	1,416	1,369	1,287	1,293	1,291	1,366	1,200
 FINLAND	4,100	4,036	3,924	3,814	3,766	3,696	3,550
 FRANCE	20,650	21,000	22,000	22,300	21,600	21,800	22,000
 GERMANY	94,957	93,013	93,652	91,610	87,027	85,443	87,832
 GREECE	3,827	3,800	3,933	4,075	3,397	4,091	4,220
 HUNGARY	6,239	6,279	6,189	6,026	5,466	5,671	5,671
 IRELAND	7,680	8,019	8,322	8,240	7,100	3,828	8,083
 ITALY	14,516	15,700	16,448	17,288	15,835	17,773	18,358
 LATVIA	739	820	823	764	756	743	853
 LITHUANIA	2,999	2,727	2,904	3,124	3,224	3,337	3,297
 LUXEMBOURG	290	290	293	288	200	225	279
 MALTA	170	175	181	186	131	155	182
 NETHERLANDS	24,559	24,313	24,912	24,128	22,140	22,086	23,271
 POLAND	41,369	40,382	41,482	40,411	39,066	38,277	37,797
 PORTUGAL	6,474	6,994	6,758	7,103	6,589	6,711	7,787
 ROMANIA	15,780	16,050	16,600	16,690	16,630	16,400	15,600
 SLOVAKIA	3,014	3,103	2,902	3,195	3,034	3,140	3,175
 SLOVENIA	1,696	1,399	1,973	2,021	1,989	2,231	2,200
 SPAIN	36,343	37,386	38,143	39,516	34,666	38,126	41,136
 SWEDEN	4,442	4,421	4,480	4,395	4,143	4,172	4,103
TOTAL EU 27	356,671	≈ 357,751	≈ 364,875	≈ 363,933	≈ 342,387	≈ 343,564	358,230
 NORWAY	2,361	2,199	2,456	2,377	2,542	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	3,422	3,464	3,659	3,675	3,404	3,382	3,678
 UNITED KINGDOM	38,084	40,480	40,885	39,247	32,217	38,382	37,495
TOTAL ALL	400,538	≈ 403,894	≈ 411,875	≈ 409,232	≈ 380,550	≈ 387,870	≈ 401,945

Slovenia 2016 - 2020 data does not cover craft brewer production which represents less than 1% of the market.

Slovenia 2021 - 2022 data covers craft beer production.

Austrian, German and UK definitions meet the customs code definition.

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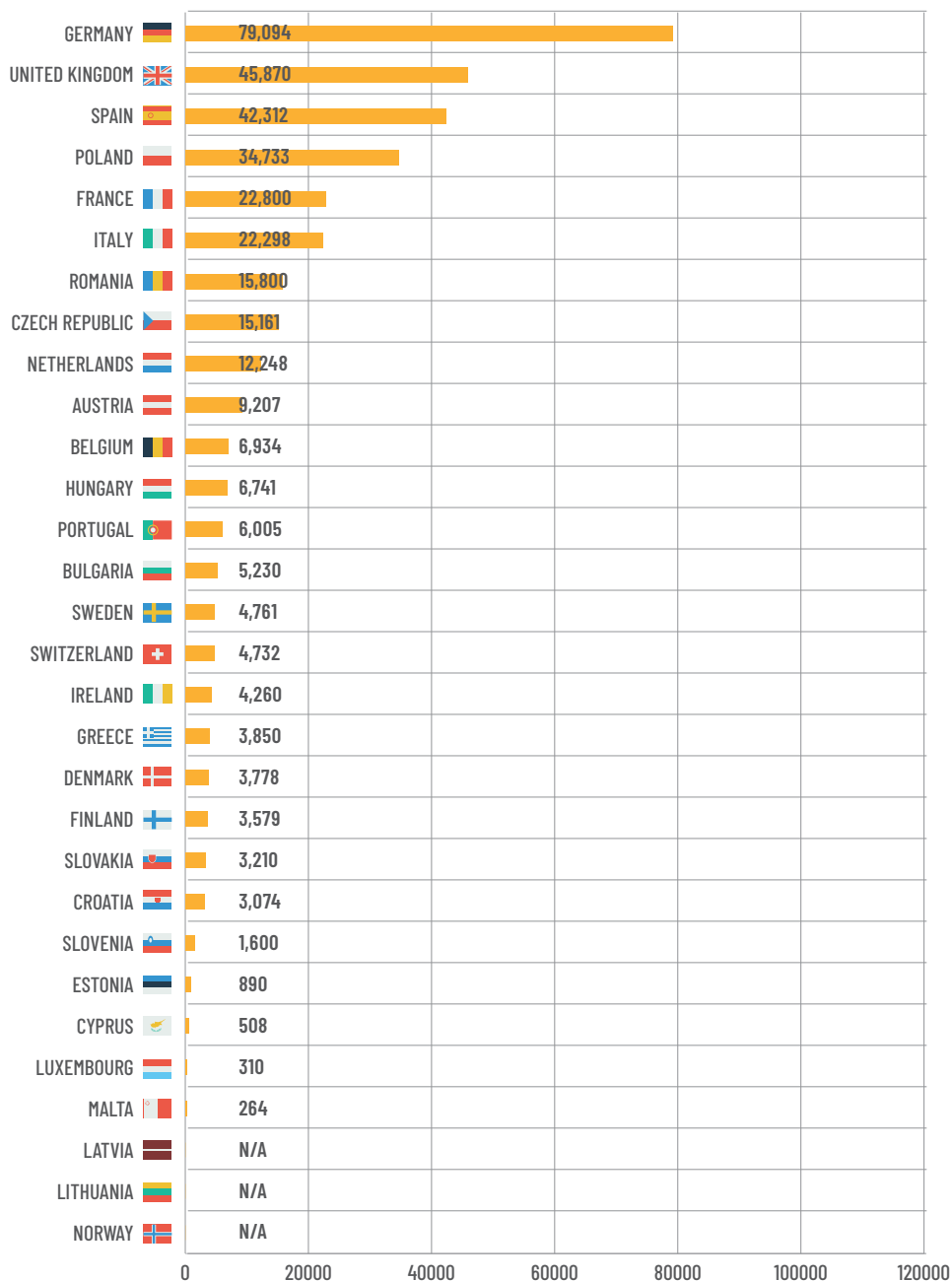
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





























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Latvia 2020 - 2023, Lithuania 2020 - 2023: source EUROSTAT

Finland: source National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health



COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
 AUSTRIA	9,030	8,984	9,190	9,173	8,637	8,719	9,207
 BELGIUM	7,689	7,013	7,106	7,065	5,750	6,452	6,934
 BULGARIA	5,500	5,400	5,500	5,455	5,220	5,150	5,230
 CROATIA	3,292	3,398	3,611	3,585	2,808	2,972	3,074
 CYPRUS	468	515	524	532	377	433	508
 CZECH REPUBLIC	15,875	15,518	15,936	16,084	N/A	14,368	15,161
 DENMARK	3,680	3,580	3,600	3,588	3,551	3,832	3,778
 ESTONIA	888	905	935	892	896	905	890
 FINLAND	4,135	4,066	3,966	3,886	3,775	3,790	3,579
 FRANCE	21,190	21,500	23,500	23,600	22,000	22,200	22,800
 GERMANY	85,532	83,582	84,649	82,933	78,706	76,265	79,094
 GREECE	3,882	3,801	3,849	3,942	3,051	3,453	3,850
 HUNGARY	6,704	6,757	6,886	7,124	6,580	6,741	6,741
 IRELAND	4,576	4,479	4,630	4,537	3,748	3,703	4,260
 ITALY	19,029	19,825	20,462	21,215	18,921	20,971	22,298
 LATVIA	1,510	1,604	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	2,532	2,213	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	312	340	362	370	260	280	310
 MALTA	231	247	270	268	199	213	264
 NETHERLANDS	11,871	11,935	12,269	12,320	10,614	10,888	12,248
 POLAND	37,903	37,223	38,360	37,949	34,689	33,442	34,733
 PORTUGAL	4,891	5,251	5,271	5,478	4,688	5,001	6,005
 ROMANIA	15,800	16,110	16,600	16,700	16,750	16,600	15,800
 SLOVAKIA	3,708	3,914	3,963	3,980	3,788	3,276	3,210
 SLOVENIA	1,635	1,608	1,653	1,623	1,489	1,525	1,600
 SPAIN	38,510	39,373	39,953	41,289	36,465	40,005	42,312
 SWEDEN	4,454	4,542	4,646	4,615	4,638	4,729	4,761
TOTAL EU 27	314,827	313,683	≈ 322,335	≈ 322,847	≈ 297,470	≈ 300,557	≈ 313,291
 NORWAY	2,666	2,616	2,845	2,799	3,039	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	4,605	4,623	4,715	4,736	4,530	4,437	4,732
 UNITED KINGDOM	43,731	45,924	47,772	47,119	40,883	46,068	45,870
TOTAL ALL	365,829	366,846	≈ 377,667	≈ 377,501	≈ 345,922	≈ 354,101	≈ 366,932

