



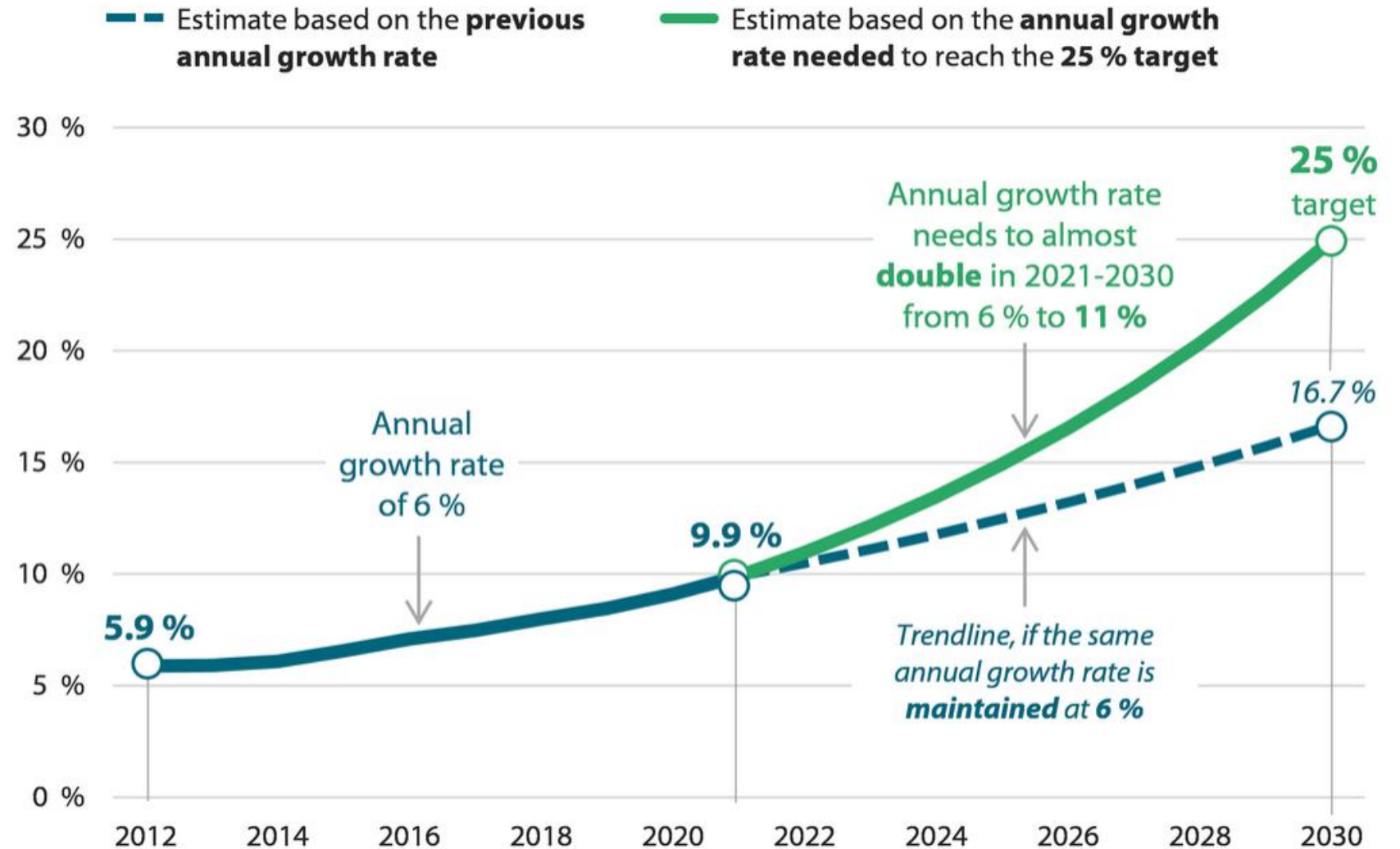
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**Closing the Gap: Why organic Seed is Critical for the
Future of Organic Agriculture in the EU**

