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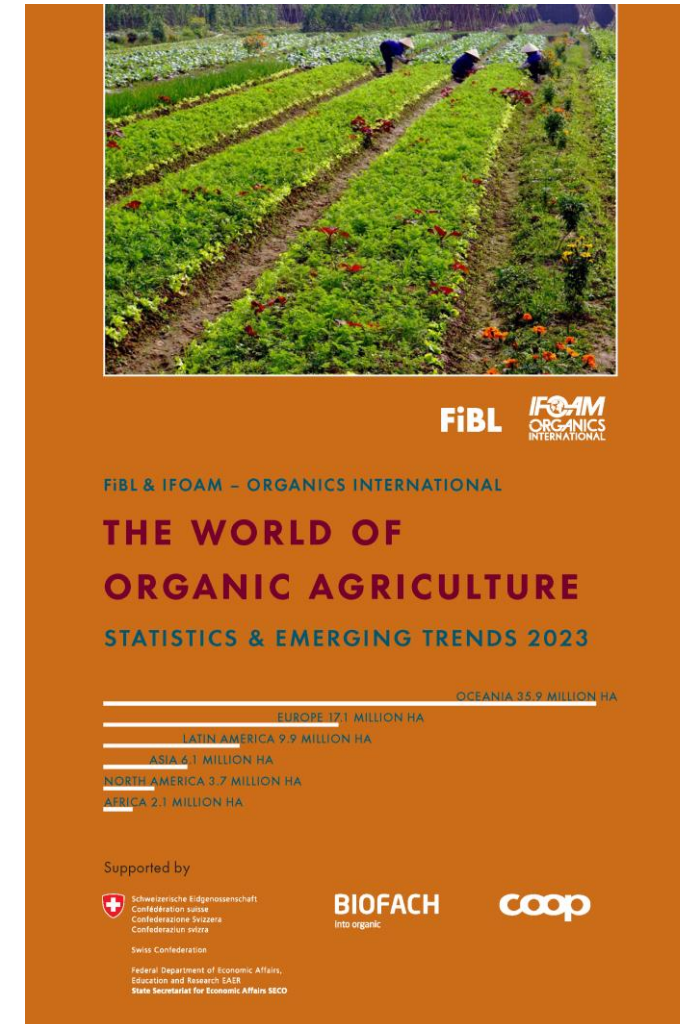
The European Market for Organic Food 2021

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The World of Organic Agriculture 2023

- › The 24th edition of «The World of Organic Agriculture», was published by FiBL and IFOAM – Organics International in February 2023.
- › Data tables
- › Country and continent reports
- › Markets, standards, policy support
- › The book can be ordered or downloaded at (item number 1254): <https://www.fibl.org/en/shop-en>
- › www.organic-world.net
- › <https://statistics.fibl.org>



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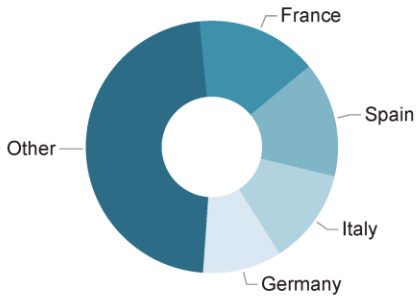
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EUROPE: ORGANIC FARMLAND 2021



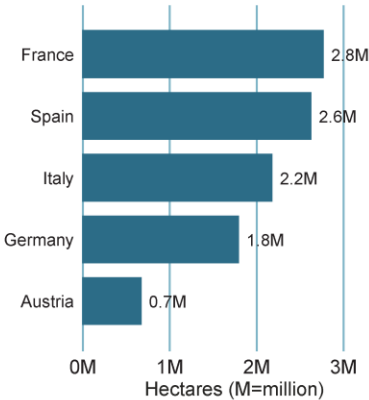
More than half of Europe’s organic agricultural land (17.8 million (M) hectares) was in four countries.



Distribution of organic agricultural land by country 2021.



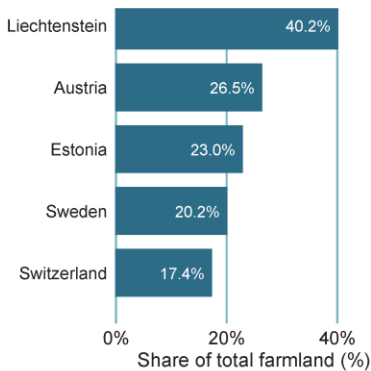
The countries with the largest organic agricultural area were France, Spain and Italy.



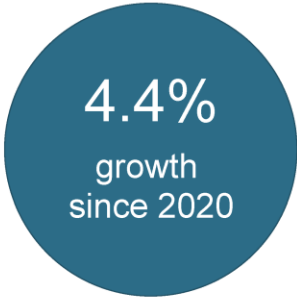
The 5 countries with the largest areas of organic agricultural land 2021.



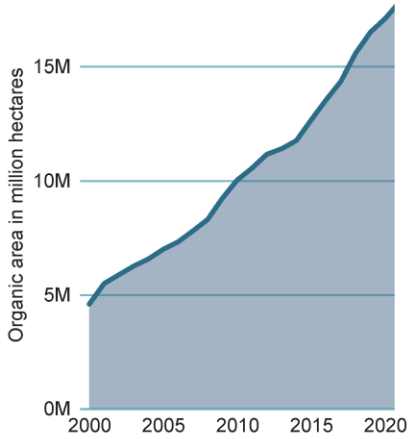
15 countries had 10% or more of their agricultural land under organic management.



Top 5 countries with an organic share of more than 10% of total agricultural land 2021.



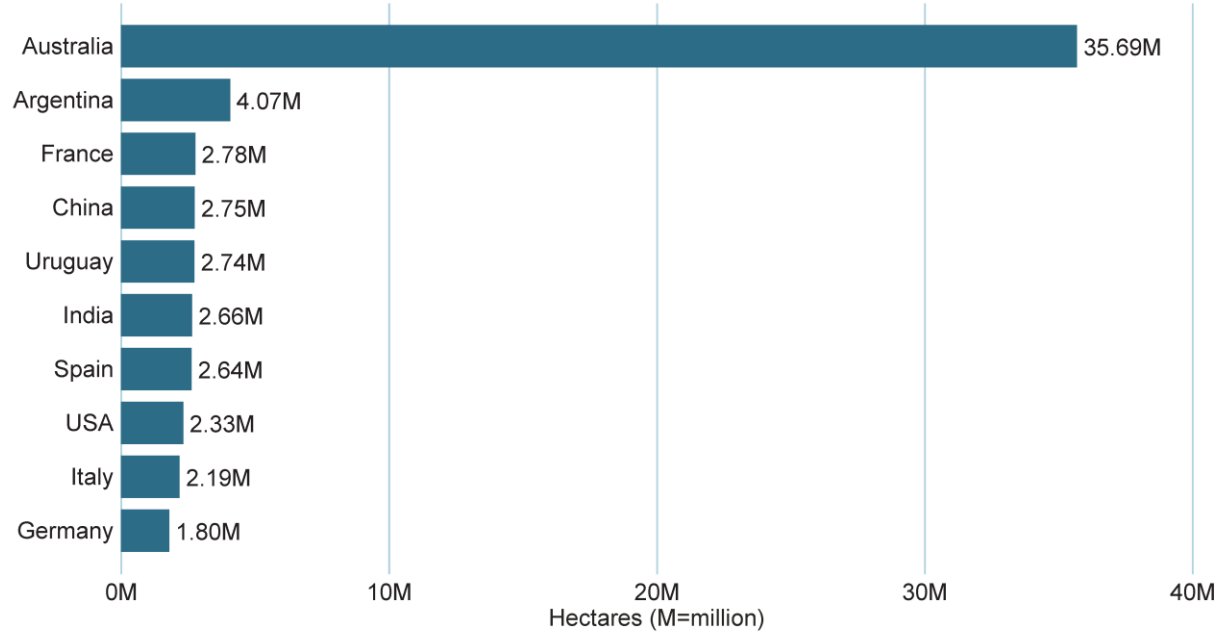
In 2021, nearly 0.75 million hectares more were reported compared with 2020.