Slovakia: 2021 - 2022 data includes alcohol beer only.

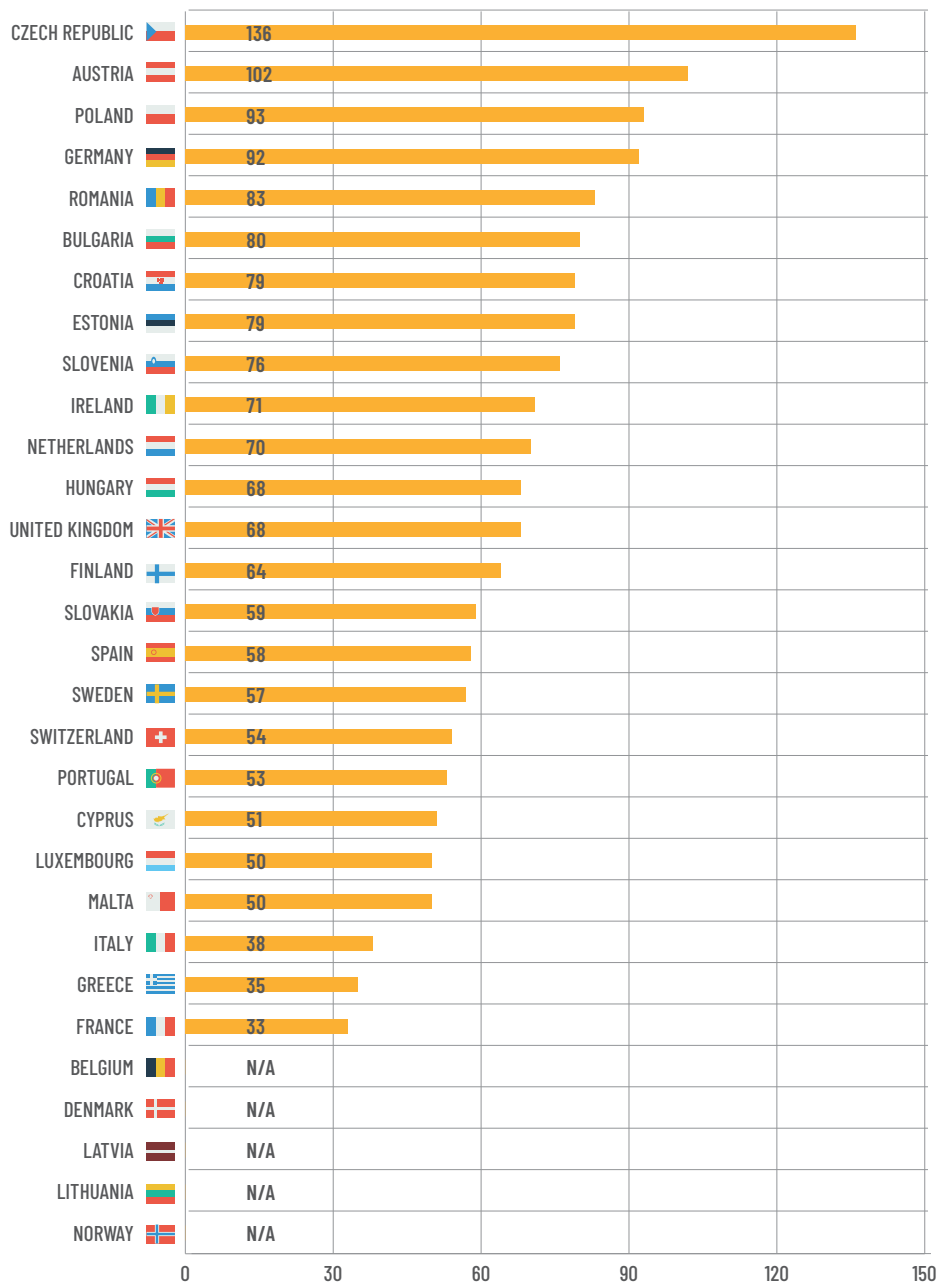
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	COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	AUSTRIA	106	105	107	107	100	101	102
	BELGIUM	68	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	BULGARIA	76	74	75	74	75	77	80
	CROATIA	75	79	84	88	81	77	79
	CYPRUS	55	58	59	59	43	47	51
	CZECH REPUBLIC	143	138	141	142	135	129	136
	DENMARK	62	62	62	62	61	65	N/A
	ESTONIA	80	82	80	81	81	N/A	79
	FINLAND	75	74	72	70	68	68	64
	FRANCE	32	33	33	33	33	33	33
	GERMANY	101	98	99	97	92	89	92
	GREECE	36	35	36	37	28	32	35
	HUNGARY	66	67	68	70	68	68	68
	IRELAND	81	79	80	77	64	61	71
	ITALY	31	33	34	35	32	35	38
	LATVIA	78	79	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	LITHUANIA	88	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	LUXEMBOURG	74	76	72	69	45	50	50
	MALTA	53	52	55	52	39	41	50
	NETHERLANDS	69	70	71	71	61	62	70
	POLAND	98	97	100	98	93	92	93
	PORTUGAL	47	51	51	53	46	48	53
	ROMANIA	80	82	85	86	87	87	83
	SLOVAKIA	68	72	74	75	69	60	59
	SLOVENIA	79	78	80	82	75	78	76
	SPAIN	46	49	52	52	50	50	58
	SWEDEN	51	55	58	57	56	57	57
	NORWAY	51	50	54	57	56	N/A	N/A
	SWITZERLAND	55	54	55	55	52	51	54
	UNITED KINGDOM	67	70	72	71	61	69	68

The **Spanish** info is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture.

