



DIRECT PAYMENTS IN ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA

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WHY DO FARMERS NEED PUBLIC SUPPORT?



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- Economic and weather conditions are independent of farmers
- Major long term investments
- Public goods (environmental protection, animal welfare, safe and high-quality food)
- EU standards are among the highest in the world



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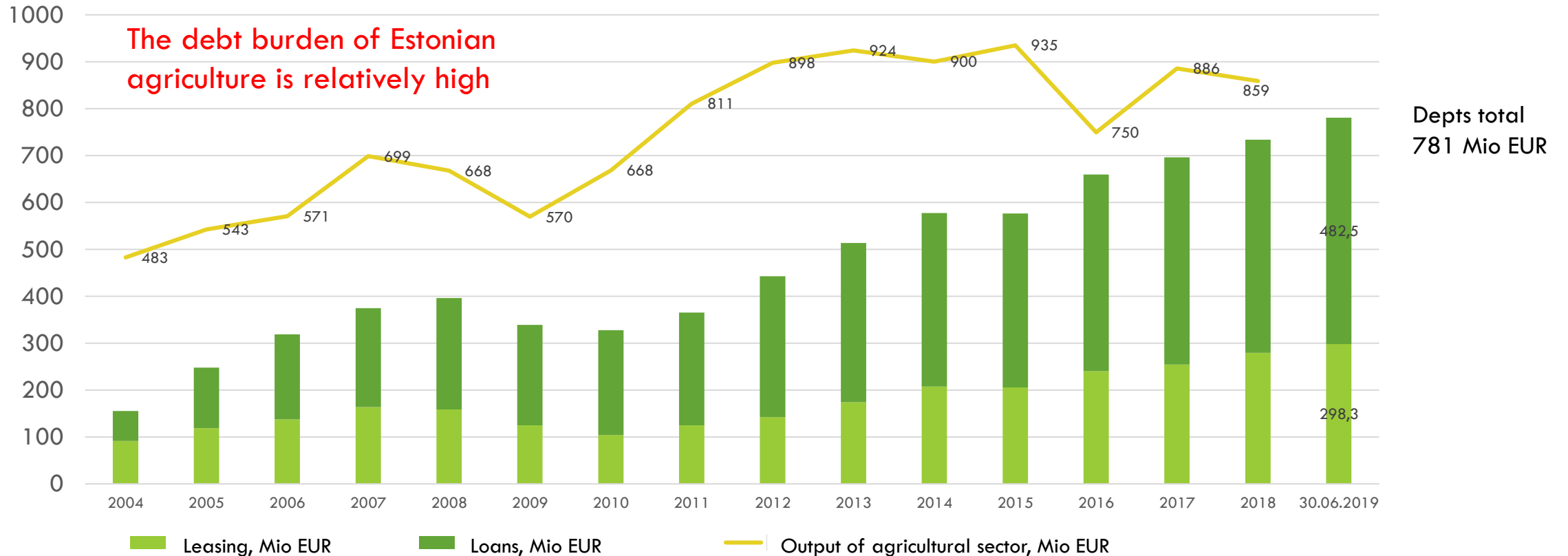
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GENERAL REMARKS

AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT, LOANS AND LEASING IN ESTONIA



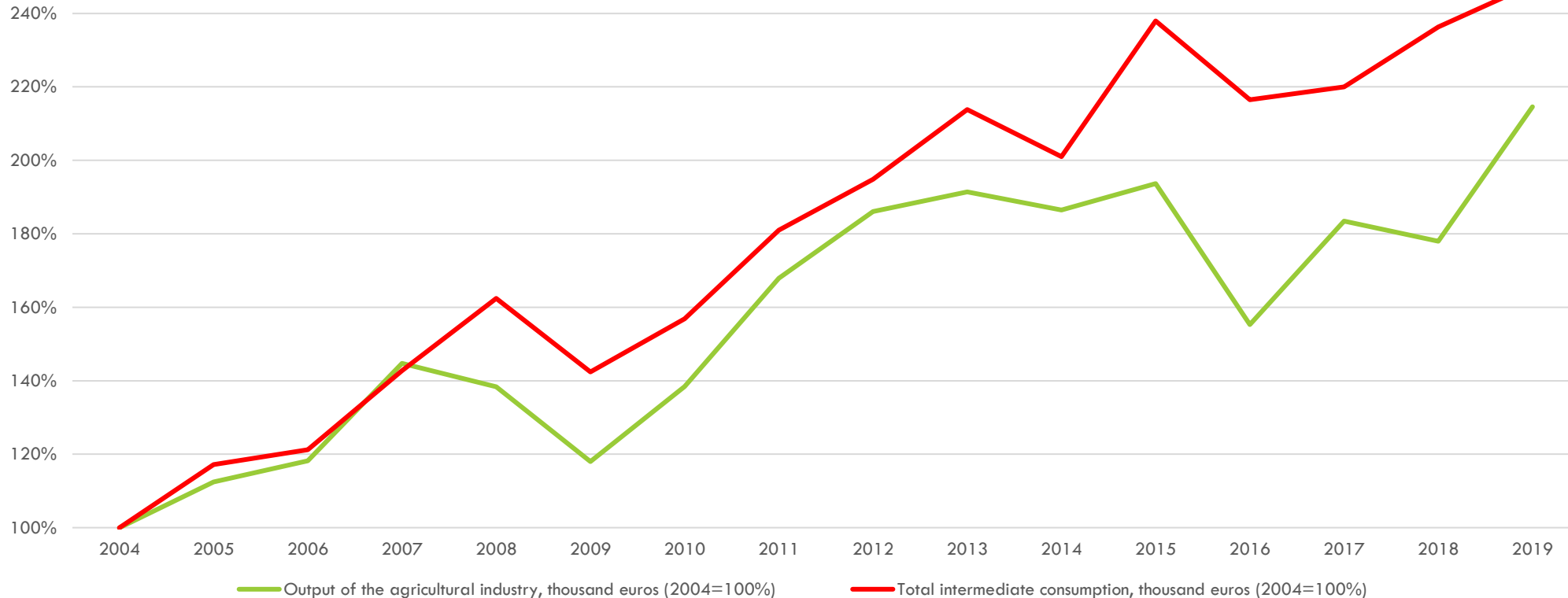
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EXPENDITURE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS GROWING FASTER THAN THE VALUE OF PRODUCTION