Growth of the organic agricultural land 2000-2021.

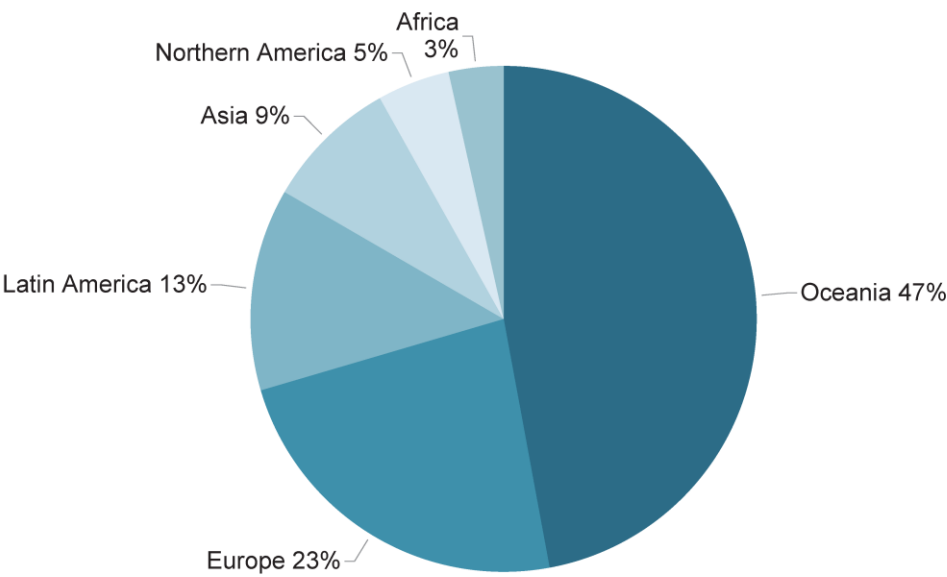
World: The ten countries with the largest areas of organic agricultural land 2021

Source: FiBL survey 2023



World: Distribution of organic agricultural land by region 2021

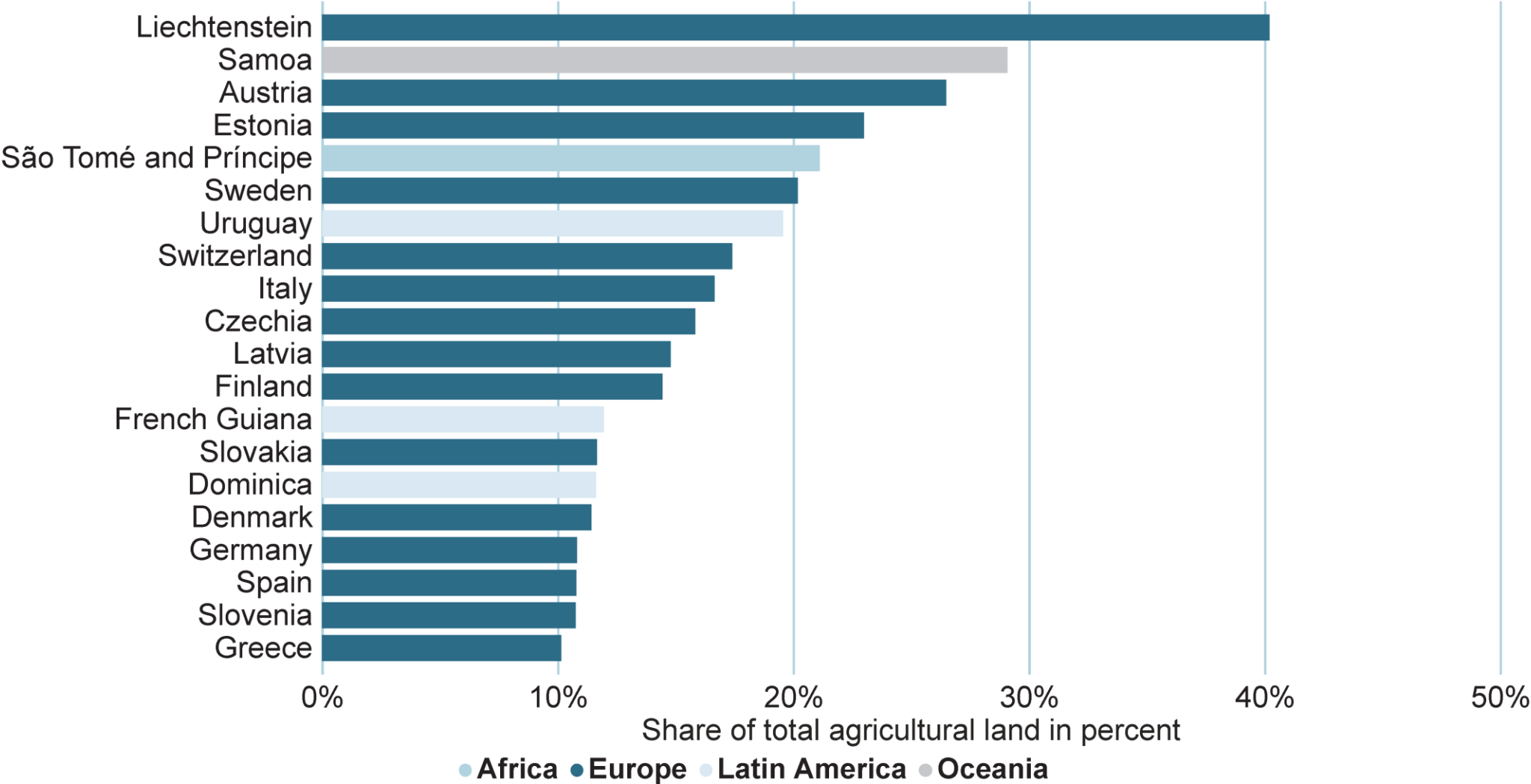
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The 10 countries with the largest areas of organic agricultural land and distribution of organic agricultural land by region in 2021

