



# 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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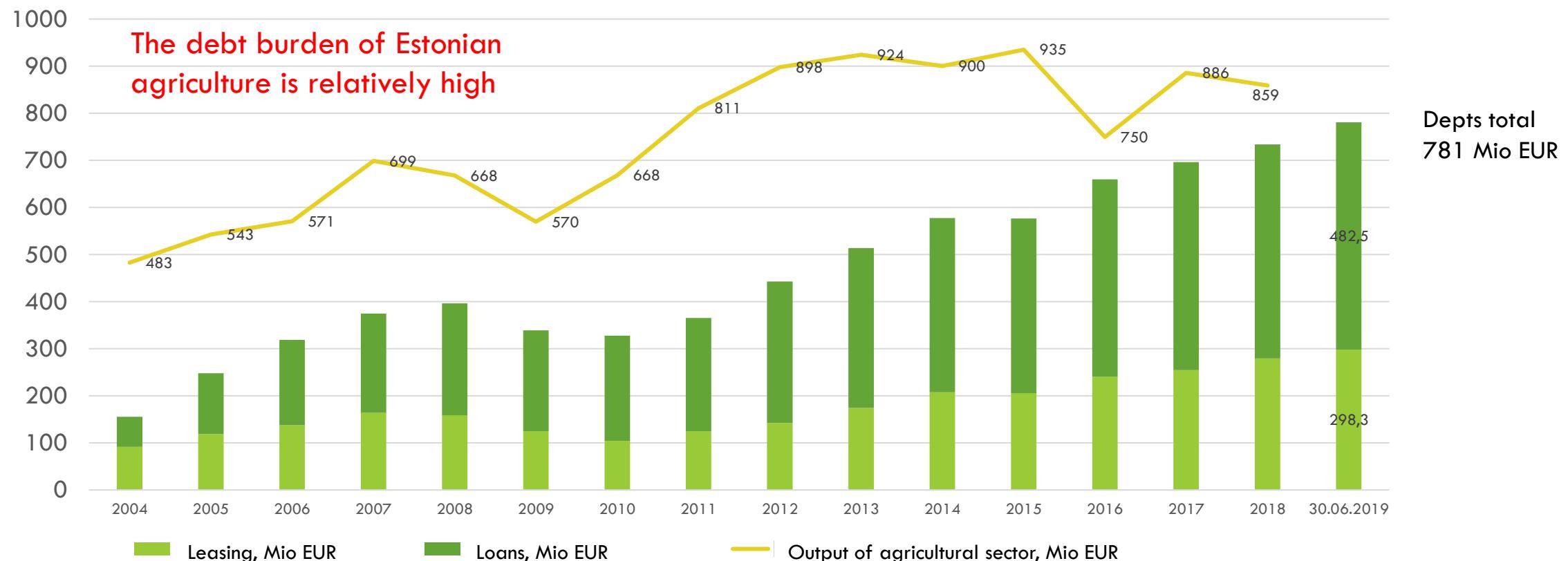
# ESTONIAN AGRICULTURE

GENERAL REMARKS

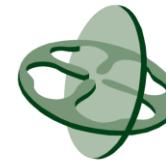
# AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT, LOANS AND LEASING IN ESTONIA



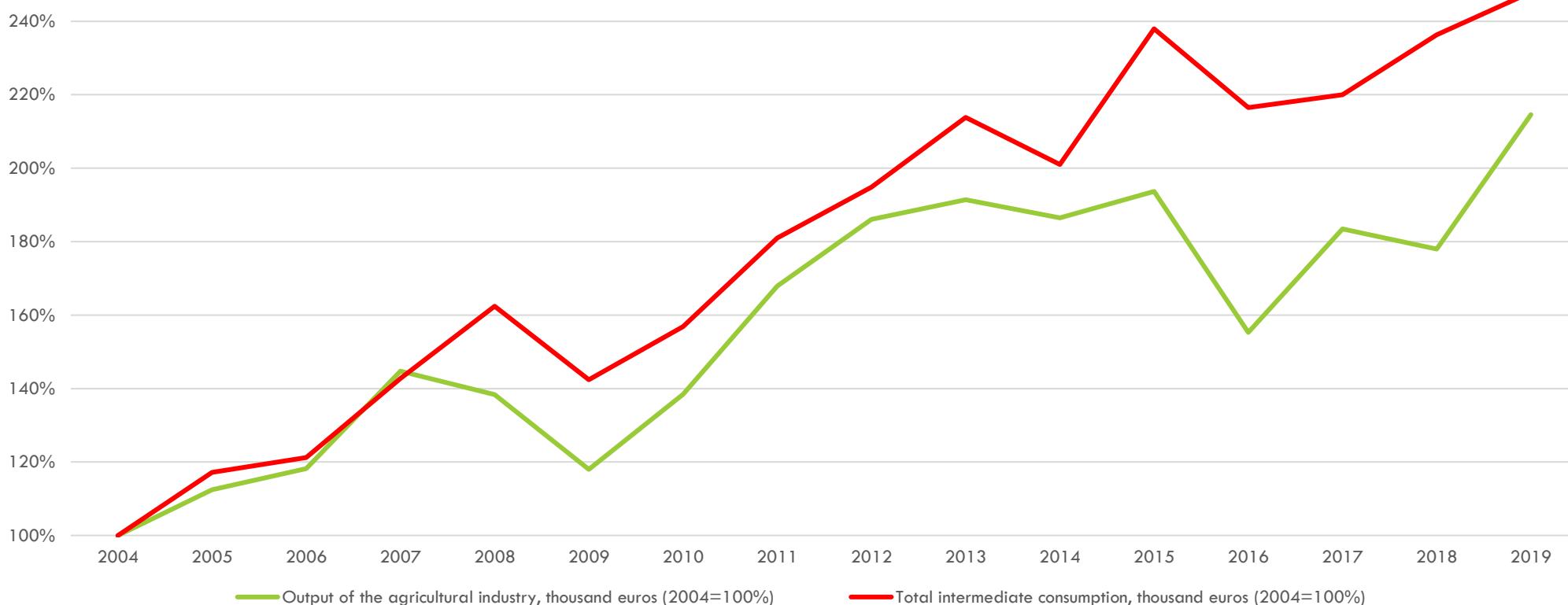
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# EXPENDITURE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS GROWING FASTER THAN THE VALUE OF PRODUCTION