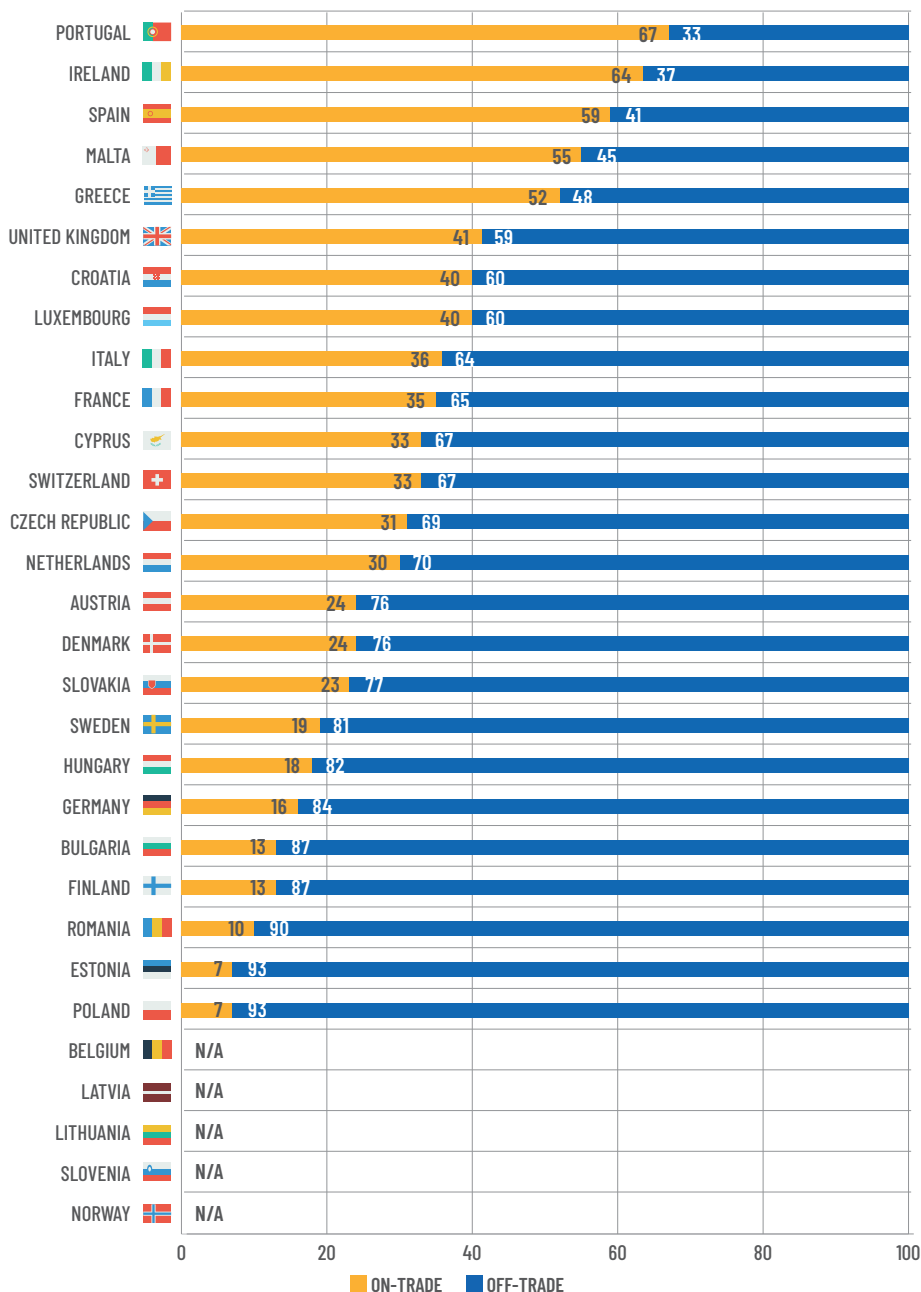
Estonia: calculation on 15+ years of age.































Slovenia: on total population basis.

Slovakia: 2021 - 2022 data includes alcohol beer only.

Sweden: including no- an low- alcohol.

Finland: recorded consumption (no private imports). Including below 2,8 abv only from member companies.



COUNTRY	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
 AUSTRIA	29	71	28	72	28	72	27	73	17	83	15	85	24	76
 BELGIUM	44	56	43	57	42	58	42	58	27	73	31	69	N/A	N/A
 BULGARIA	20	80	20	80	20	80	20	80	11	89	12	88	13	87
 CROATIA	40	60	40	60	40	60	N/A	N/A	31	69	40	60	40	60
 CYPRUS	42	58	51	49	55	45	53	47	30	70	25	75	33	67
 CZECH REPUBLIC	39	61	38	62	36	64	35	65	26	74	25	75	31	69
 DENMARK	23	77	25	75	23	77	25	75	14	86	17	83	14	76
 ESTONIA	8	92	7	93	7	93	7	93	5	95	5	95	7	93
 FINLAND	14	86	14	86	14	86	14	86	9	91	9	91	13	87
 FRANCE	36	64	36	64	35	65	35	65	35	65	35	65	35	65
 GERMANY	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	10	90	16	84	16	84
 GREECE	59	41	59	41	61	39	57	43	40	60	47	53	52	48
 HUNGARY	35	65	35	65	30	70	30	70	17	83	18	82	18	82
 IRELAND	66	34	65	35	64	37	63	37	30	70	N/A	N/A	64	37
 ITALY	39	61	38	62	36	64	36	64	27	73	33	67	36	64
 LATVIA	10	90	10	90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	10	90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	48	52	47	53	45	55	43	57	40	60	42	58	40	60
 MALTA	65	35	64	36	64	36	63	37	49	51	48	52	55	45
 NETHERLANDS	29	71	30	70	29	71	30	70	15	85	17	83	30	70
 POLAND	15	85	15	85	14	86	11	89	8	92	8	92	7	93
 PORTUGAL	63	37	69	31	69	31	70	30	60	40	60	40	67	33
 ROMANIA	16	84	15	85	15	85	14	86	8	92	9	91	10	90
 SLOVAKIA	31	69	29	71	29	71	29	71	20	80	20	80	23	77
 SLOVENIA	40	60	40	60	35	65	34	66	30	70	26	74	N/A	N/A
 SPAIN	62	38	63	37	67	33	68	32	44	56	51	49	59	41
 SWEDEN	21	79	21	79	20	80	20	80	13	87	14	86	19	81
 NORWAY	19	81	19	81	19	81	19	81	11	89	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	40	60	40	60	39	61	38	62	27	73	26	74	33	67
 UNITED KINGDOM	48	52	47	53	46	54	45	55	24	76	31	69	41	59

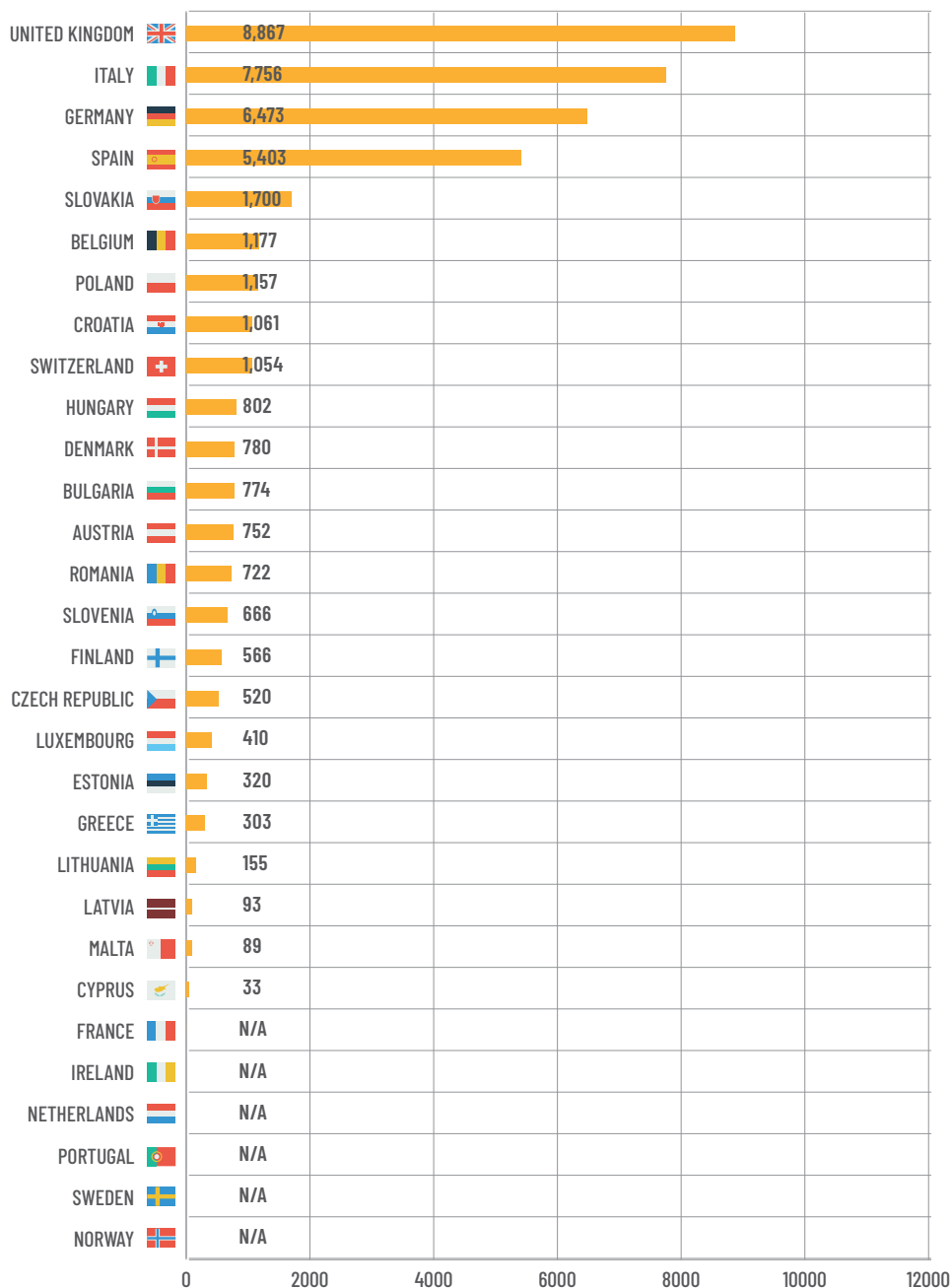
Romania: 2020 - 2022 data from NielsenIQ Romania.