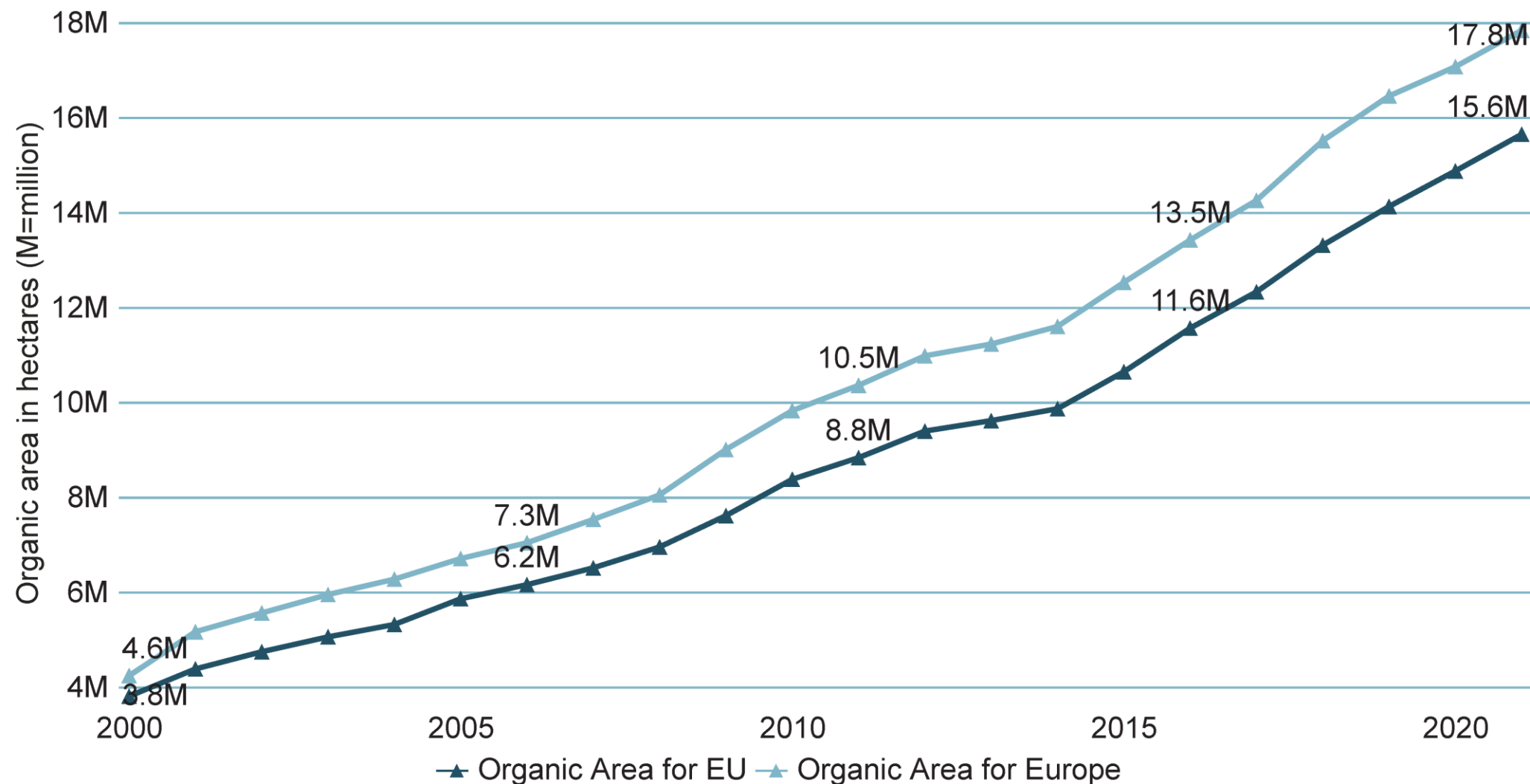
World: Countries with an organic share of the total agricultural land of at least 10 percent

Source: FiBL survey 2023



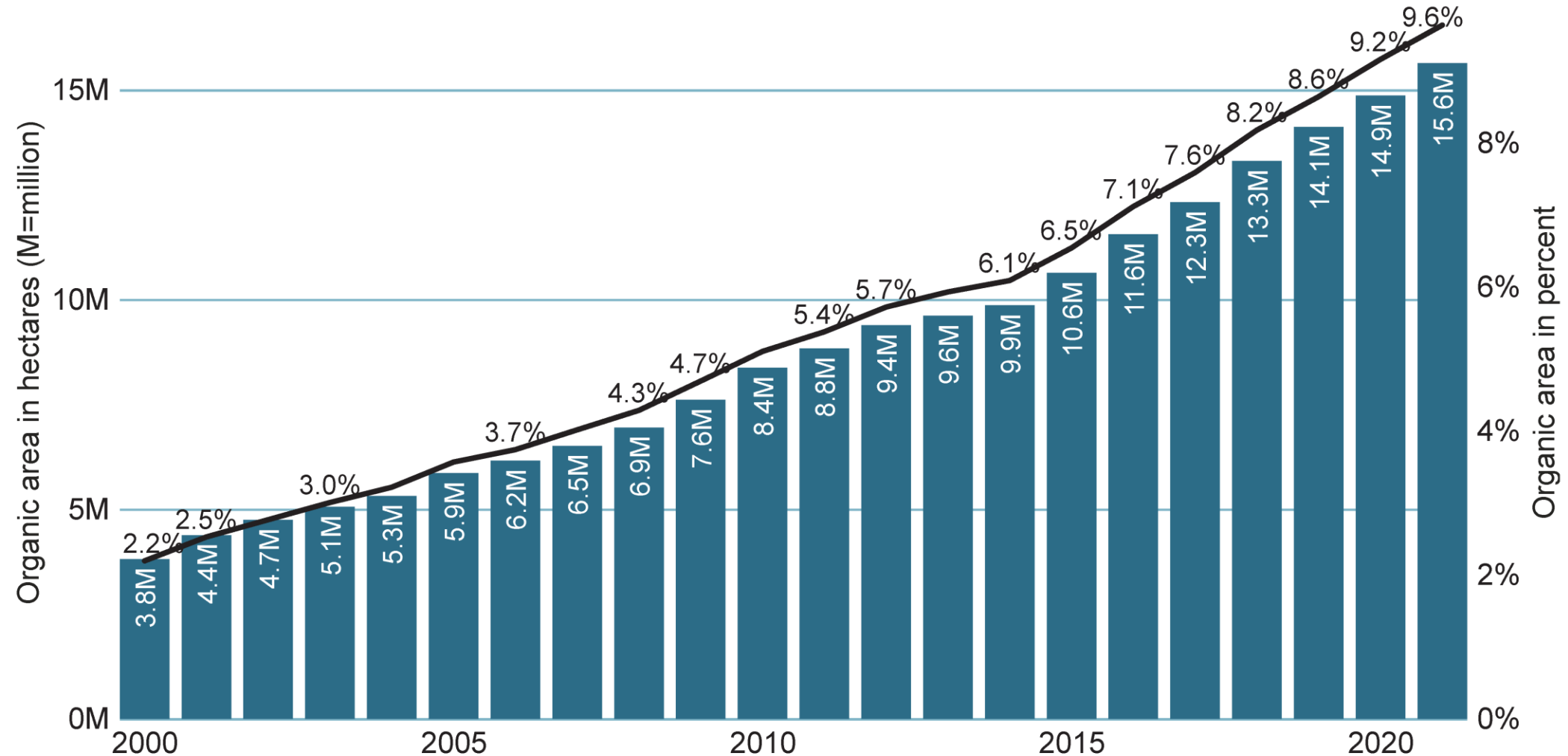
Europe and the European Union: Development of organic agricultural land 2000 - 2021