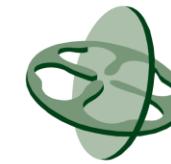


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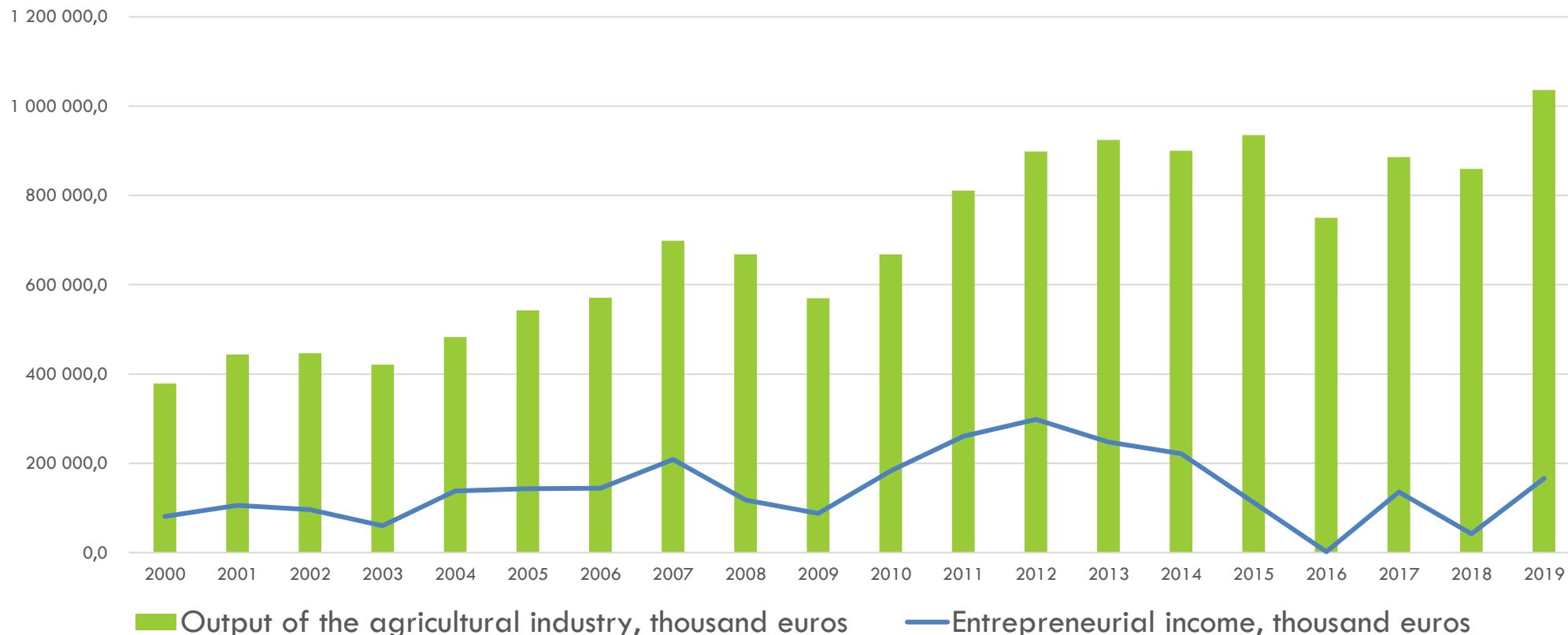