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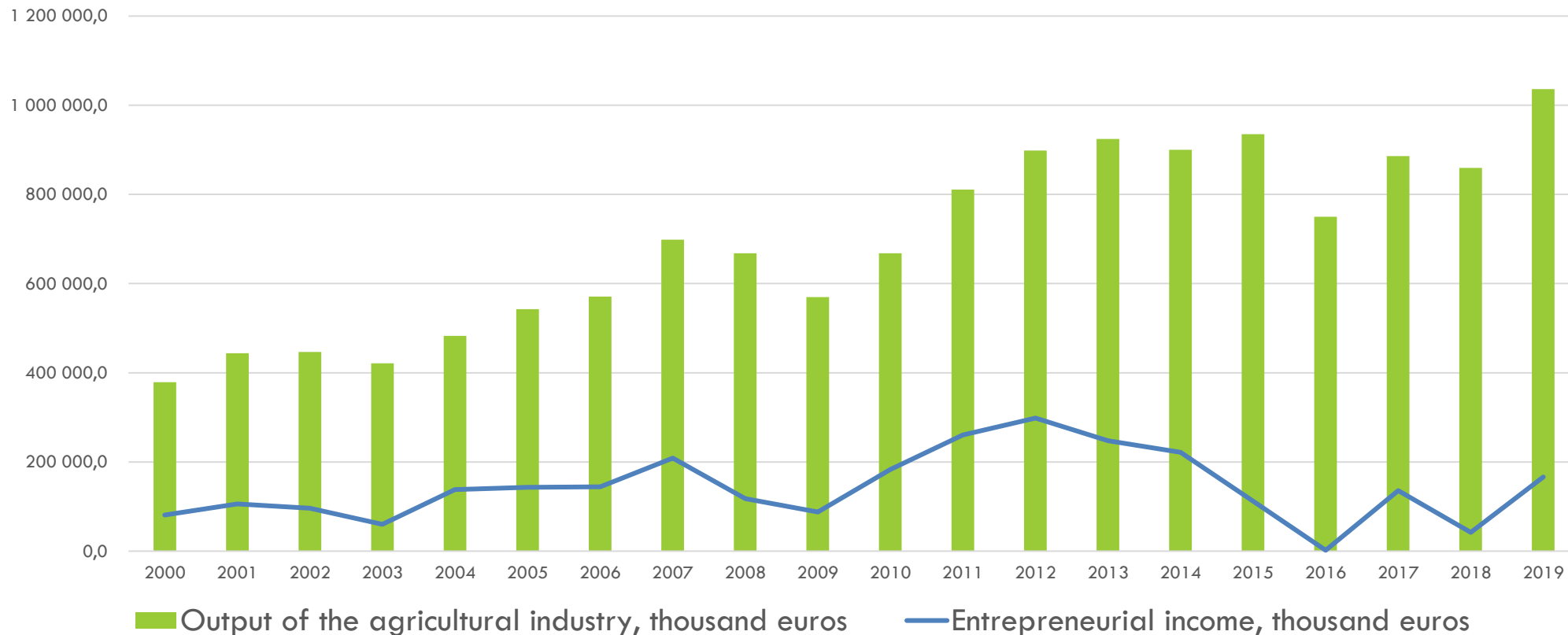