Source: FiBL-AMI surveys 2001-2023, based on the national data sources and Eurostat



EU: Growth of organic agricultural land and organic share 2000 - 2021

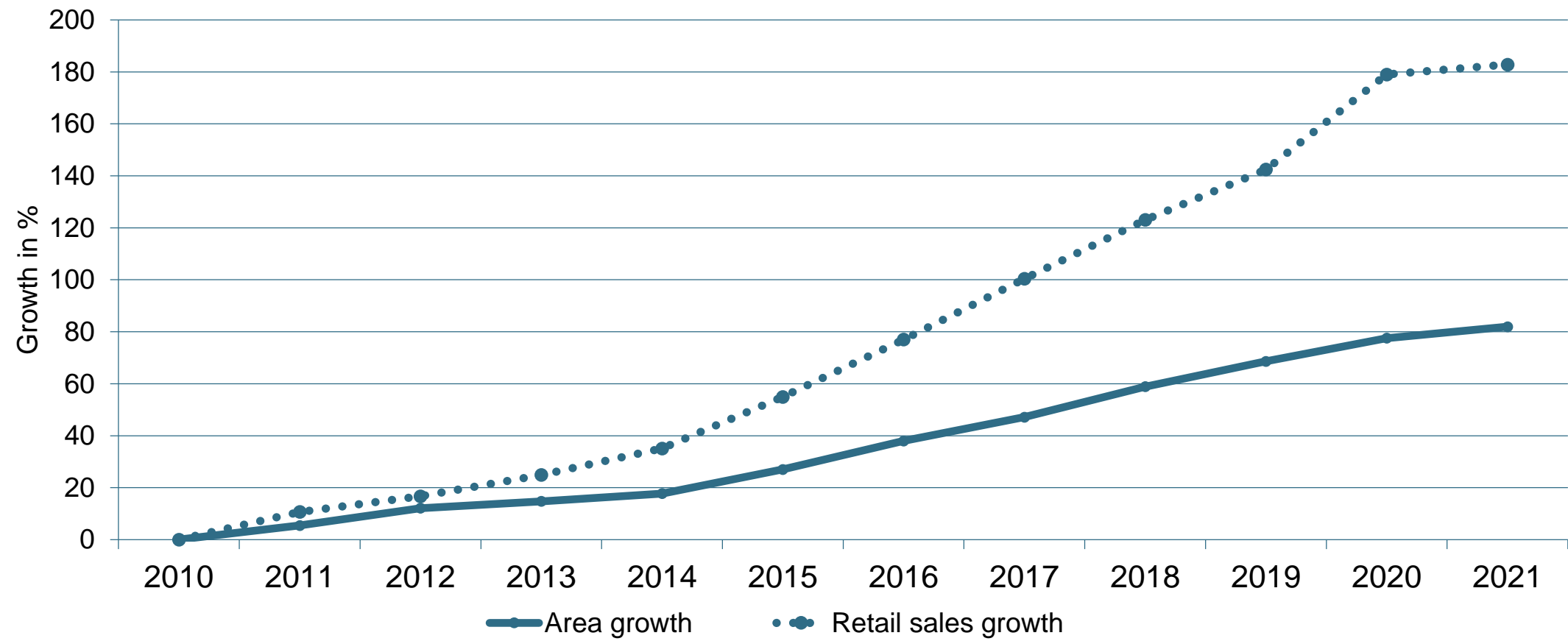
Source: FiBL-IFOAM-SOEL surveys 2001-2023



Europe: Growth of organic area and retail sales

2010-2021

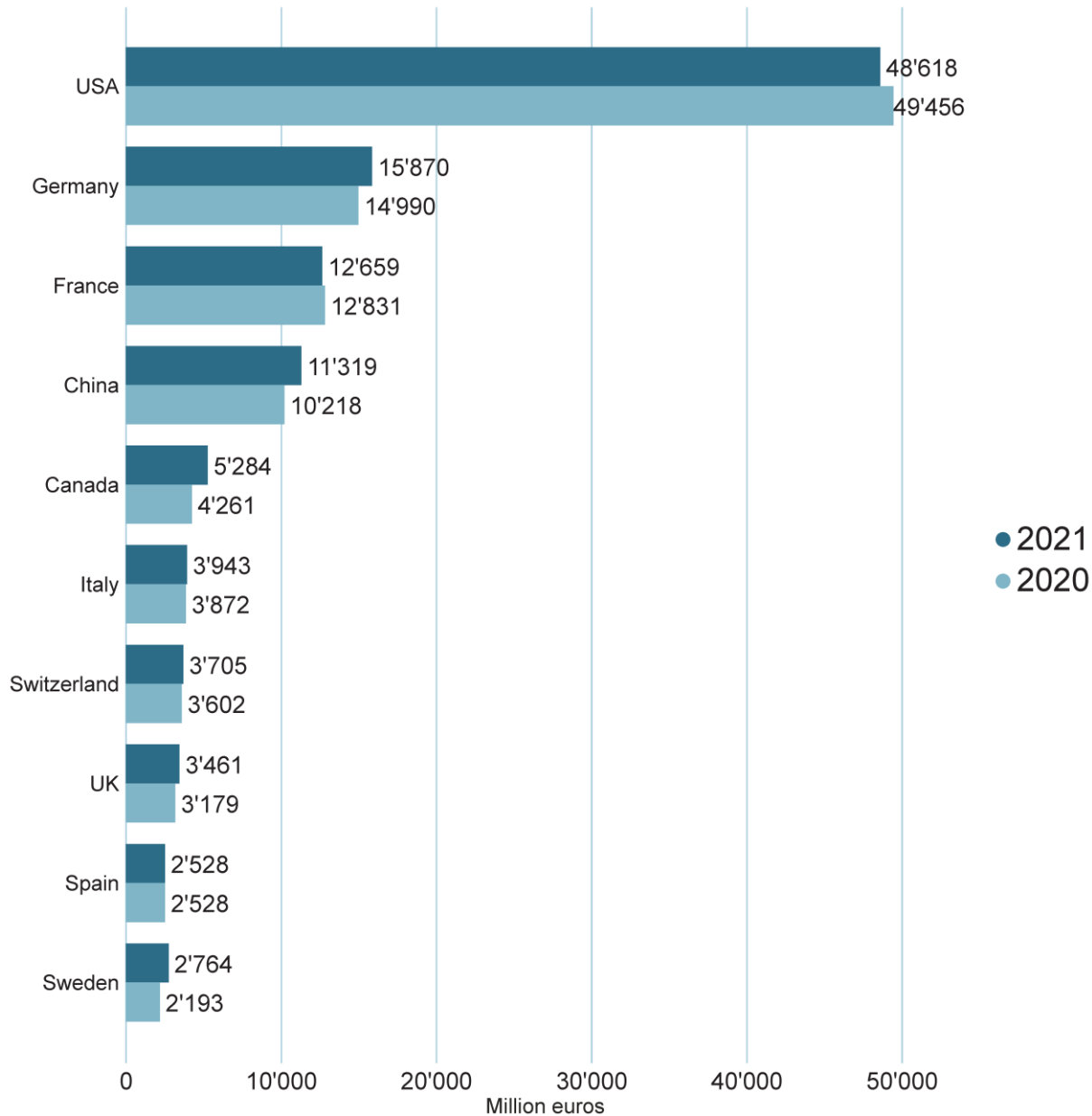
Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2023, based on national data sources and Eurostat