Source: Statistics Estonia

# AGRICULTURAL INCOME IS RATHER DECREASING



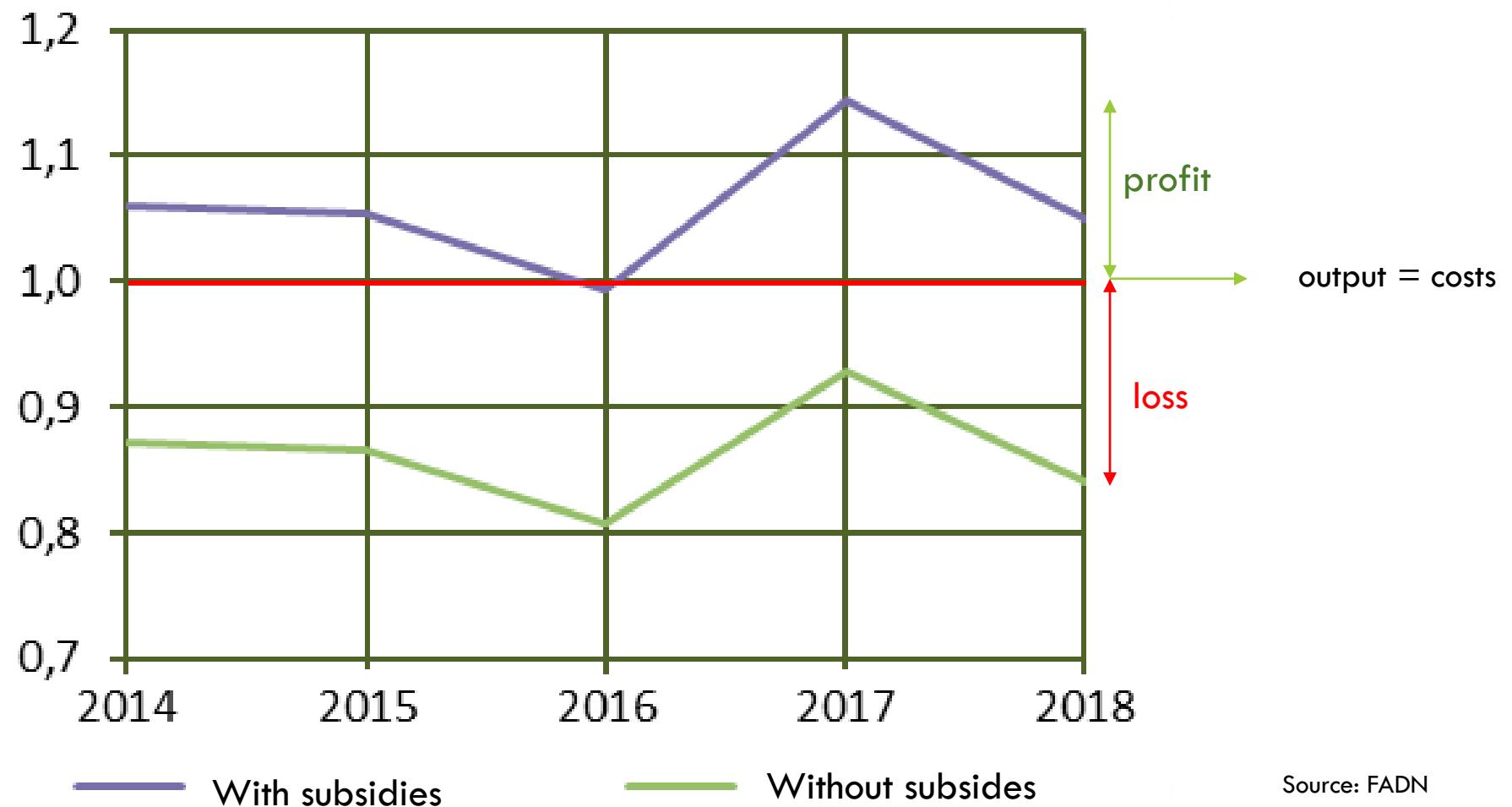
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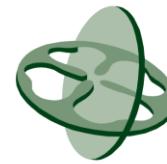
# RATIO OF TOTAL PRODUCTION TO TOTAL COSTS – WITHOUT SUBSIDIES, THE SECTOR IS IN A LOSS