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The Organic Success Story

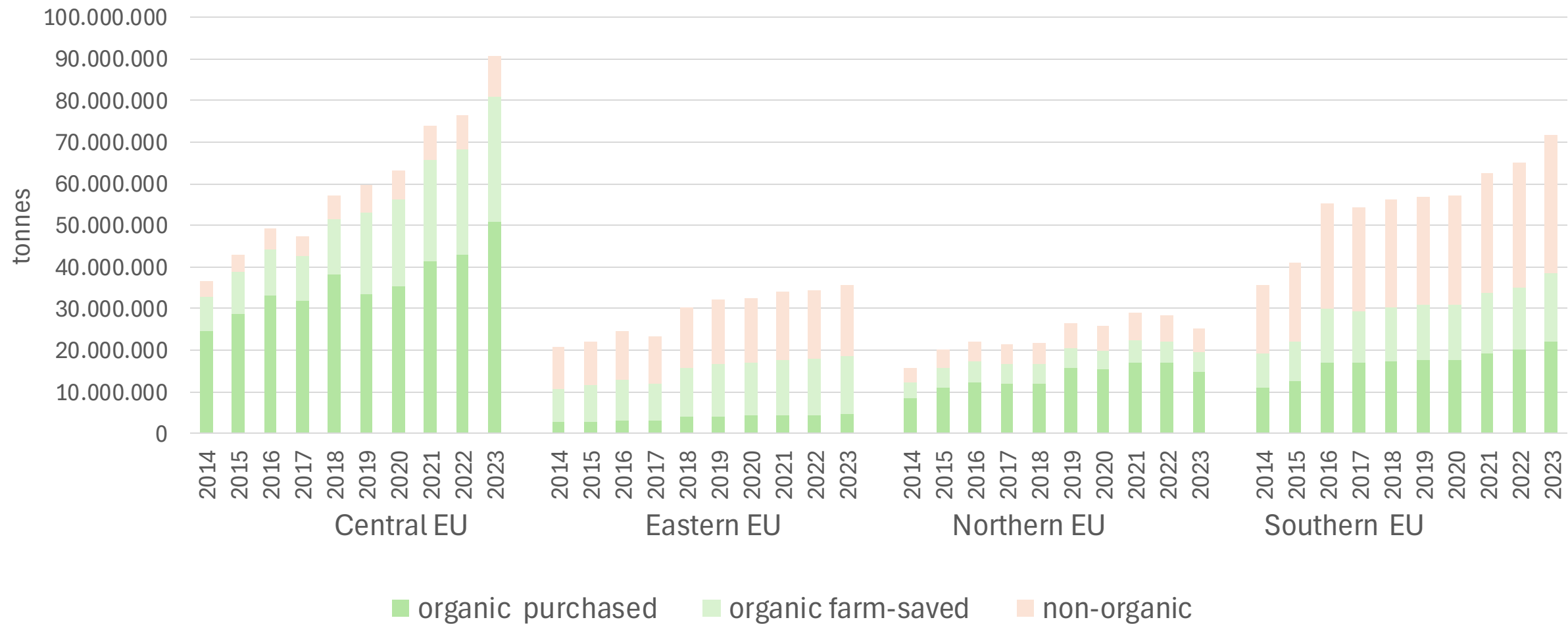


Source: ECA calculations based on **Eurostat** and **DG AGRI** data.