Europe: Cumulative growth of organic area and retail sales

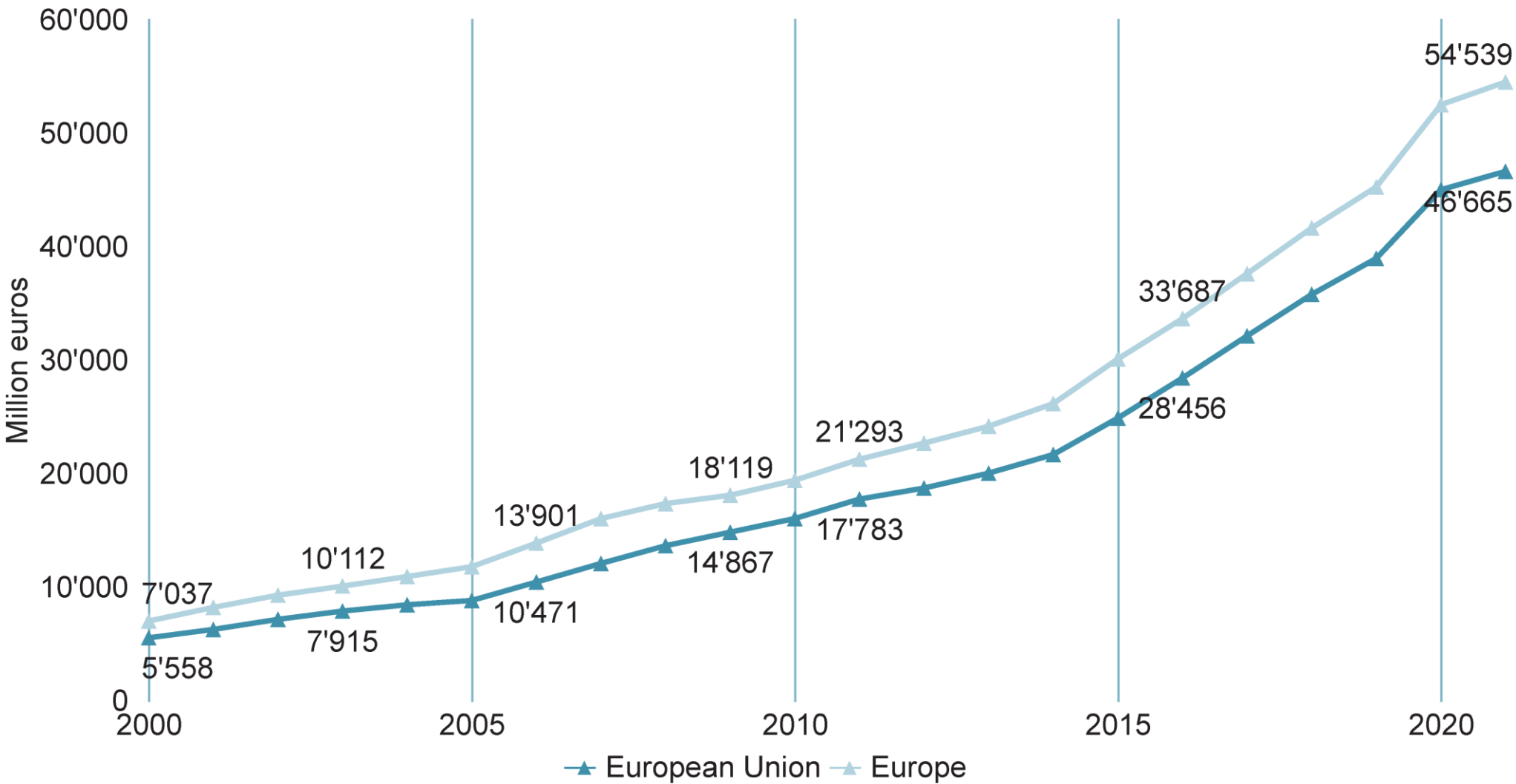
World: Top 10 organic markets in 2020 and 2021

Source: FiBL AMI survey 2023



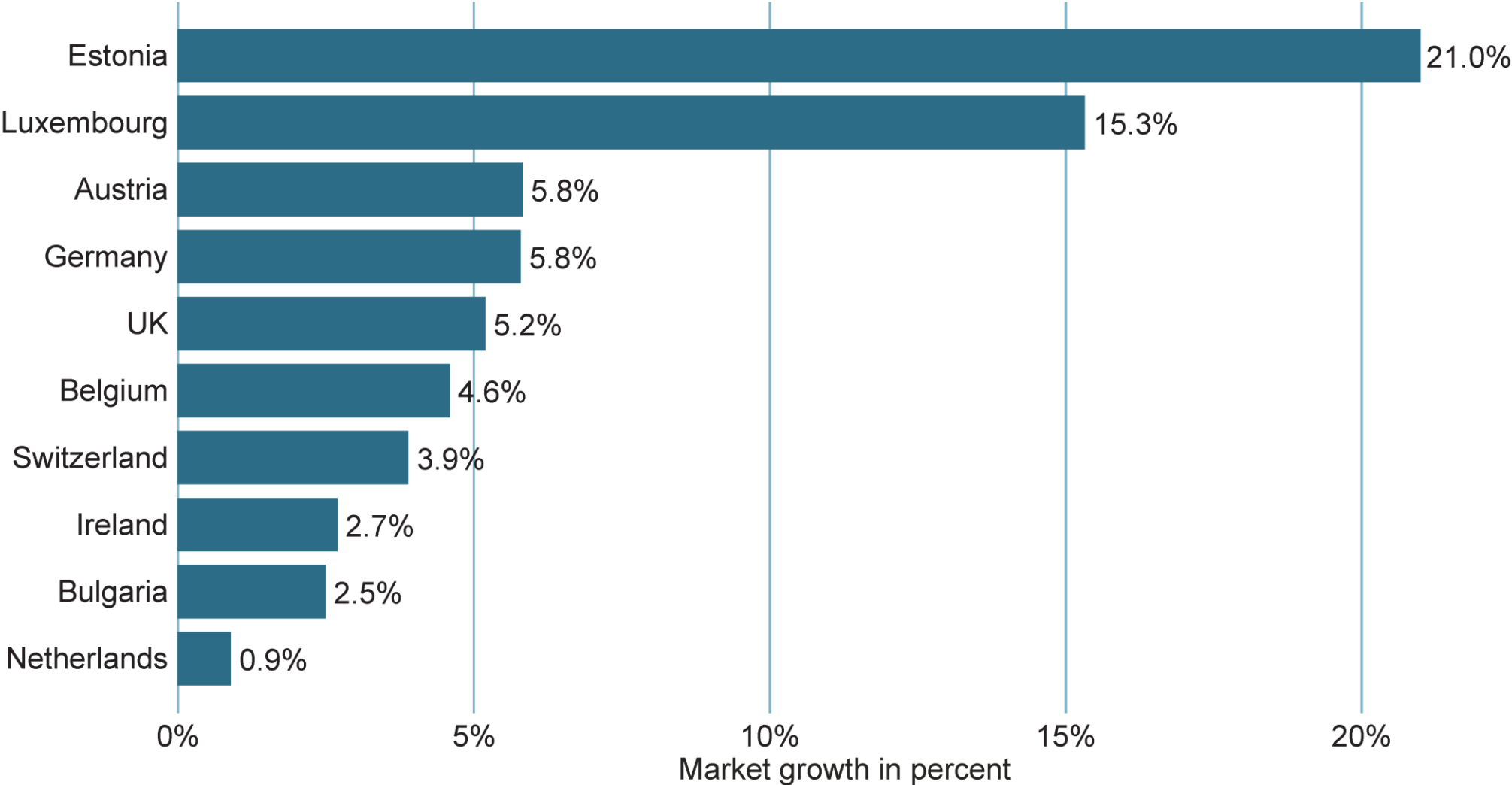
Europe and the European Union: Growth of organic retail sales 2000 - 2021