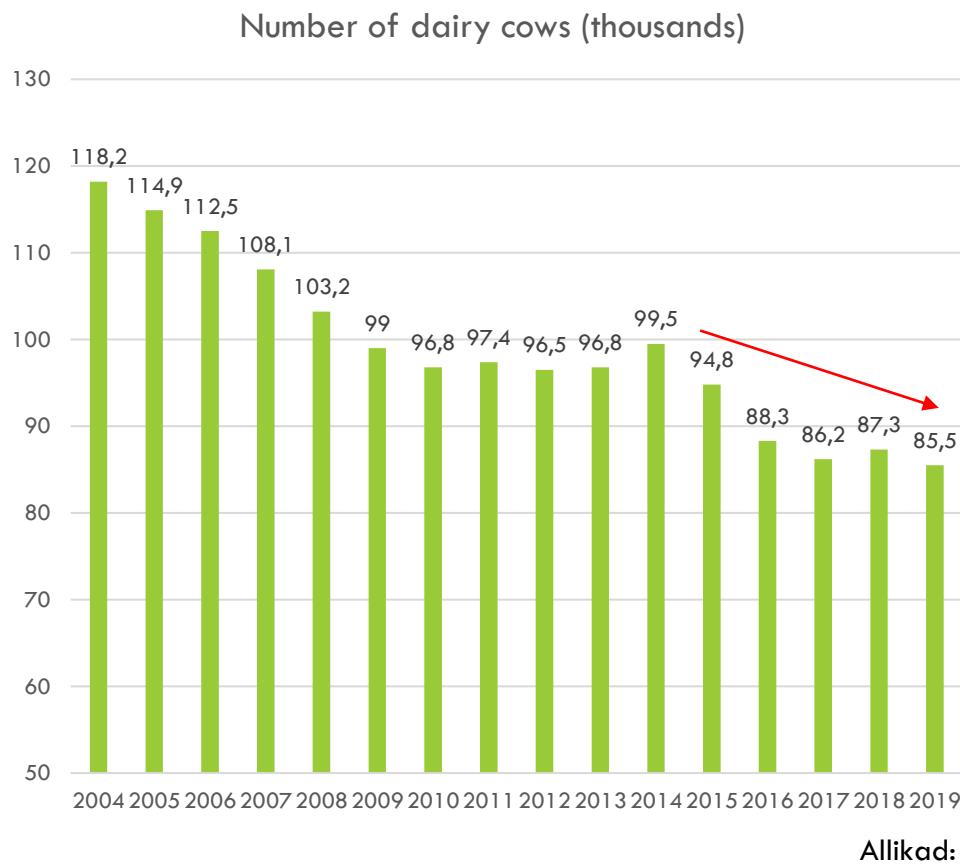
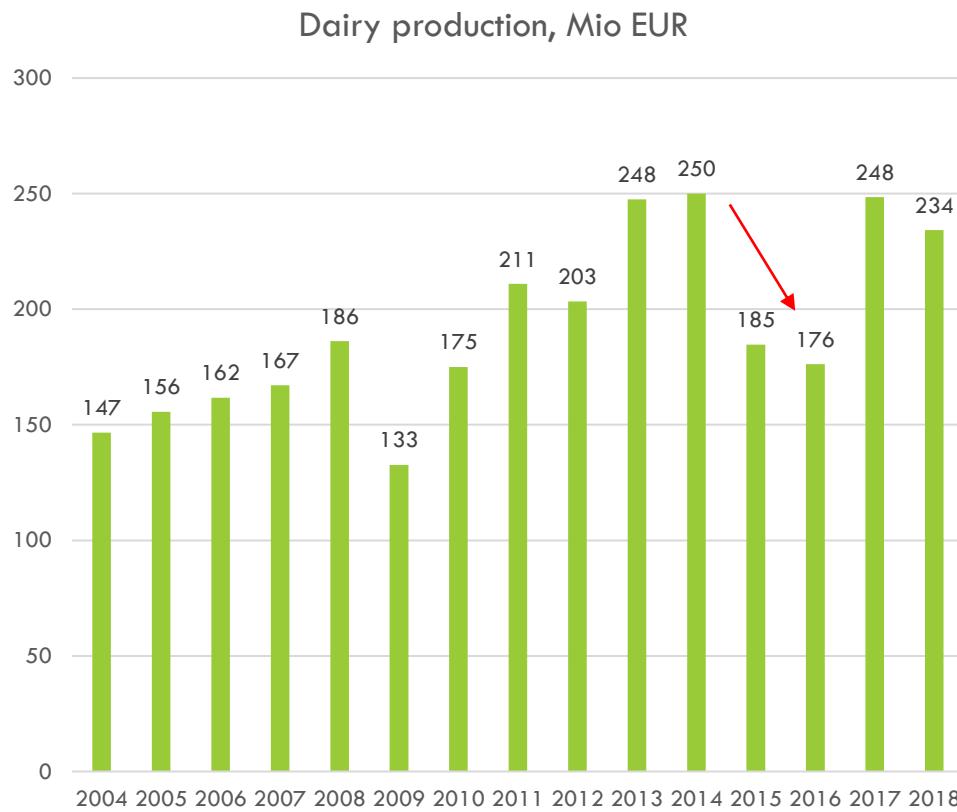
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# RESILIENCE TO MARKET CRISES



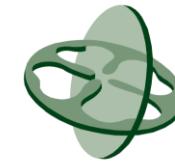
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WHY BALTIC PAYMENTS ARE SO LOW?