Finland: statistics from Valvira (National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health).































United Kingdom: data for 2021-2022 is provisional.

TOTAL IMPORTS 2022

(intra-EU and extra-EU in 1,000 HL)



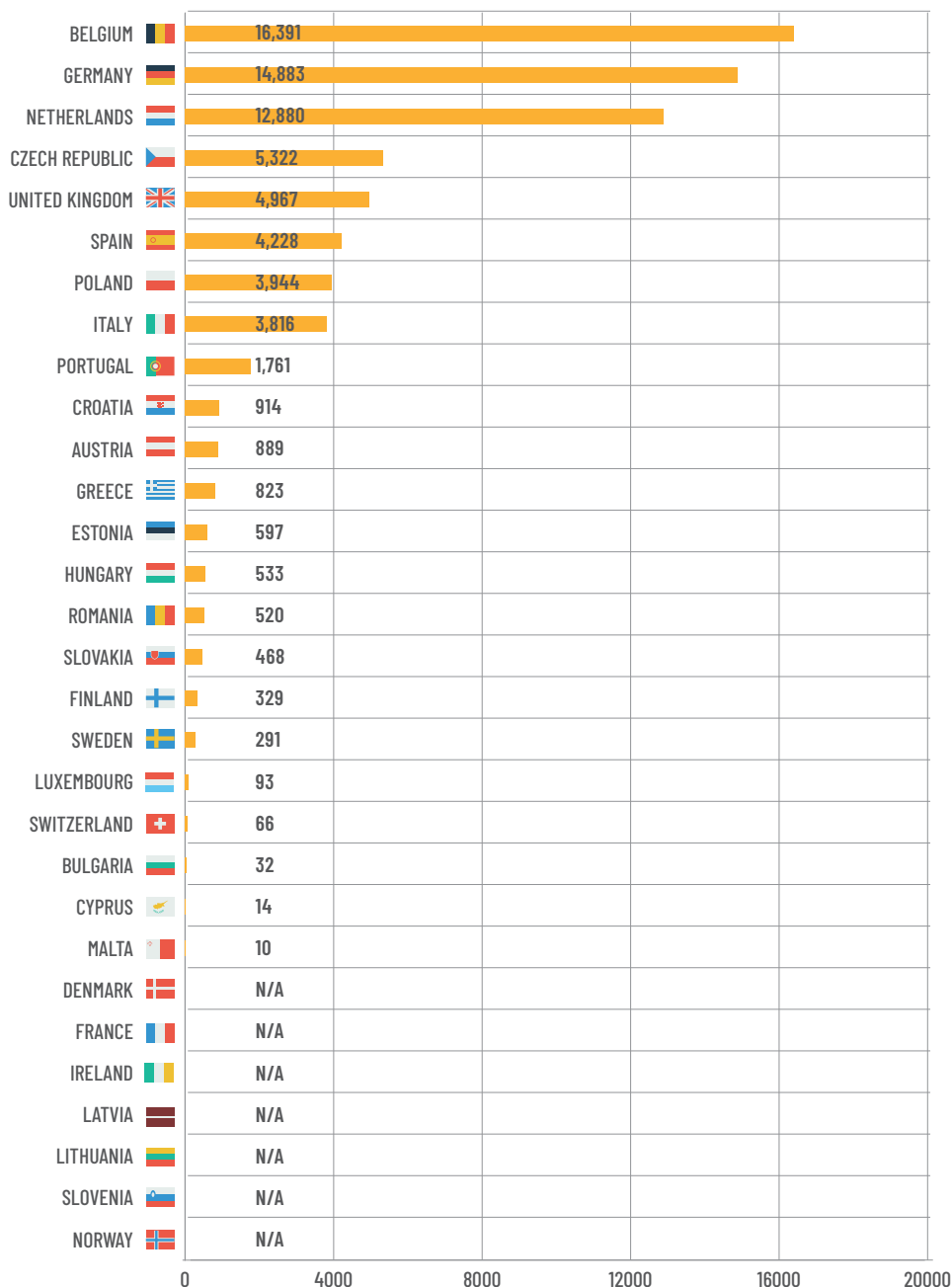
COUNTRY	2017		2018		2019	
	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU
 AUSTRIA	580	103	760	107	691	139
 BELGIUM	N/A	N/A	2,534		2,279	242
 BULGARIA	269	230	291	324	466	300
 CROATIA	681	146	797	128	811	165
 CYPRUS	124	8	113	12	132	12
 CZECH REPUBLIC	324	10	387	8	424	13
 DENMARK	533		659		770	
 ESTONIA	343		260		277	
 FINLAND	352	55	327	70	348	59
 FRANCE	7,387	309	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 GERMANY	6,568	178	6,931	224	7,112	178
 GREECE	238	66	256	45	257	52
 HUNGARY	478		698		766	
 IRELAND	1,550		1,559		1,712	
 ITALY	6,544	463	6,624	468	6,963	375
 LATVIA	497	47	382	58	368	71
 LITHUANIA	73	280	81	366	82	398
 LUXEMBOURG	270		274		275	
 MALTA	79	6	86	10	79	10
 NETHERLANDS	1,877	N/A	1,956	N/A	1,872	N/A
 POLAND	838	61	679	77	843	100
 PORTUGAL	222		198	1	199	1
 ROMANIA	441	52	492	49	445	59
 SLOVAKIA	1,628		2,091		1,717	6
 SLOVENIA	619		612	5	607	10
 SPAIN	4,632	246	4,477	315	4,491	372
 SWEDEN	485		539		633	
TOTAL EU 27	≈ 41,817		≈ 44,026		≈ 44,877	
 NORWAY	339	60	306	83	339	83
 SWITZERLAND	1,074	85	975	70	977	83
 UNITED KINGDOM	8,734	1,324	8,341	1,752	8,227	1,551
TOTAL ALL	≈ 53,433		≈ 55,553		≈ 56,137	































COUNTRY	2020		2021		2022	
	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU
 AUSTRIA	582	47	621	27	728	24
 BELGIUM	2,019	116	1,534	172	1,083	94
 BULGARIA	597	182	661	133	602	172
 CROATIA	823	172	948	241	910	151
 CYPRUS	74	10	80	19	N/A	33
 CZECH REPUBLIC	493		508	21	496	24
 DENMARK	618		745		780	
 ESTONIA	249		268		320	
 FINLAND	347	45	323	75	501	65
 FRANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 GERMANY	6,677	156	6,217	246	6,173	300
 GREECE	213	45	209	55	230	73
 HUNGARY	799		802		802	
 IRELAND	2,013		1,525		N/A	N/A
 ITALY	6,071	343	6,667	393	7,477	279
 LATVIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	93	
 LITHUANIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	155	
 LUXEMBOURG	200		420		410	
 MALTA	59	6	59	8	77	12
 NETHERLANDS	1,553		1,672		1,858	
 POLAND	1,088		999		1,157	
 PORTUGAL	161	N/A	108	N/A	145	N/A
 ROMANIA	594	51	643	57	673	49
 SLOVAKIA	1,708	3	1,551	4	1,699	1
 SLOVENIA	923	12	494	N/A	647	19
 SPAIN	4,865	393	5,116	491	4,832	572
 SWEDEN	630		637		N/A	N/A
TOTAL EU 27	≈ 43,552		≈ 43,376		≈ 44,024	
 NORWAY	430	66	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	1,045	81	958	97	968	86
 UNITED KINGDOM	9,510	908	10,069	628	8,607	260
TOTAL ALL	≈ 55,592		≈ 55,624		≈ 54,441	































Slovenian 2021 data includes imports from NC 2203 and 220291.