Source: Statistics Estonia

AGRICULTURAL INCOME IS RATHER DECREASING



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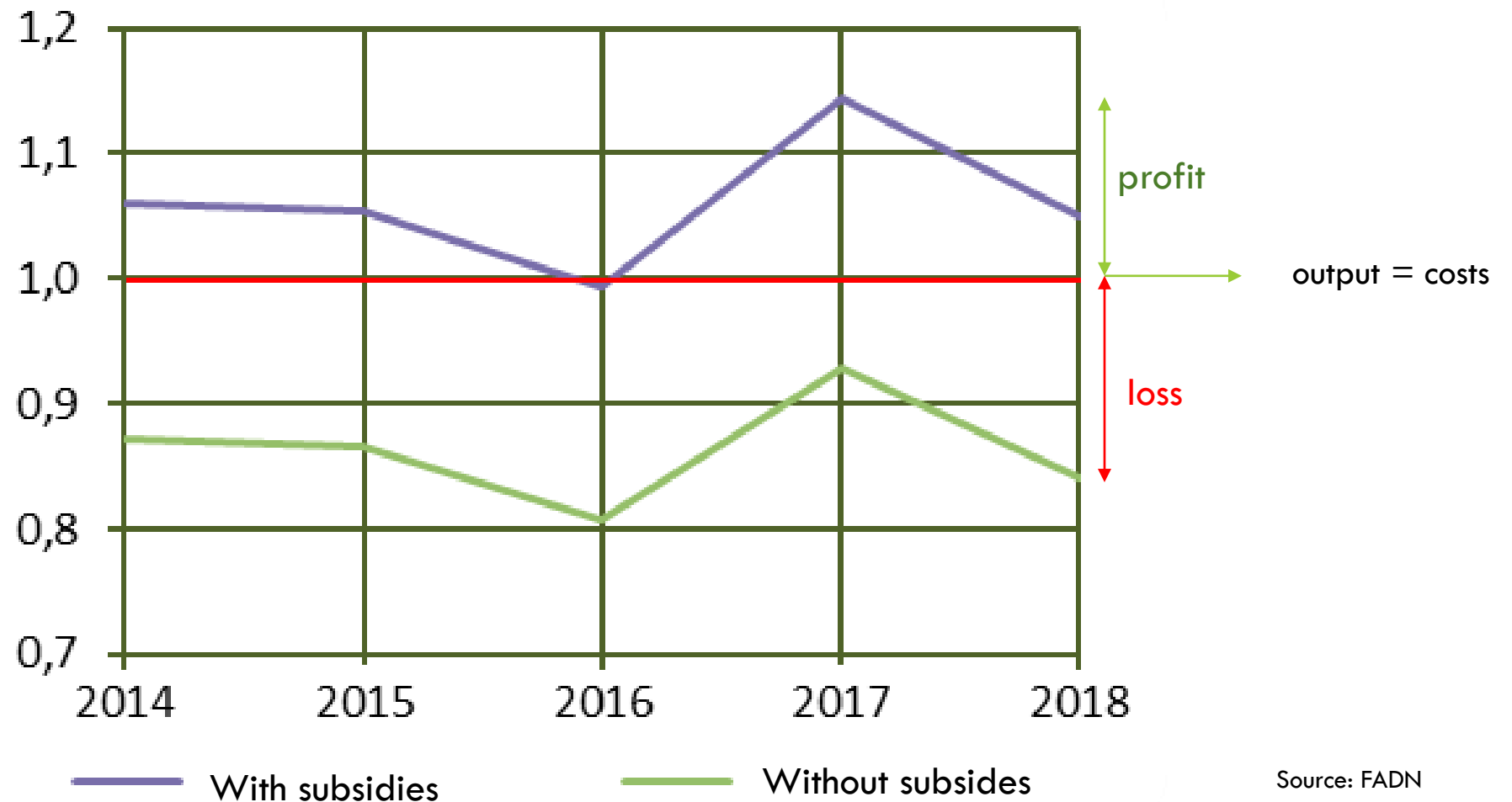


Allikas: SA

RATIO OF TOTAL PRODUCTION TO TOTAL COSTS – WITHOUT SUBSIDIES, THE SECTOR IS IN A LOSS



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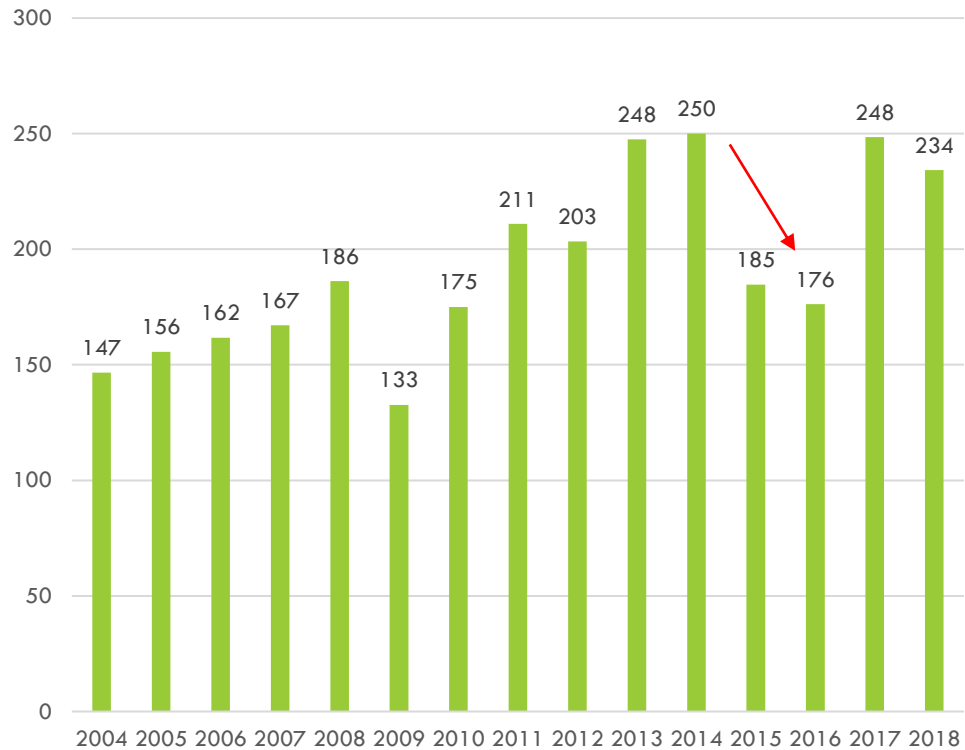
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RESILIENCE TO MARKET CRISES