# UNFAVORABLE REFERENCE 1997-1999



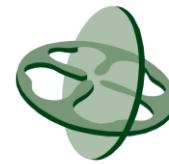
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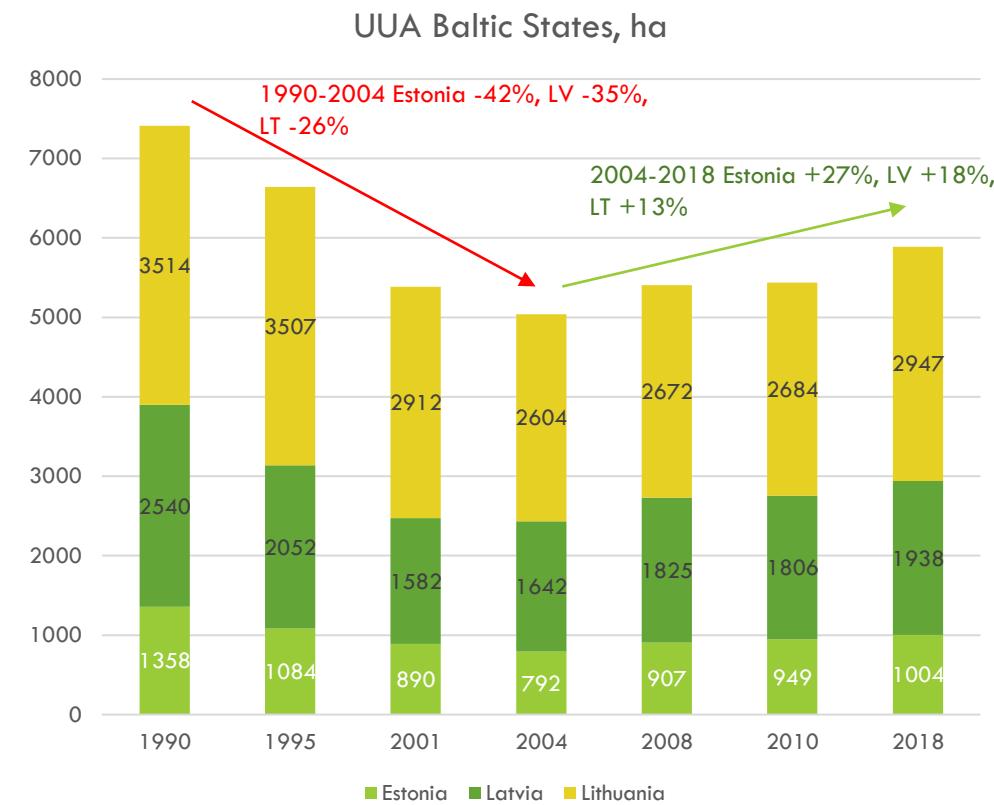
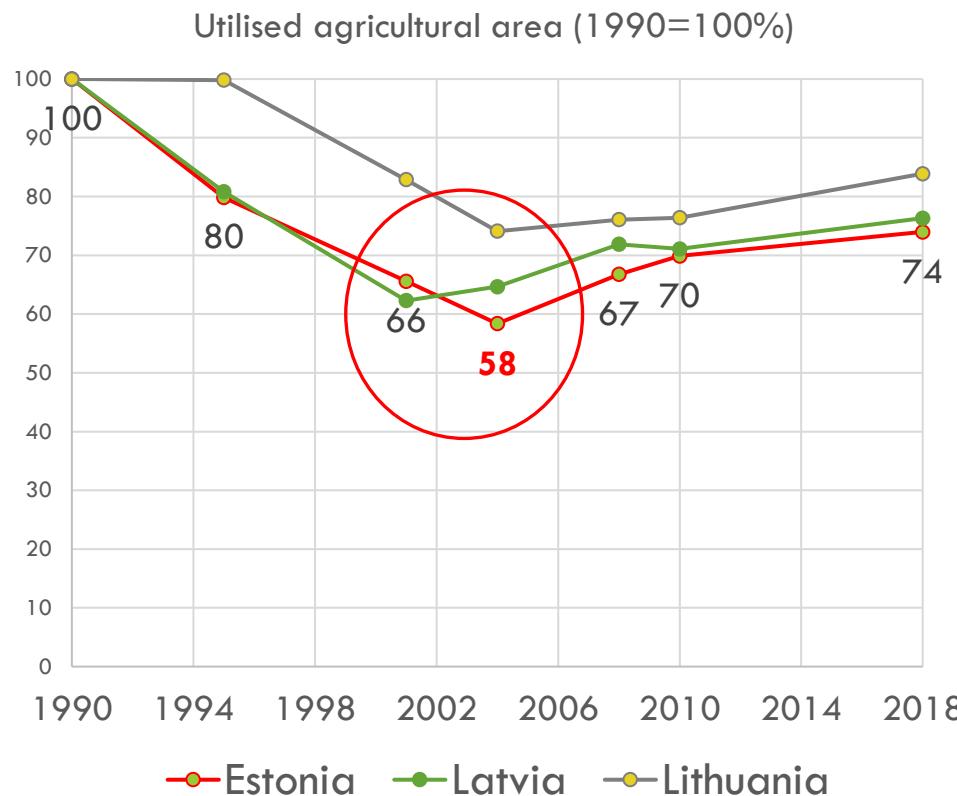
- Difficulties of economic transformation
- Agricultural land use at a low point
- Low grain yields
- Beef farming just started to exist
- Low number of ewes
- Low level of dairy production (impact of 1998 Russian crisis -15%)
- Today direct payment level is still connected to old reference