Source: FiBL-AMI surveys 2001-2023



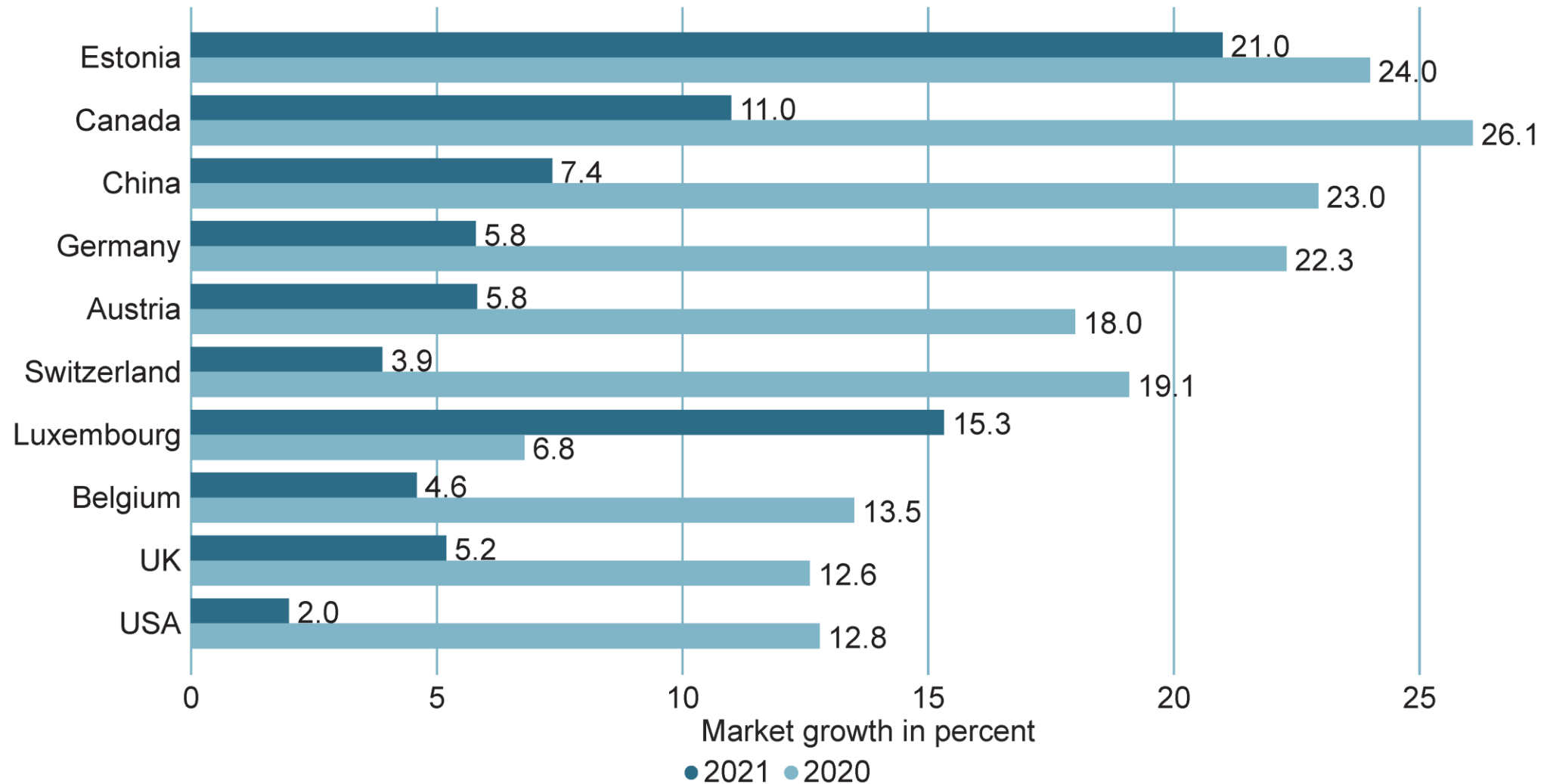
Europe: The countries with the highest organic market growth 2021