TOTAL EXPORTS 2022

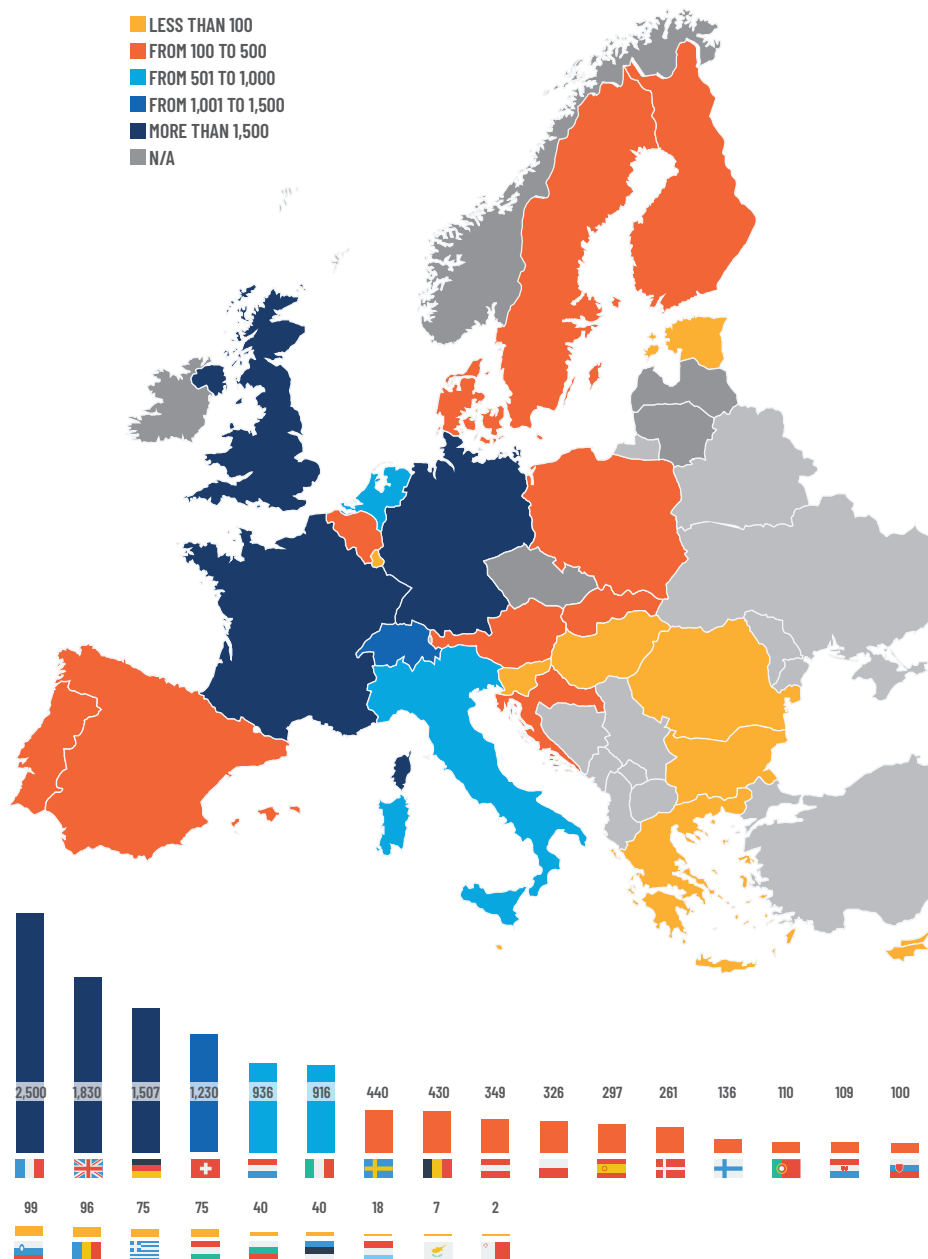
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



























COUNTRY	2017		2018		2019	
	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU
 AUSTRIA	1,017	153	1,076	183	833	164
 BELGIUM	10,241	5,568	10,795	5,390	13,118	5,287
 BULGARIA	52	77	88	98	163	22
 CROATIA	186	597	119	554	126	503
 CYPRUS	8	3	8	3	8	3
 CZECH REPUBLIC	3,750	811	4,131	972	4,334	983
 DENMARK	3,040		3,110		3,044	
 ESTONIA	649		779		683	
 FINLAND	192	38	159	34	151	32
 FRANCE	5,696	1,072	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 GERMANY	9,213	6,517	8,951	6,814	8,960	6,995
 GREECE	218	199	149	219	195	246
 HUNGARY	538		496		465	
 IRELAND	3,540		3,692		3,846	
 ITALY	2,099	783	2,219	858	2,461	1,029
 LATVIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	85	3	96		94	
 MALTA	5	11	6	2	7	4
 NETHERLANDS	3,546	10,596	3,798	10,800	3,604	10,077
 POLAND	2,817	550	2,972	786	2,916	899
 PORTUGAL	1,900		932	690	1,117	648
 ROMANIA	296	152	362	187	336	161
 SLOVAKIA	116		90		55	32
 SLOVENIA	634		526	252	522	277
 SPAIN	1,744	1,147	1,657	1,324	1,640	1,450
 SWEDEN	491	48	454	52	497	
TOTAL EU 27	≈ 81,182		≈ 83,435		≈ 85,539	
 NORWAY	26	2	43	6	36	3
 SWITZERLAND	49	1	42	1	56	1
 UNITED KINGDOM	3,211	2,391	2,897	2,333	2,608	2,655
TOTAL ALL	≈ 86,862		≈ 88,757		≈ 90,898	

COUNTRY	2020		2021		2022	
	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU	INTRA-EU	EXTRA-EU
 AUSTRIA	638	164	731	202	718	171
 BELGIUM	13,548	4,321	13,057	4,288	13,446	2,944
 BULGARIA	187	10	91	12	19	13
 CROATIA	124	407	134	415	413	500
 CYPRUS	8	3	15		10	4
 CZECH REPUBLIC	3,944	992	3,877	1,293	4,211	1,111
 DENMARK	2,940		3,152		N/A	N/A
 ESTONIA	645		663		597	
 FINLAND	127	9	172	13	285	44
 FRANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 GERMANY	7,782	7,253	7,648	8,093	7,853	7,030
 GREECE	377	227	533	220	605	218
 HUNGARY	516		533		533	
 IRELAND	3,352		3,324		N/A	N/A
 ITALY	894	2,434	935	2,927	871	2,945
 LATVIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	46		40		90	3
 MALTA	5	3	6	6	5	5
 NETHERLANDS	2,701	10,375	12,870		12,880	
 POLAND	N/A	4,350	4,173		3,944	
 PORTUGAL	1,489	448	1,306	499	1,185	576
 ROMANIA	383	148	341	142	338	182
 SLOVAKIA	288	64	193	110	389	79
 SLOVENIA	615	339	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 SPAIN	1,460	1,997	1,527	2,194	1,864	2,363
 SWEDEN	N/A	252	254		291	
TOTAL EU 27	≈ 83,417		≈ 84,495		≈ 83,717	
 NORWAY	25	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	49	1	55	1	62	4
 UNITED KINGDOM	2,450	2,017	2,497	1,914	3,109	1,858
TOTAL ALL	≈ 87,963		≈ 88,991		≈ 88,779	