# AGRICULTURAL AREA (1990=100%)



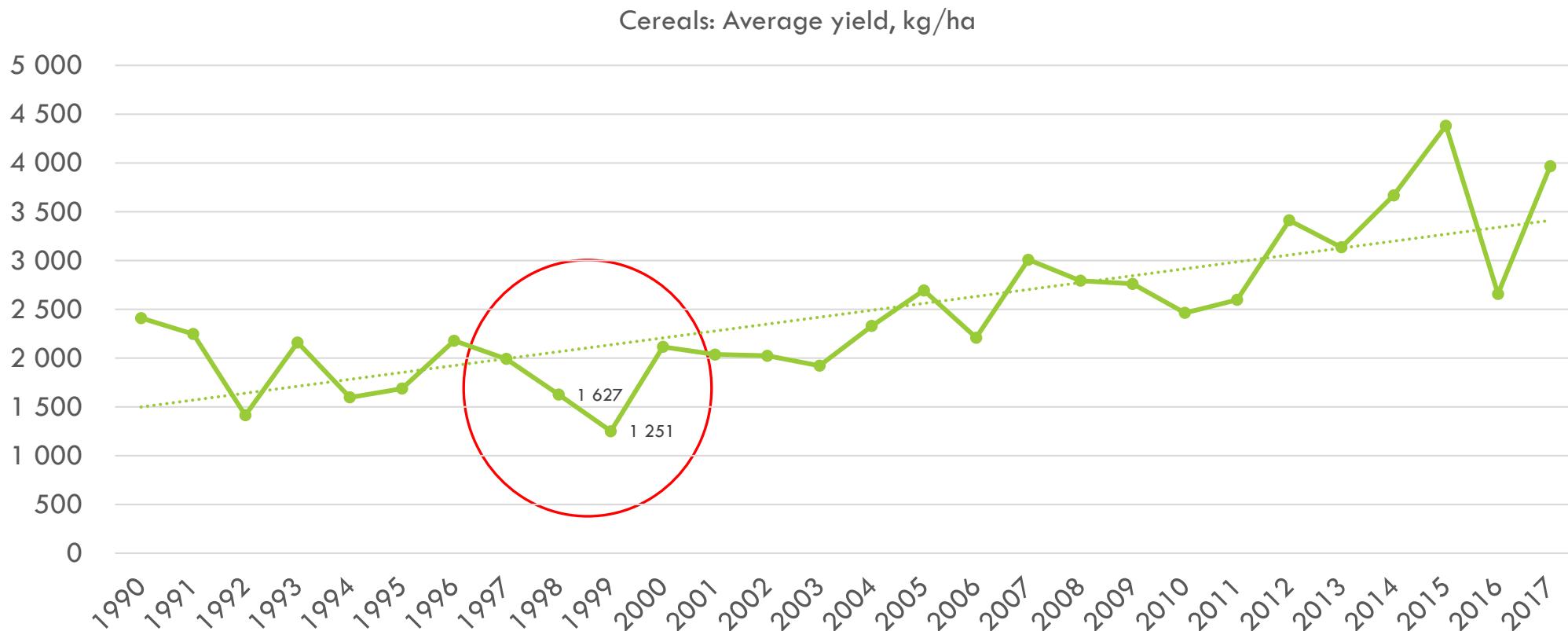
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# AVERAGE YIELD OF CEREALS IN ESTONIA



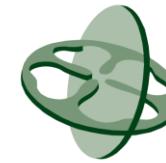
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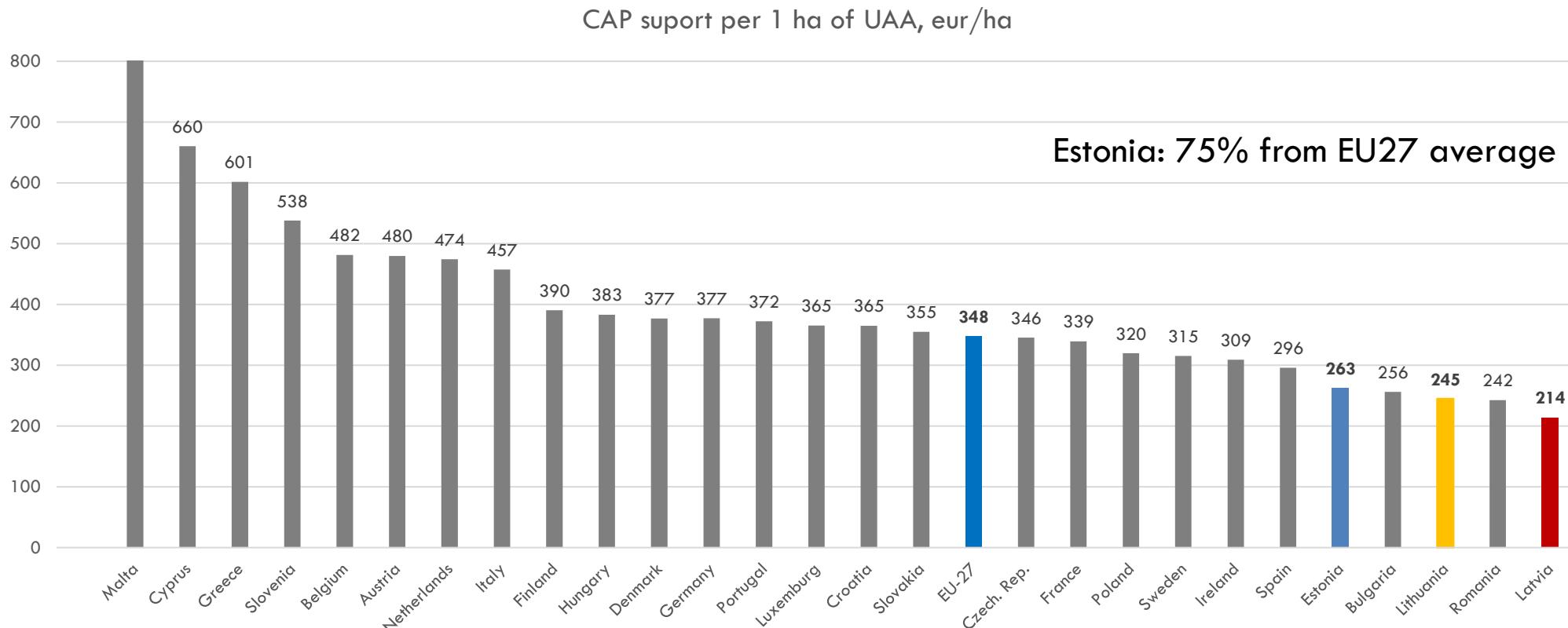