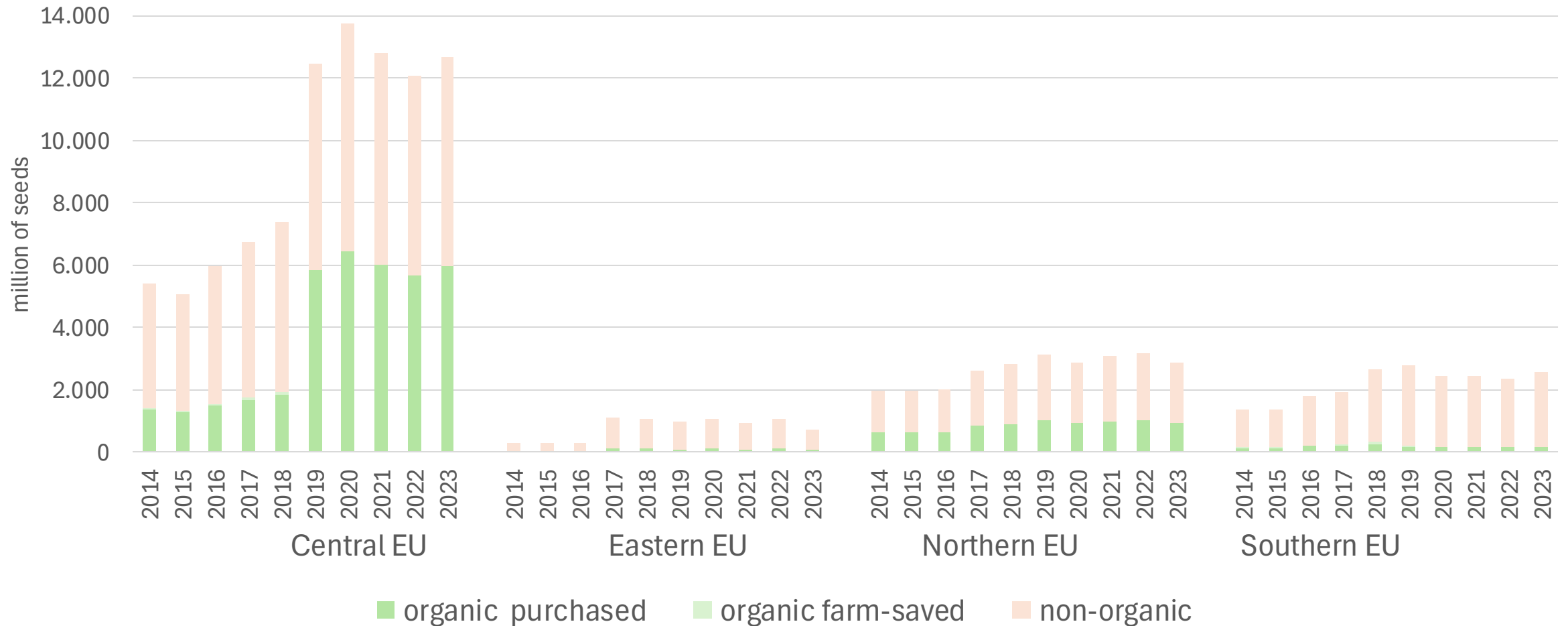
Structural imbalances

Organic farmland has expanded significantly, while the availability of organic seed have lagged behind, limiting farmer choice and system resilience.

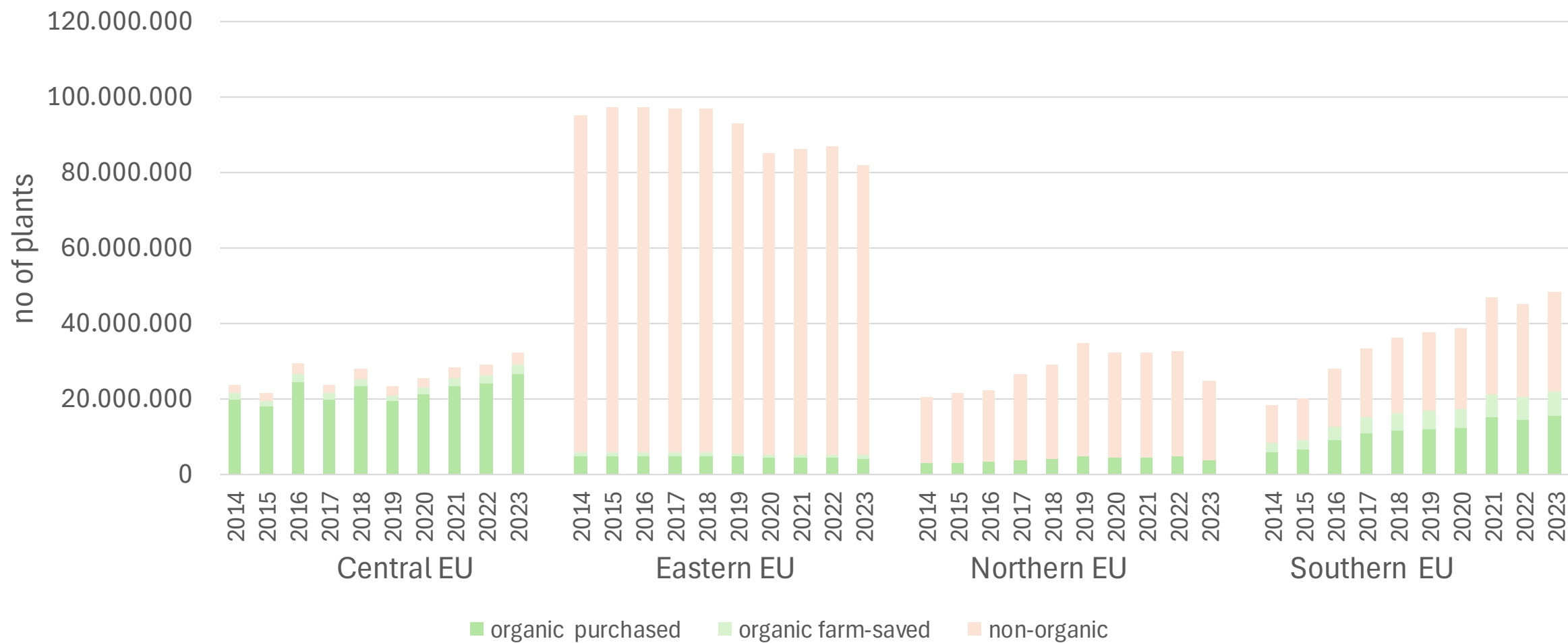
Organic seed supply gap of wheat (*Triticum aestivum*)