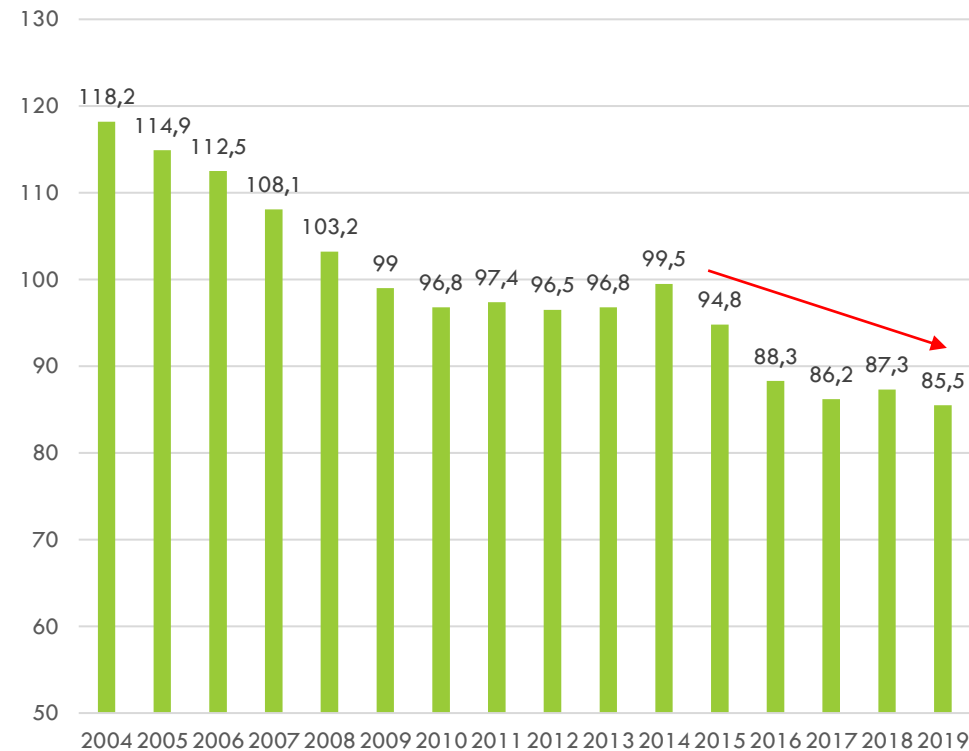


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Dairy production, Mio EUR



Number of dairy cows (thousands)



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WHY BALTIC PAYMENTS ARE SO LOW?

UNFAVORABLE REFERENCE 1997-1999

- Difficulties of economic transformation
- Agricultural land use at a low point
- Low grain yields
- Beef farming just started to exist
- Low number of ewes
- Low level of dairy production (impact of 1998 Russian crisis -15%)
- Today direct payment level is still connected to old reference