# FAIR PAYMENTS FOR BALTIC FARMERS?

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

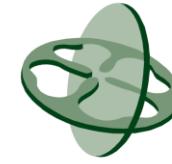


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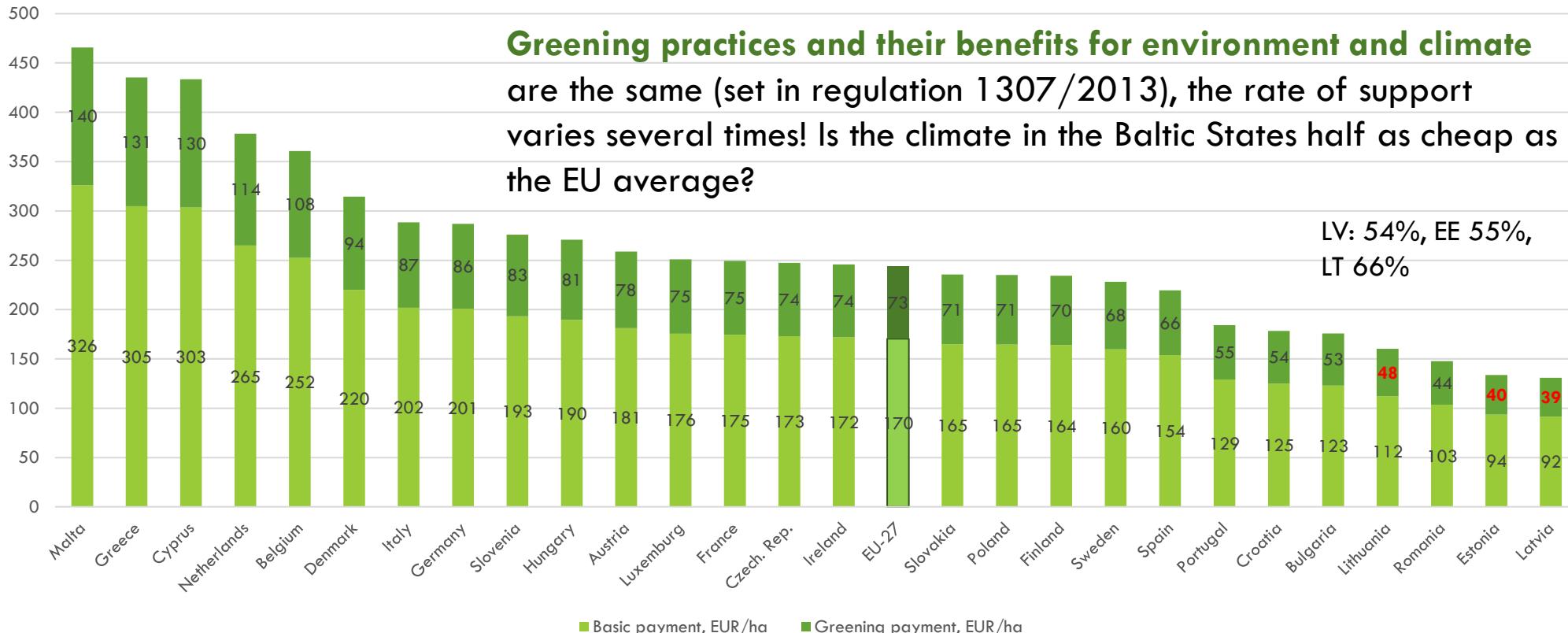