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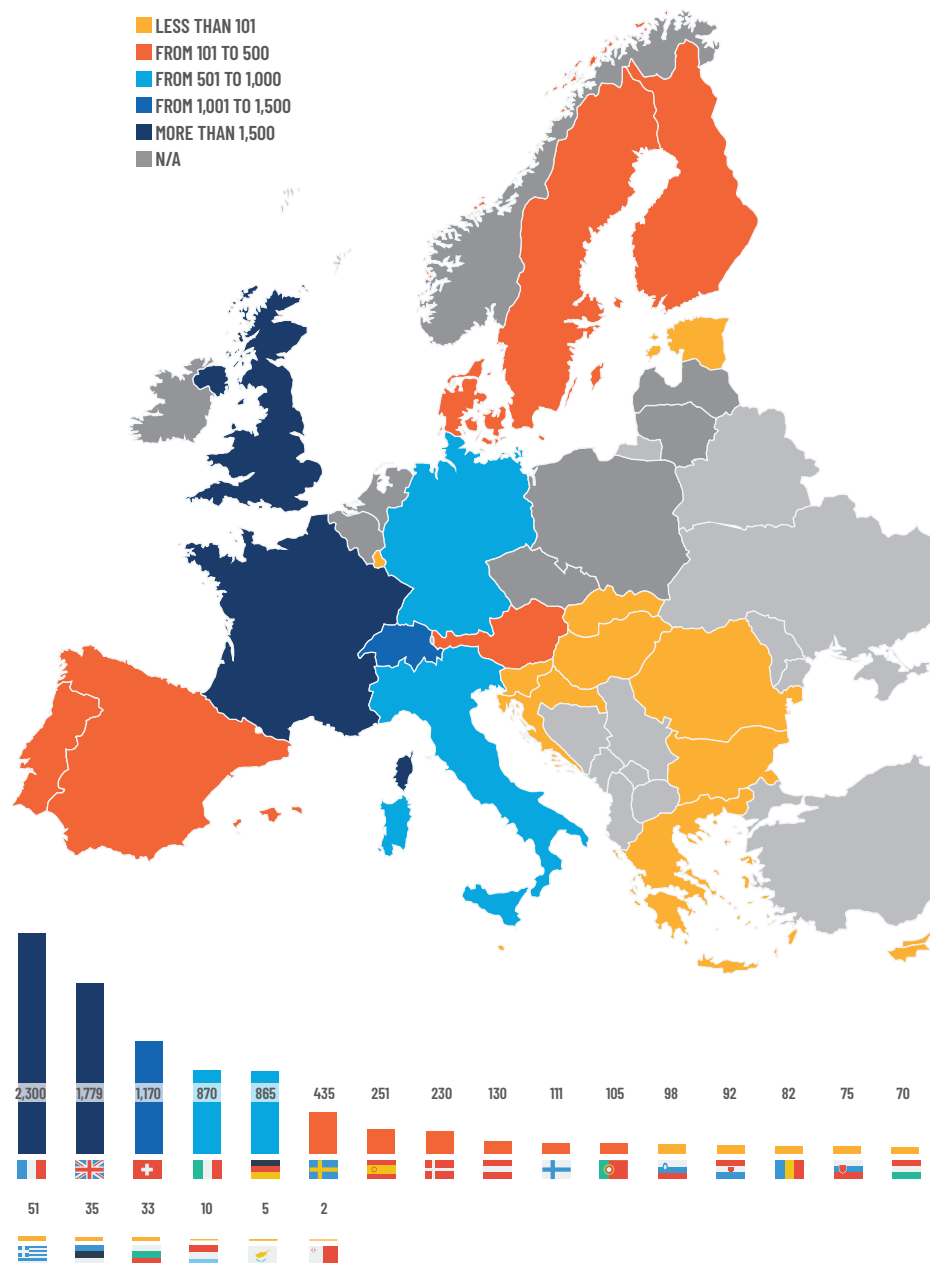
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 AUSTRIA	235	273	298	311	309	324	349
 BELGIUM	224	261	304	340	379	408	430
 BULGARIA	17	25	29	33	37	43	40
 CROATIA	6	6	97	92	98	101	109
 CYPRUS	3	3	4	4	4	7	7
 CZECH REPUBLIC	398	450	488	617	599	599	N/A
 DENMARK	180	197	206	216	228	242	261
 ESTONIA	33	43	53	36	40	38	40
 FINLAND	82	94	105	113	118	137	136
 FRANCE	950	1,100	1,600	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,500
 GERMANY	1,411	1,500	1,542	1,552	1,536	1,512	1,507
 GREECE	43	43	46	57	62	71	75
 HUNGARY	50	55	77	79	80	75	75
 IRELAND	64	72	77	77	77	77	N/A
 ITALY	757	868	874	853	769	827	916
 LATVIA	41	45	64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	72	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	30	32	34	33	18	16	18
 MALTA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
 NETHERLANDS	500	507	745	805	857	910	936
 POLAND	210	210	250	310	363	346	326
 PORTUGAL	94	120	120	120	120	110	110
 ROMANIA	34	45	64	75	92	99	96
 SLOVAKIA	61	68	73	80	90	96	100
 SLOVENIA	62	66	99	105	105	99	99
 SPAIN	405	452	456	441	392	306	297
 SWEDEN	261	312	336	363	392	424	440
TOTAL EU 27	6,225	≈ 6,921	≈ 8,115	≈ 8,850	≈ 9,203	≈ 9,505	≈ 9,681
 NORWAY	128	136	128	129	135	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	753	869	1,021	1,132	1,212	1,278	1,230
 UNITED KINGDOM	1,870	1,930	1,960	2,030	1,870	1,820	1,830
TOTAL ALL	8,976	≈ 9,856	≈ 11,224	12,141	≈ 12,420	≈ 12,738	≈ 12,876