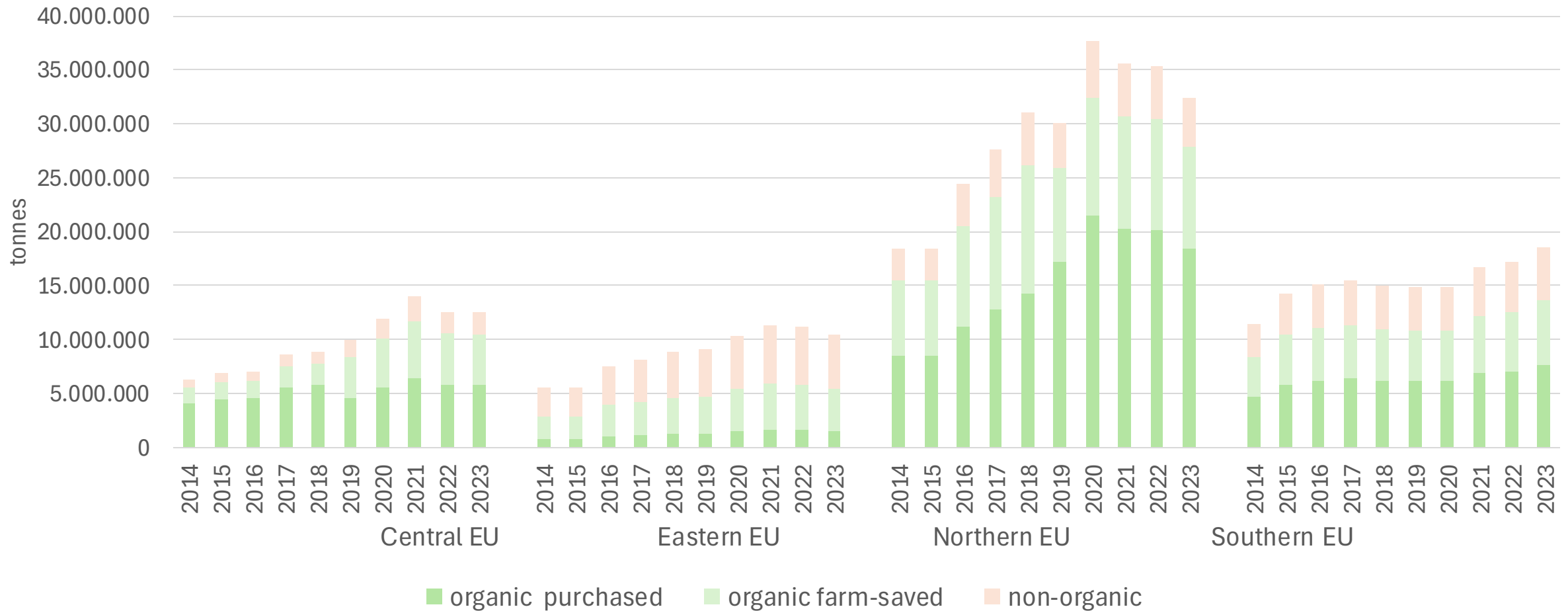
Organic seed supply gap of carrot (*Daucus carota*)