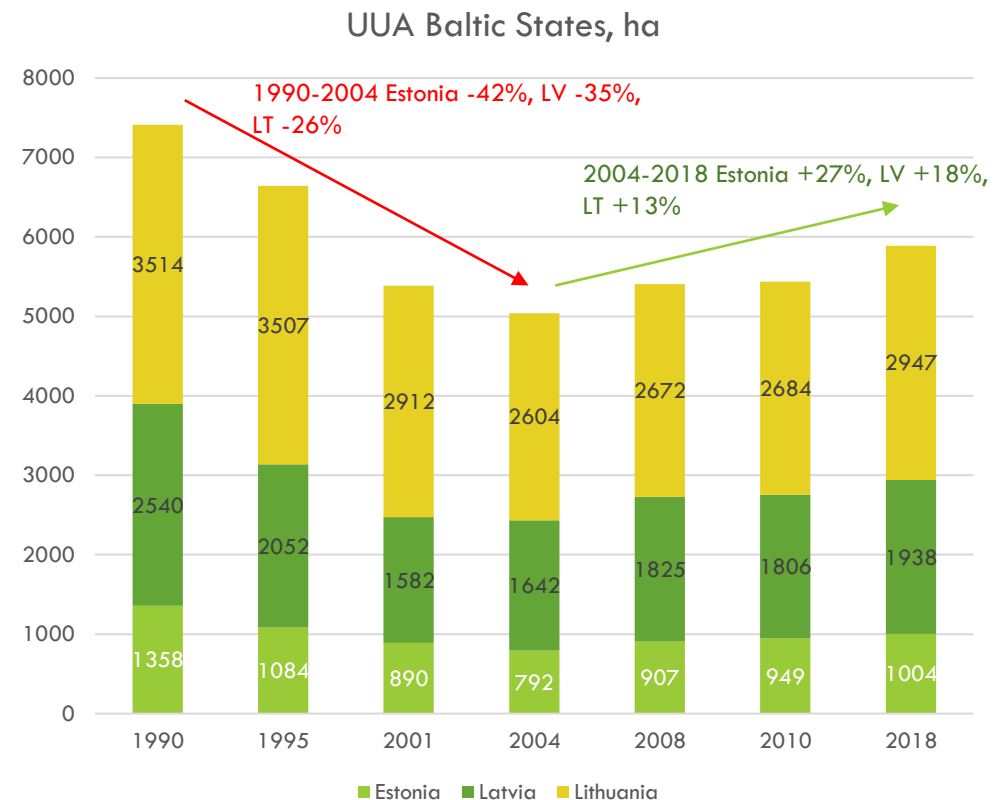
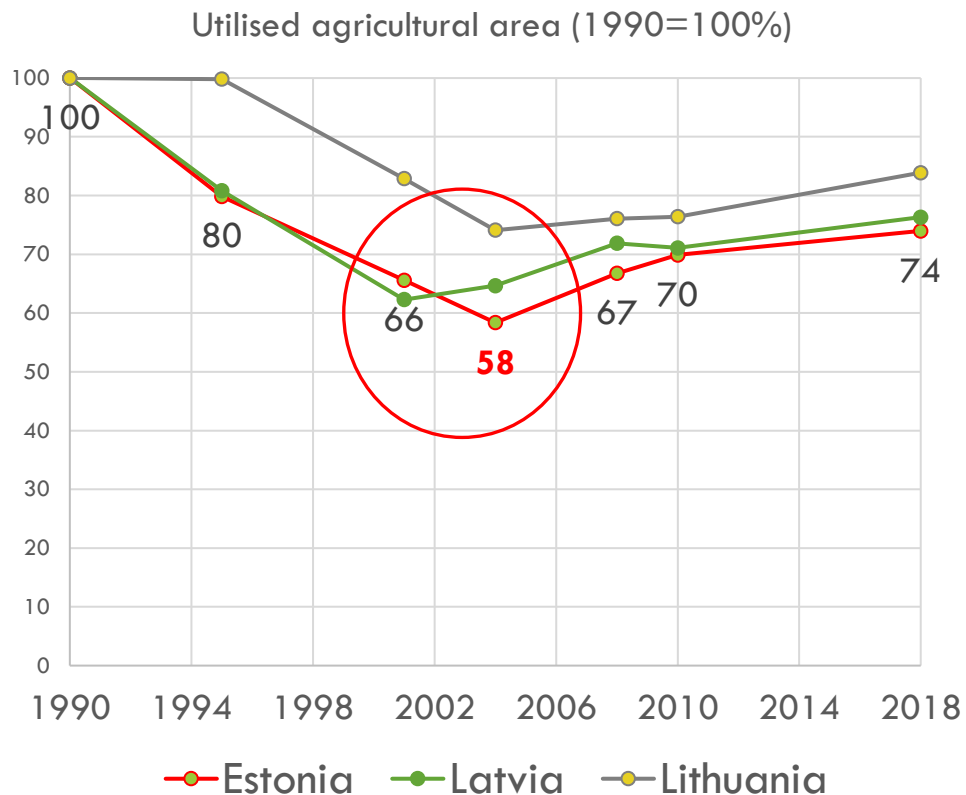
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AGRICULTURAL AREA (1990=100%)