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2023



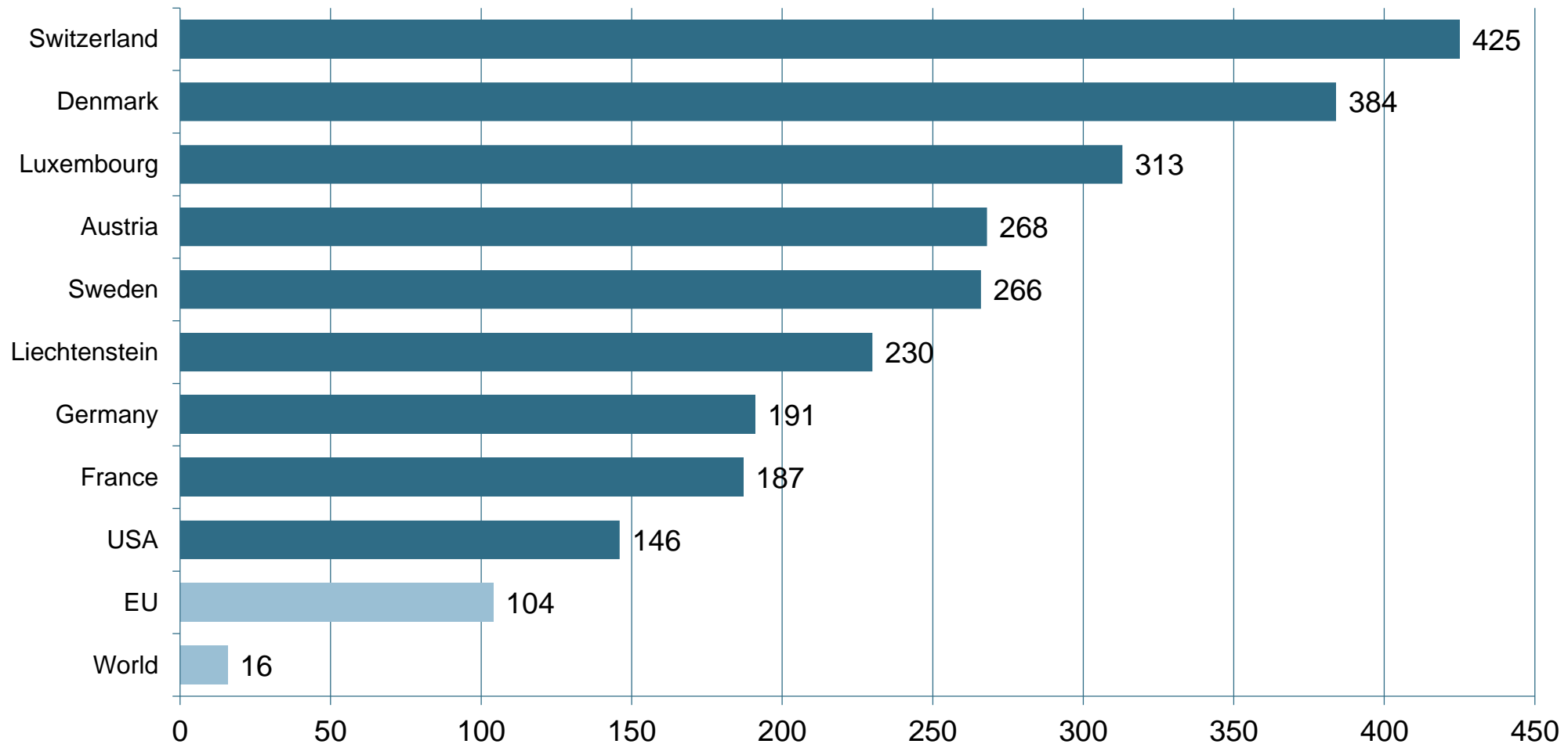
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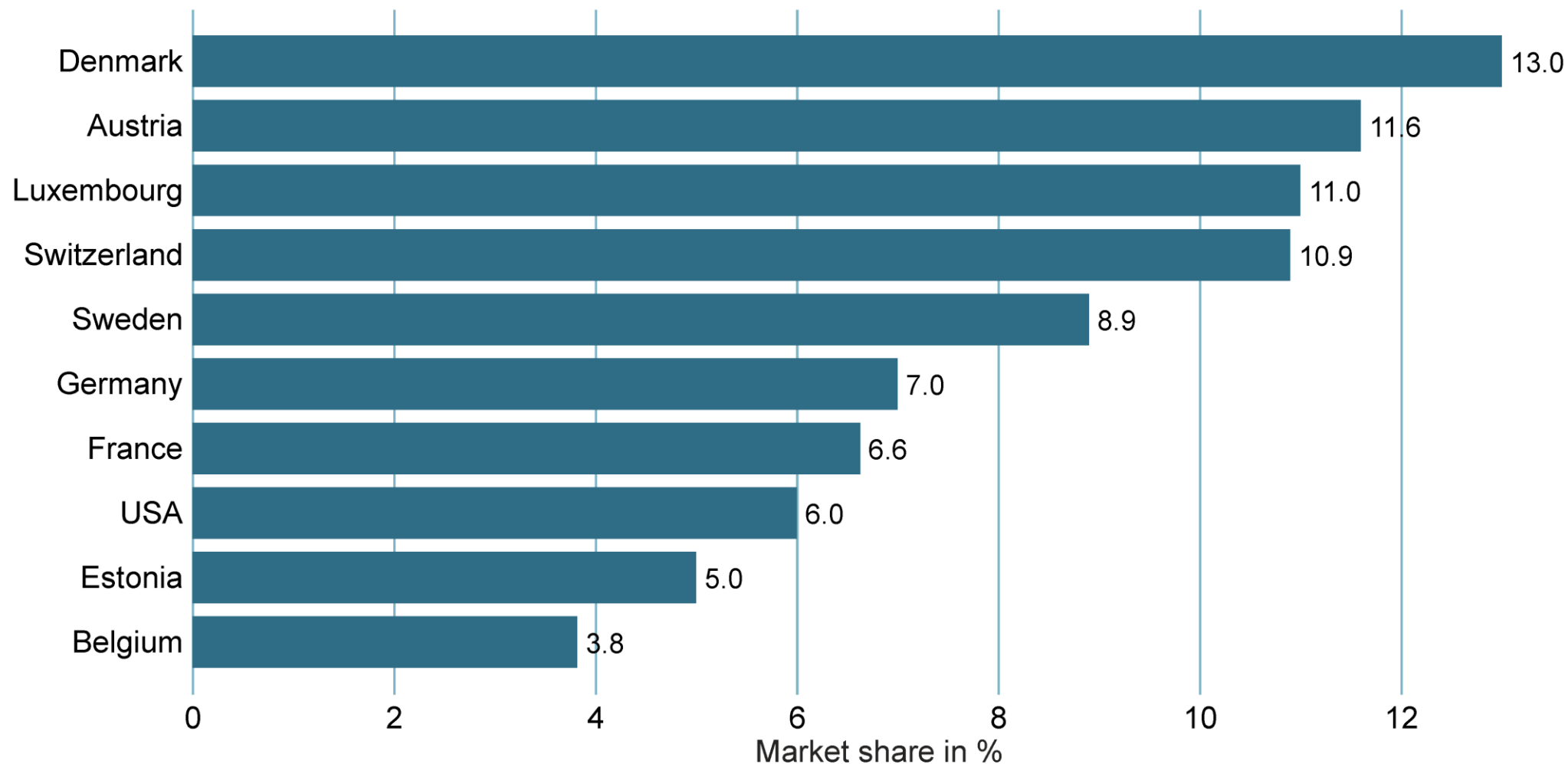
The ten countries with the highest per capita consumption 2021

Source: FiBL-AMI survey 2023



World: Top ten countries with the highest organic market shares of the total retail sales 2021