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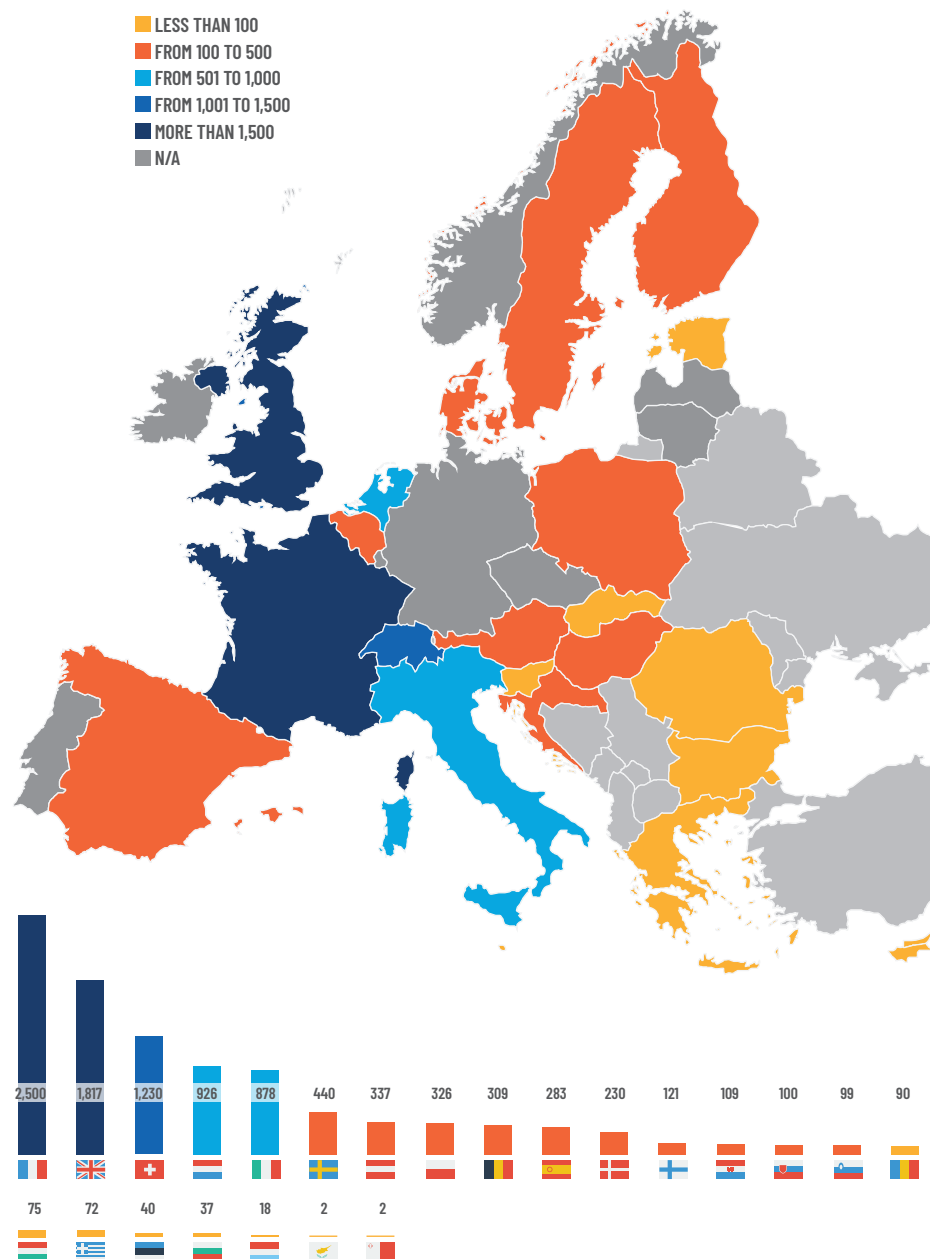
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






















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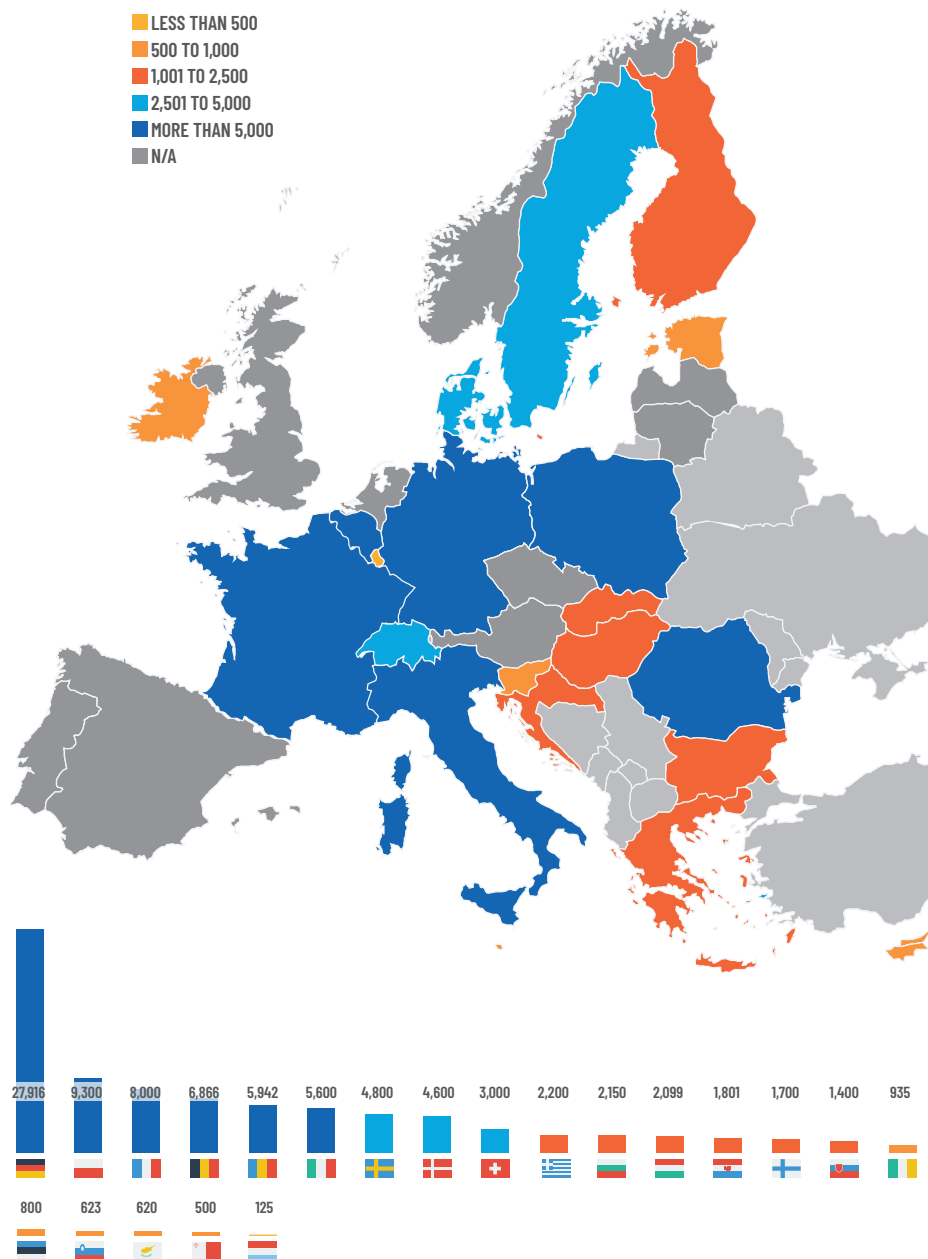





COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
 AUSTRIA	123	129	126	126	118	118	130
 BELGIUM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 BULGARIA	7	13	16	19	26	30	33
 CROATIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	79	84	88	92
 CYPRUS	1	1	2	2	2	5	5
 CZECH REPUBLIC	350	402	440	519	506	506	N/A
 DENMARK	140	157	175	180	190	200	230
 ESTONIA	30	40	50	27	38	35	35
 FINLAND	55	73	79	86	92	110	111
 FRANCE	850	1,000	1,450	1,650	2,100	2,300	2,300
 GERMANY	740	832	853	863	908	890	865
 GREECE	25	30	30	35	40	47	51
 HUNGARY	N/A	75	75	75	75	70	70
 IRELAND	N/A	75	75	75	75	74	N/A
 ITALY	718	693	692	684	756	814	870
 LATVIA	38	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	22	29	31	31	10	10	10
 MALTA	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
 NETHERLANDS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 POLAND	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 PORTUGAL	89	115	115	115	115	105	105
 ROMANIA	20	31	50	61	78	85	82
 SLOVAKIA	48	55	57	66	75	80	75
 SLOVENIA	60	64	97	103	103	98	98
 SPAIN	362	393	396	378	261	254	251
 SWEDEN	270	307	331	358	387	419	435
 NORWAY	85	107	103	117	129	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	703	818	933	1,075	1,159	1,228	1,170
 UNITED KINGDOM	1,817	1,878	1,908	1,977	1,815	1,766	1,779



	COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	AUSTRIA	225	263	288	301	297	312	337
	BELGIUM	147	184	218	257	270	283	309
	BULGARIA	16	24	27	30	34	40	37
	CROATIA	6	6	97	92	98	101	109
	CYPRUS	3	3	4	4	4	2	2
	CZECH REPUBLIC	385	437	475	597	584	584	N/A
	DENMARK	150	167	185	190	200	210	230
	ESTONIA	33	43	53	36	50	45	40
	FINLAND	76	87	97	103	107	119	121
	FRANCE	945	1,100	1,520	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,500
	GERMANY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	GREECE	40	40	43	54	59	68	72
	HUNGARY	50	55	77	79	80	75	75
	IRELAND	93	102	128	128	128	127	N/A
	ITALY	751	864	868	848	764	822	878
	LATVIA	41	45	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	LITHUANIA	72	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	N/A
	LUXEMBOURG	27	29	33	33	20	N/A	18
	MALTA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	NETHERLANDS	495	620	739	798	859	900	926
	POLAND	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	326
	PORTUGAL	94	120	120	120	120	N/A	N/A
	ROMANIA	28	39	58	69	86	93	90
	SLOVAKIA	61	68	73	80	90	96	100
	SLOVENIA	61	65	98	104	105	99	99
	SPAIN	391	434	443	428	379	292	283
	SWEDEN	261	312	336	363	392	424	440
	NORWAY	125	133	125	125	128	N/A	N/A
	SWITZERLAND	753	869	1,021	1,132	1,212	1,278	1,230
	UNITED KINGDOM	1,856	1,916	1,946	2,015	1,852	1,803	1,817

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COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
 AUSTRIA	3,800	3,800	3,700	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 BELGIUM	4,700	5,800	6,300	6,551	6,194	6,645	6,866
 BULGARIA	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,150	2,150
 CROATIA	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,690	1,674	1,801
 CYPRUS	600	600	600	600	600	605	620
 CZECH REPUBLIC	5,800	5,600	5,600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 DENMARK	3,750	3,750	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600
 ESTONIA	900	900	1,000	1,000	800	800	800
 FINLAND	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,700
 FRANCE	5,800	6,500	7,080	7,700	7,700	8,000	8,000
 GERMANY	27,200	27,200	27,561	28,133	27,295	27,242	27,916
 GREECE	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200
 HUNGARY	1,700	1,700	2,064	2,077	2,113	2,099	2,099
 IRELAND	1,400	1,100	1,100	1,147	1,132	923	935
 ITALY	5,350	5,470	5,500	5,700	5,200	5,300	5,600
 LATVIA	1,400	1,400	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LITHUANIA	2,300	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	120	120	116	120	120	115	125
 MALTA	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
 NETHERLANDS	6,100	6,100	6,100	4,374	4,198	4,198	N/A
 POLAND	10,000	9,300	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,300
 PORTUGAL	2,100	2,183	2,274	2,403	2,508	2,310	N/A
 ROMANIA	5,600	5,800	5,973	6,015	6,090	5,950	5,942
 SLOVAKIA	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,528	1,500	1,400	1,400
 SLOVENIA	650	730	798	770	676	640	623
 SPAIN	6,900	7,200	9,200	9,600	10,200	10,400	N/A
 SWEDEN	4,580	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
TOTAL EU 27	110,150	≈ 111,753	≈ 116,866	≈ 117,618	≈ 116,216	≈ 116,651	≈ 117,885
 NORWAY	1,300	1,300	1,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	2,800	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
 UNITED KINGDOM	15,000	16,100	17,200	16,200	16,700	17,700	N/A
TOTAL ALL	129,250	≈ 132,053	≈ 138,266	≈ 138,018	≈ 137,116	≈ 138,551	≈ 139,785

Finland: data only cover members from the national association.

COUNTRY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
 AUSTRIA	196.00	192.00	200.00	189.64	193.65	177.81	206.00
 BELGIUM	201.59	200.80	200.98	199.73	168.26	178.63	191.30
 BULGARIA	41.57	40.59	41.40	40.29	38.30	38.00	39.60
 CROATIA	82.73	85.44	89.86	84.74	75.60	83.50	89.54
 CYPRUS	12.35	13.50	14.60	14.23	27.72	30.88	33.80
 CZECH REPUBLIC	170.41	171.52	190.29	184.81	172.03	4,252.00	N/A
 DENMARK	127.75	122.30	114.80	110.06	104.83	112.40	N/A
 ESTONIA	51.67	58.32	66.58	62.57	56.26	59.30	62.57
 FINLAND	606.00	596.00	654.00	652.00	654.00	610.00	669.00
 FRANCE	854.48	892.00	943.00	987.00	890.00	948.00	1,030.00
 GERMANY	678.00	664.00	655.00	617.00	566.00	584.00	600.00
 GREECE	155.25	194.78	196.27	198.05	154.28	171.02	190.04
 HUNGARY	148.50	152.16	147.30	149.97	107.40	117.50	N/A
 IRELAND	430.00	424.00	430.00	421.00	351.00	351.00	390.00
 ITALY	661.00	703.00	711.00	713.00	646.00	693.00	707.00
 LATVIA	32.08	36.85	53.05	53.77	52.00	51.35	N/A
 LITHUANIA	52.90	88.57	101.49	100.43	98.40	97.54	N/A
 LUXEMBOURG	5.70	5.74	5.70	5.70	4.00	4.00	4.00
 MALTA	3.33	4.00	3.83	3.89	4.00	3.00	4.10
 NETHERLANDS	446.00	450.00	457.00	422.00	384.00	387.00	477.00
 POLAND	817.14	829.44	833.52	786.73	764.48	714.22	781.25
 PORTUGAL	75.42	84.39	87.64	93.93	78.40	82.50	100.50
 ROMANIA	137.92	133.53	133.27	132.80	140.07	133.78	135.27
 SLOVAKIA	56.97	57.54	59.70	59.53	56.96	55.32	55.88
 SLOVENIA	85.34	87.34	91.44	90.08	83.00	85.00	N/A
 SPAIN	327.82	342.96	348.90	357.88	321.76	349.90	N/A
 SWEDEN	416.29	419.40	425.28	411.83	443.76	444.70	467.00
 NORWAY	599.07	612.44	647.36	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 SWITZERLAND	100.00	94.00	109.00	107.50	101.30	103.50	116.90
 UNITED KINGDOM	4,039.34	3,939.77	4,096.93	4,155.98	3,542.26	4,092.85	4,245.22

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Romania 2018, 2021, 2022 data are provided by the National Agency for Fiscal Administration (ANAF).

Spanish data as available from Spanish Treasury.

Polish Central Bank exchange rates (For 2018, average rate: 1EUR = 4,2623PLN. For 2019, rate on 31.12.2019: 1 EUR = 4,2585PLN).

Czech Republic 2020, Latvia 2020 - 2021, Lithuania 2020 - 2021, Sweden 2020 data from DG Taxud, EU Commission.

BEER PRODUCTION:

Beer produced within a given country.

BEER CONSUMPTION:

Beer consumed within a given country.

BEER CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA:

Consumption per head in a given country.

BREWERY:

A plant or an establishment for beer production.

BREWING COMPANY:

A company which produces and / or sells beer, operating one or more breweries. These companies may also be involved in activities other than brewing beer, such as the production of soft drinks and bottled mineral water.

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT:

Employment directly by the brewing companies.

EXCISE DUTY REVENUE RELATED TO BEER:

Government revenues generated from excise duties on the sale of beer.

EXPORT - EXTRA-EU:

Extra-EU exports of goods are goods which leave the territory of the European Union for a third country after being placed under the customs procedure for exports (for definitive export) or outward processing (goods for working, further processing) or repair or following inward processing.

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Intra-EU exports of goods are goods which leave a Member State of the EU for another Member State for definitive export, outward processing or repair or following inward processing.

HECTOLITRE (HL):

A hectolitre is a metric unit of volume or capacity where one hectolitre equals 100 litres.

IMPORT - EXTRA-EU:

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MICROBREWERY:

A brewery with yearly production up to 1,000 hectolitres.

OFF-TRADE SECTOR:

Beer sales through wholesale and retail (shops, supermarkets and other outlets).

ON-TRADE SECTOR:

Beer sales through (licensed) pubs, clubs, bars, restaurants, etc., also called the hospitality sector.

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- Eurostat
- European Commission
- National authorities

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