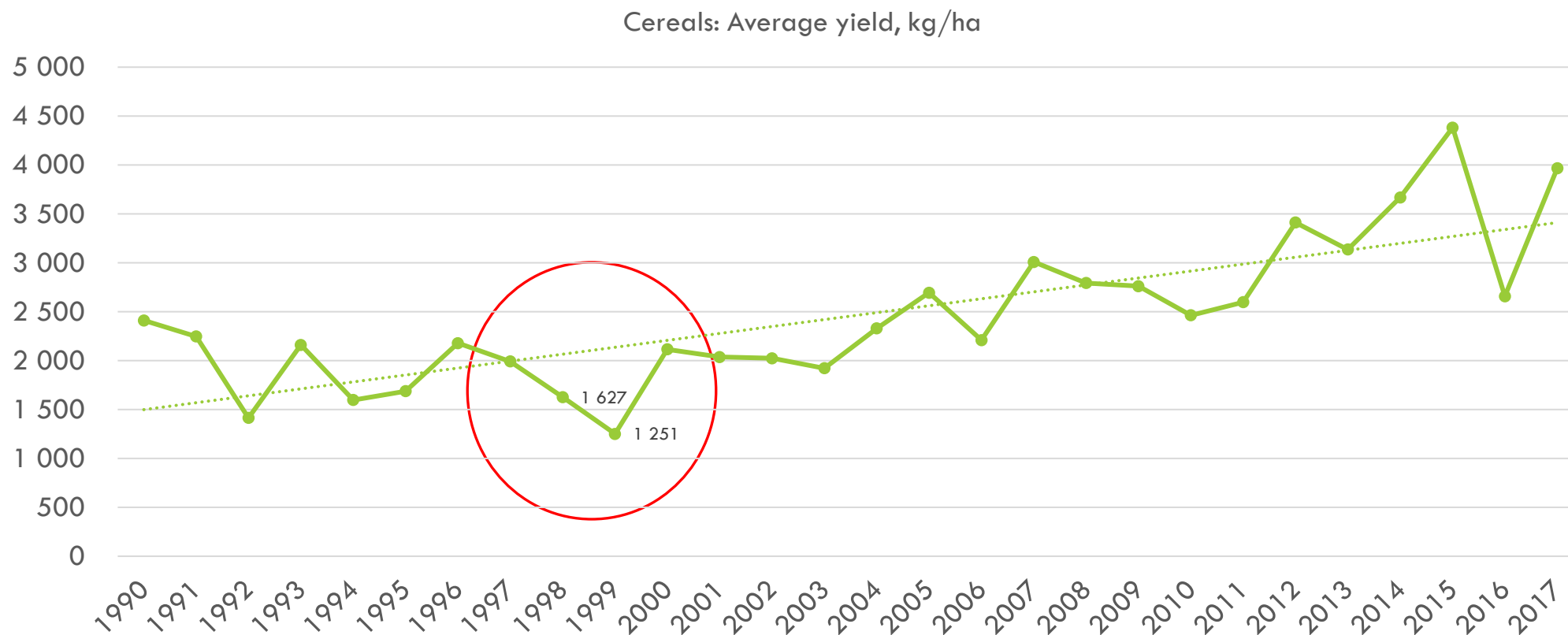
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AVERAGE YIELD OF CEREALS IN ESTONIA



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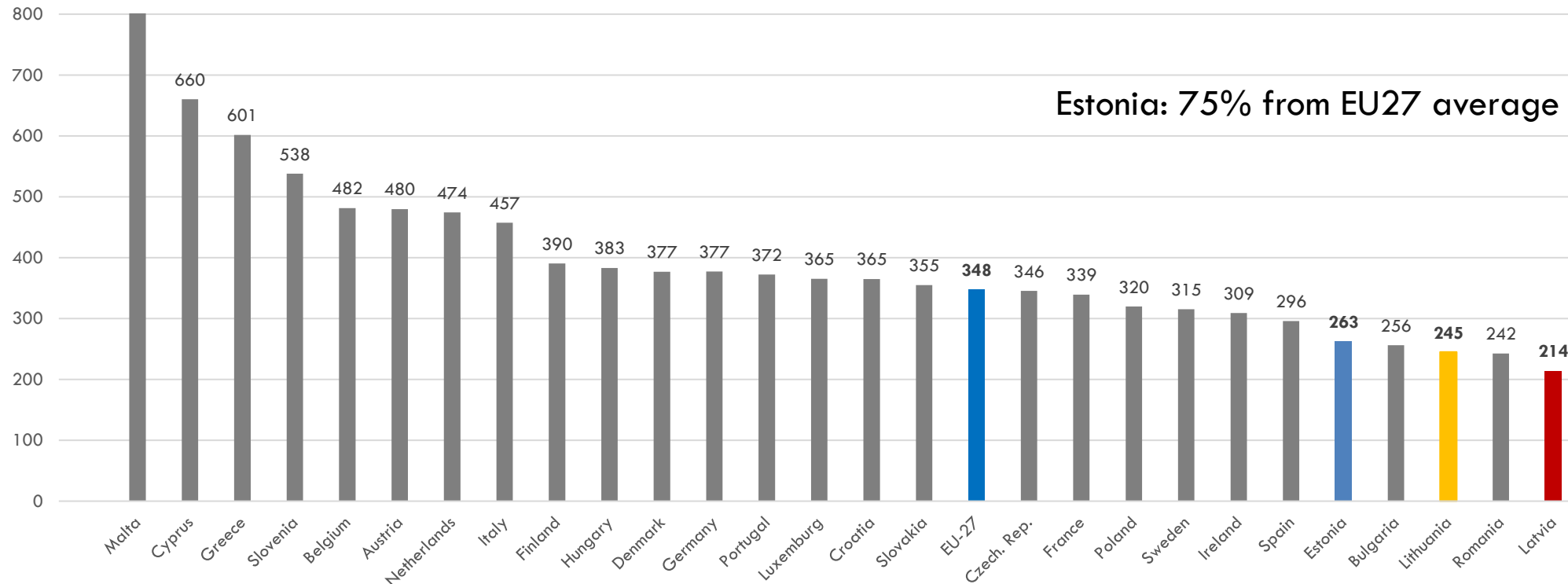
FAIR PAYMENTS FOR BALTIC FARMERS?