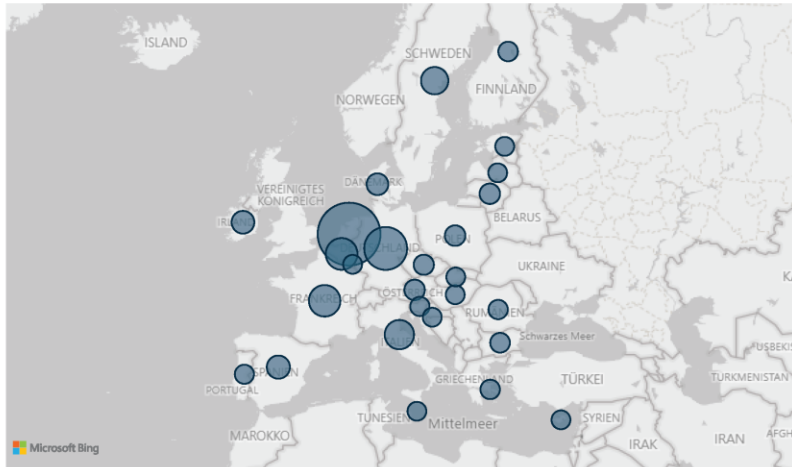
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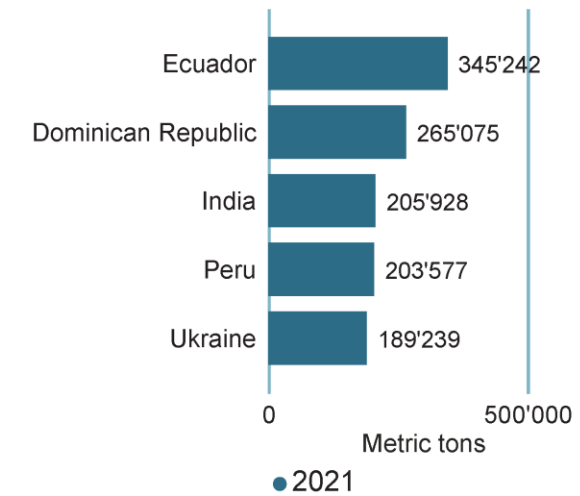
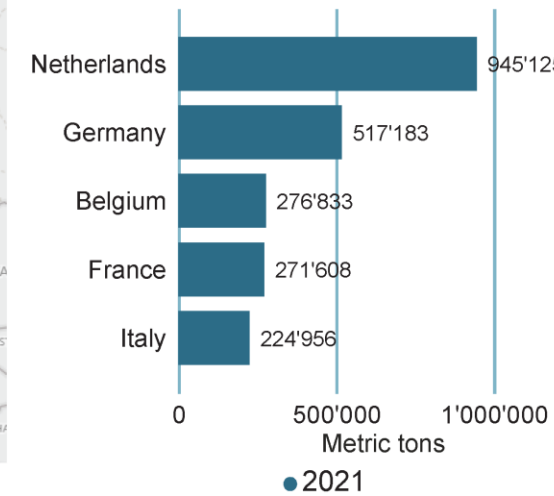
European Union: Organic agri-food import to the European Union 2021

Source: Traces/European Commission 2022

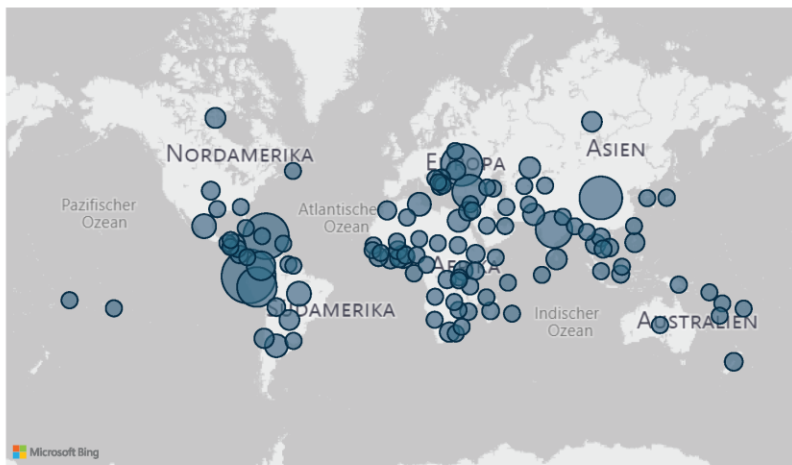
Importing countries (imports in metric tons)



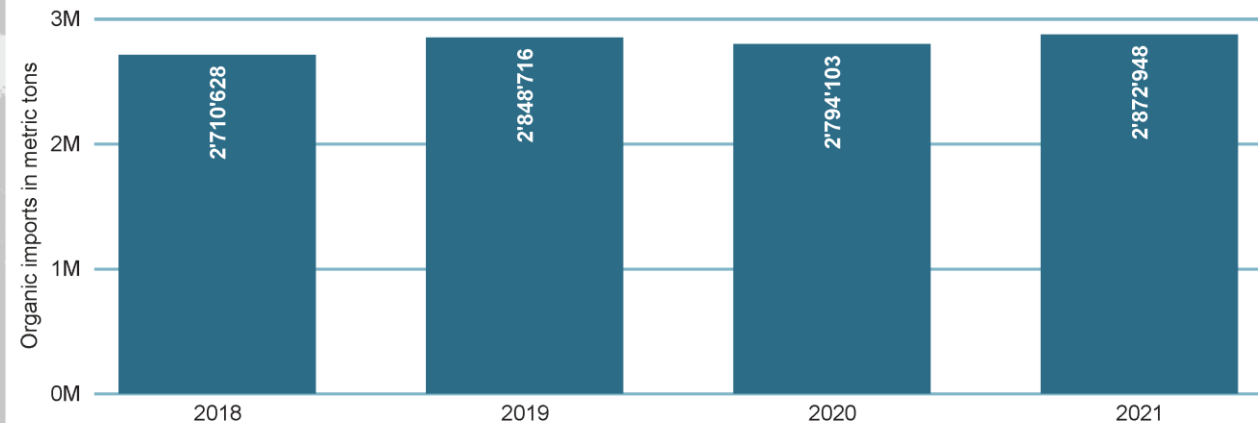
Importing countries (imports in metric tons) Exporting countries (exports in metric tons)



Exporting countries (exports in metric tons)



The development of total organic imports to the European Union 2020 in metric tons



Conclusions

- Almost 18 million hectares of farmland were organic in Europe in 2021 – France had the largest area
- European organic farmland increased by almost 0.8 million hectares (4.4%)
- Liechtenstein is the country with the highest organic area share in the world (40.2%).
- Retail sales passed the 50 billion euro mark – Market growth slowed down
- The highest organic market shares (Denmark) and per capita (Switzerland) consumption are in Europe
- Organic imports stagnating – Ecuador was the largest supplier; tropical fruit is the most important commodity group

Conclusions

- Data show that in 2021 in Europe the organic farmland and market continued to grow, even though slower than in the previous years. Imports remained stable, however with a shift towards tropical products.
- Only few data were available for 2022 in February 2023; it remains to be seen how the organic market and area will develop that year - characterised by inflation and higher energy prices.
- 2023 is expected to be a challenging year for the organic sector.
- To reach the EU Farm to Fork target of 25 percent organic farmland in the European Union by 2030, appropriate and timely support measures are needed.

More information

- <https://www.organic-world.net/yearbook/yearbook-2023.html>: Yearbook
- <https://statistics.fibl.org>, interactive online tables and infographics
- [www.twitter.com@fiblstatistics](https://www.twitter.com/fiblstatistics)

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