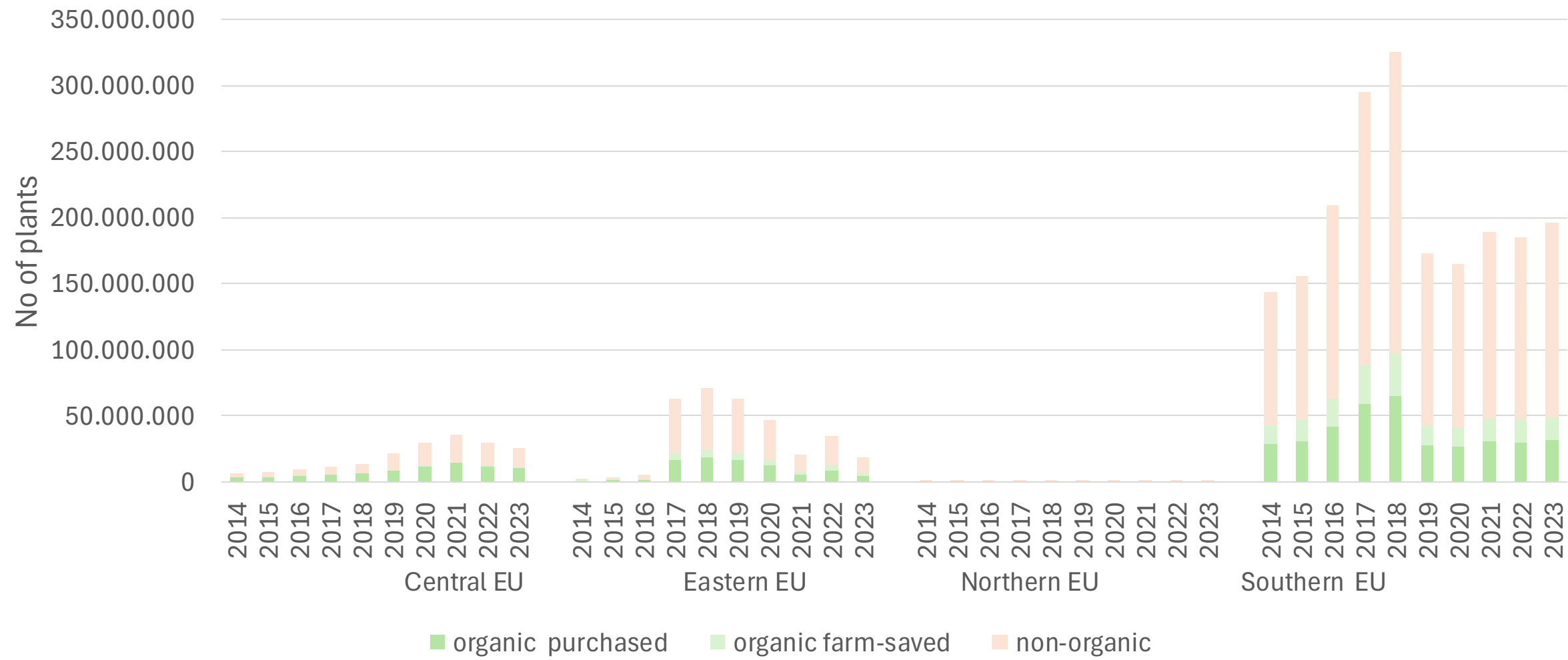
Organic seed supply gap of Strawberries (*Fragaria x ananassa*)



Organic seed supply gap of Oat (*Avena sativa*)



Organic seed supply gap of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*)



■ Share of estimated organic purchased, organic farm-saved, and non-organic seed use for wheat, displayed in tonnes, across the European Union incl. Switzerland from 2014 to 2023.

Market credibility and trust

Consumers expect organic production to be based on organic inputs; expanding organic seed use reinforces transparency and trust.

Preparedness for NGT deregulation



As regulatory frameworks around NGTs evolve, a strong organic seed sector provides a clear independent pathway for organic agriculture, safeguarding its distinct identity and avoiding unintended technological lock-ins.

Core Message

Closing the organic seed supply gap needs planning security, transparency and coordination.

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