CURRENT SITUATION: TOTAL CAP EXPENDITURE 2019 (DP, RD, MARKET) (2016 UAA)



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CAP support per 1 ha of UAA, eur/ha

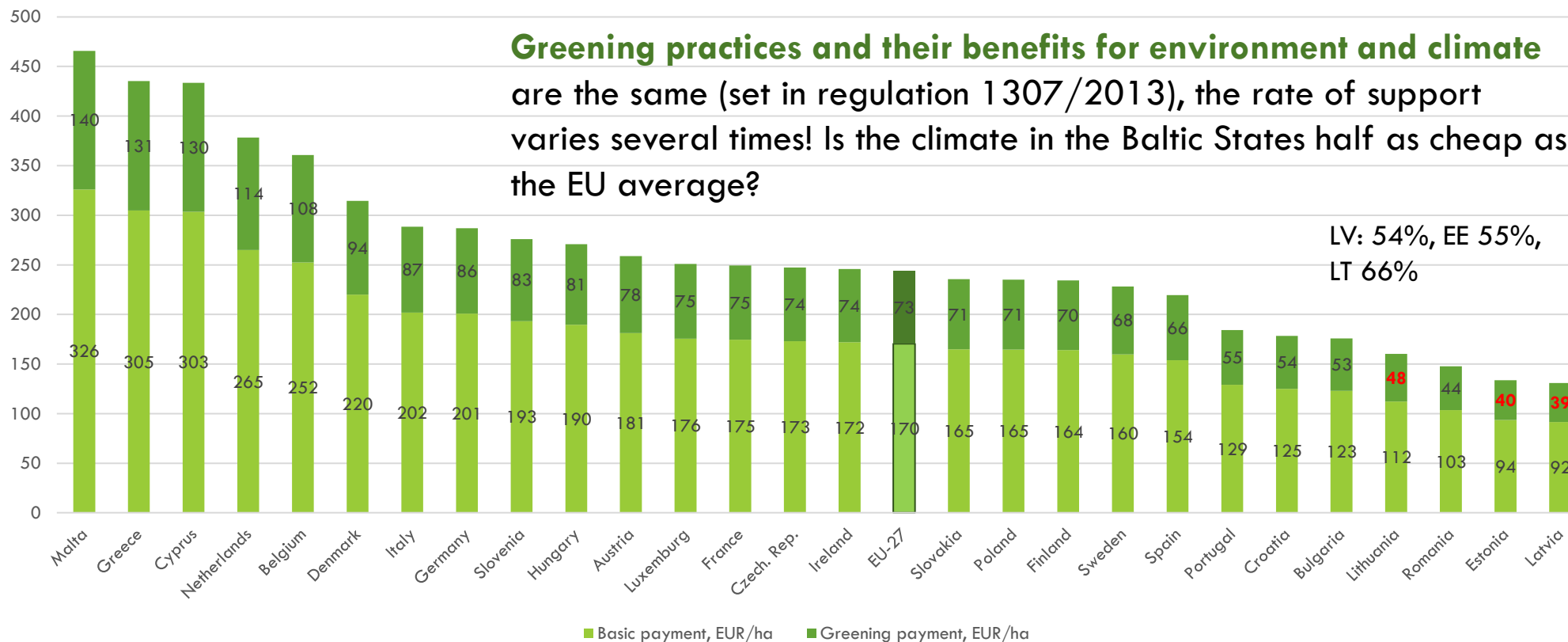


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DIRECT PAYMENTS 2019 (PER 2016 UAA)