Source: EC

# DIRECT PAYMENTS 2019 (PER 2016 UAA)

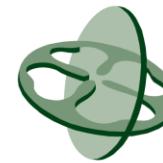


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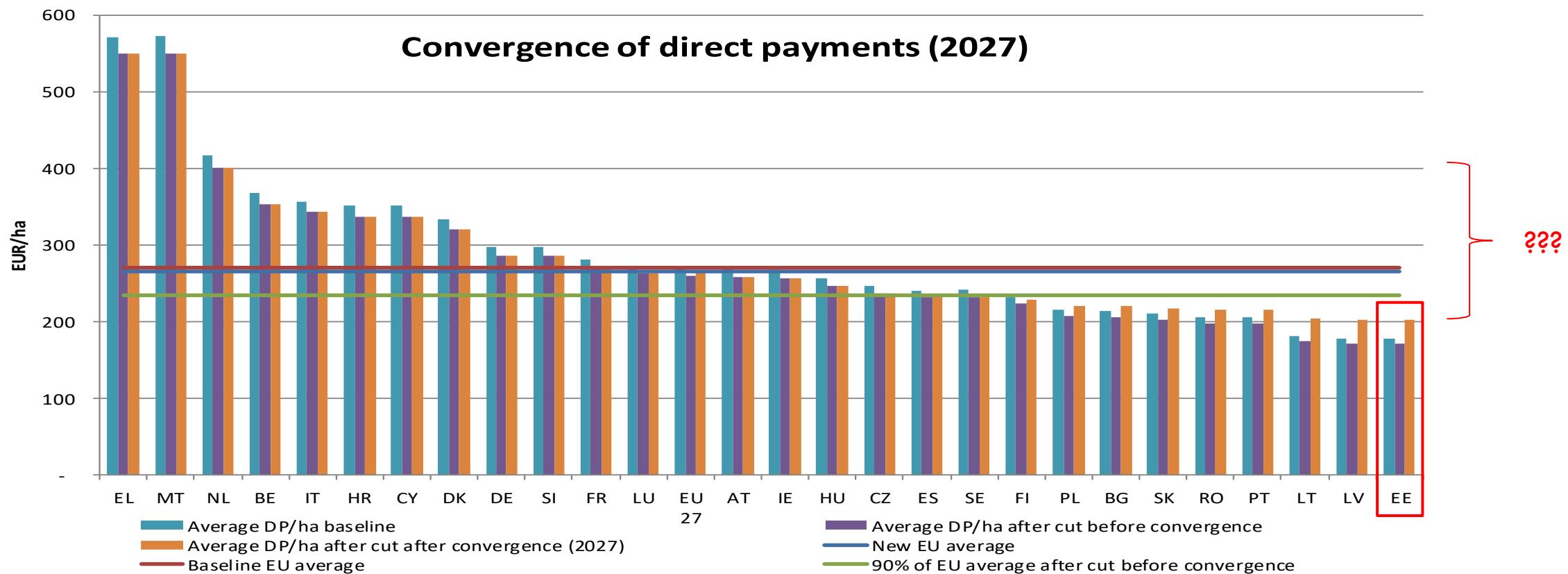


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# CONVERGENCE OF DIRECT PAYMENTS

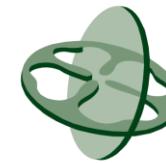


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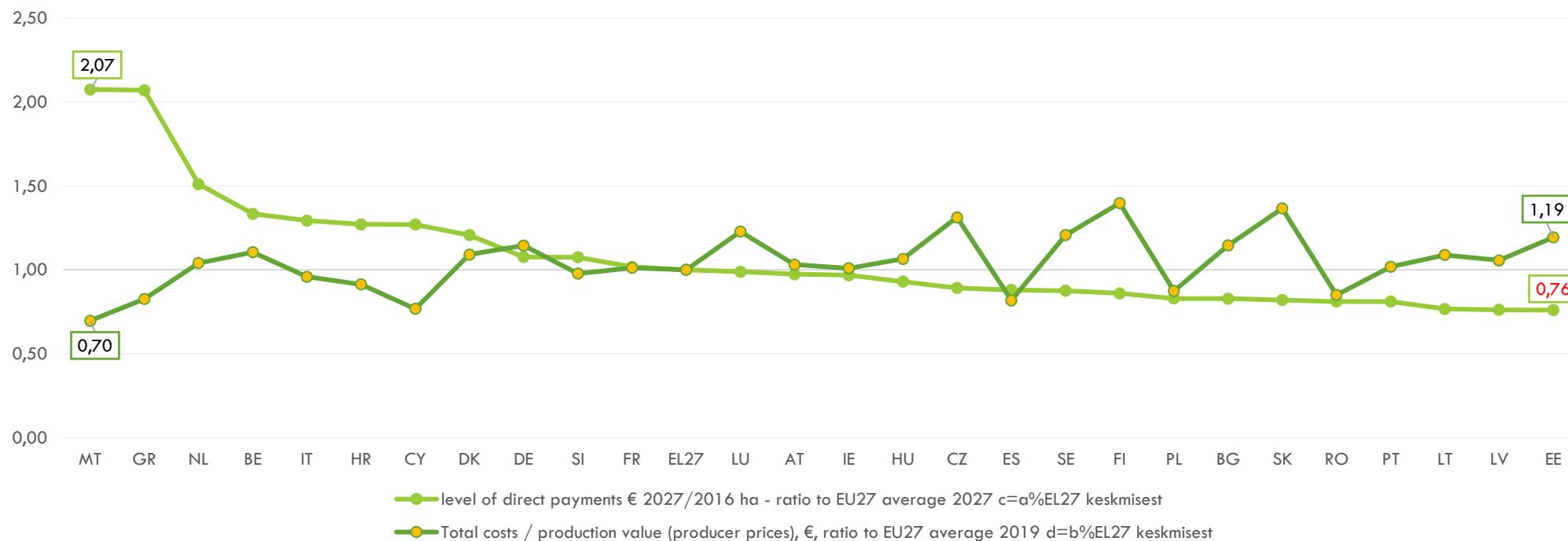
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# DIRECT PAYMENTS 2027 AND PRODUCTION COSTS 2019 COMPARED TO AVERAGE



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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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