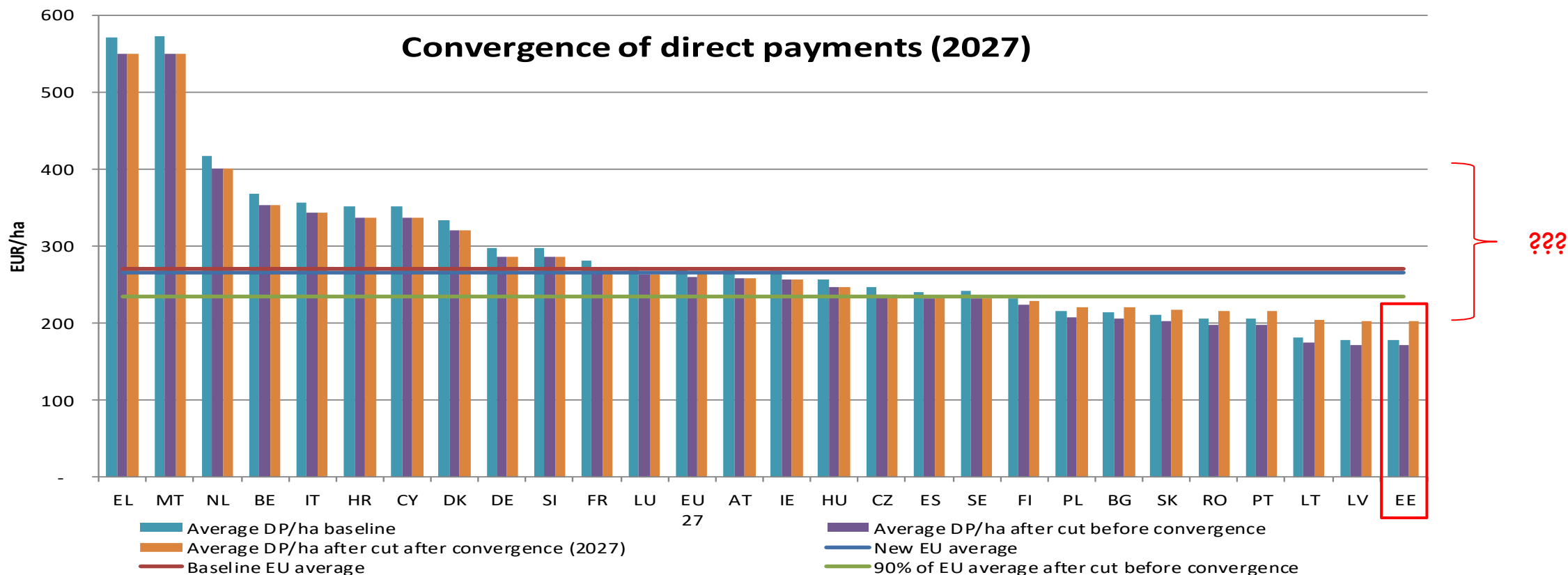


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CONVERGENCE OF DIRECT PAYMENTS



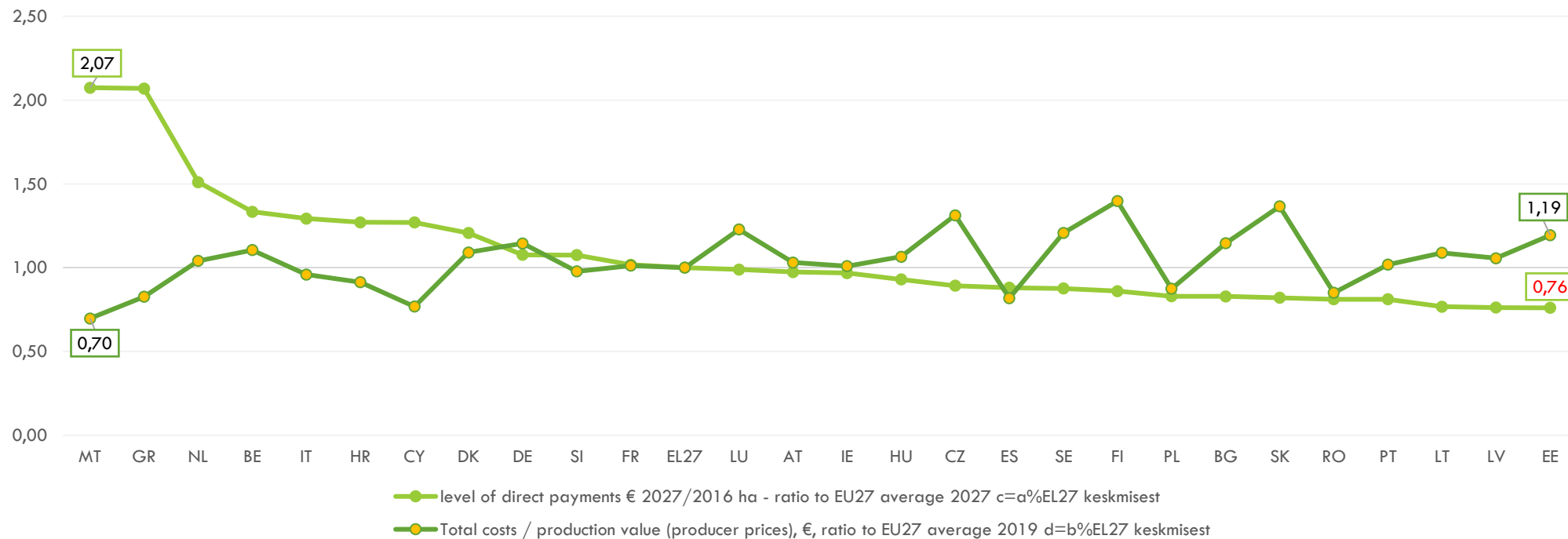
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DIRECT PAYMENTS 2027 AND PRODUCTION COSTS 2019 COMPARED TO AVERAGE



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EU27 direct payments 2027 per ha (based on 2016 area) and 2019 production costs compared to EU27 average



Baltic farmers

have to comply with
exactly the same standards

as EU Member States
receiving higher direct payments:



Environmental



Animal welfare



Food safety

get lower
direct payments
and therefore

less support

for greening
measures



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THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

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