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European Agricultural Sector at a Turning Point

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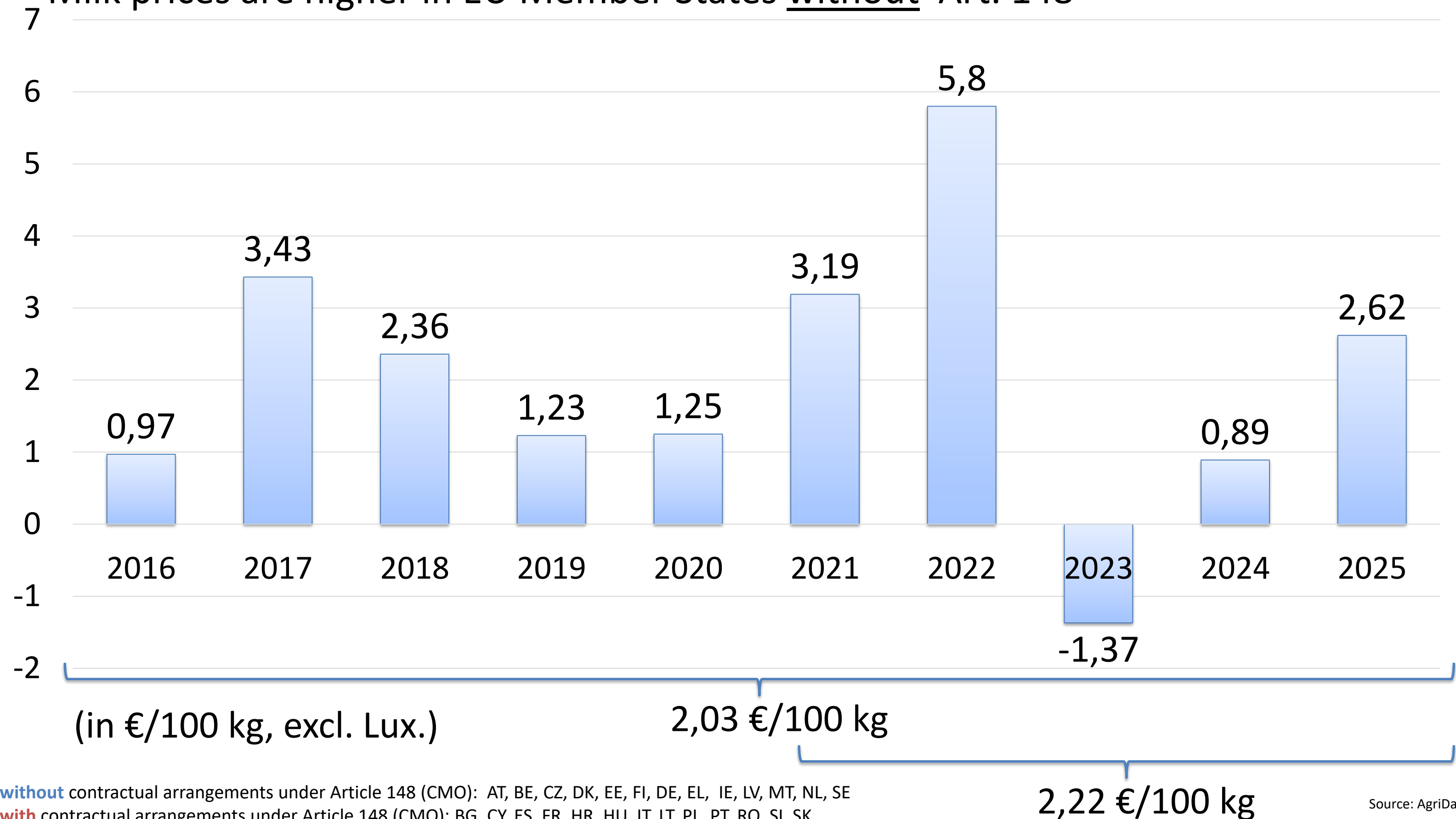
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**Bardzo dziękuję za możliwość wygłoszenia dzisiaj
przemówienia przed Państwem!**



1 Market intervention is not the solution

Milk prices are higher in EU Member States without Art. 148





2 Strengthening entrepreneurship and competition

- Fair trading practices: UTP
- Rebalancing unequal market power: Cooperatives and Producer Organisations
- Tax models that preserve liquidity
- Risk Management Tools
 - Support and develop hedging systems for farmers and cooperatives under the CMO.
 - Provide EIB-backed hedging guarantees for farmers and cooperatives.
 - Provide access to futures markets for all farmers through a financial institution.
 - **This could be achieved through further CMO amendments.**

... and the most important task is:



3 Cut politically induced costs for EU dairies and farmers

Every sustainability measure must be evaluated to determine whether it is also economically and socially sustainable:

- Single Use Plastics Directive (SUPD)
- Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR)
- Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)
- Corporate Sustainability Due Dilligence Directive (CSDDDD)
- EU taxonomy for sustainable activities
- Empowering Consumers Directive (EmpCo)
- Industrial and Livestock Rearing Emissions Directive (IED 2.0)
- ...



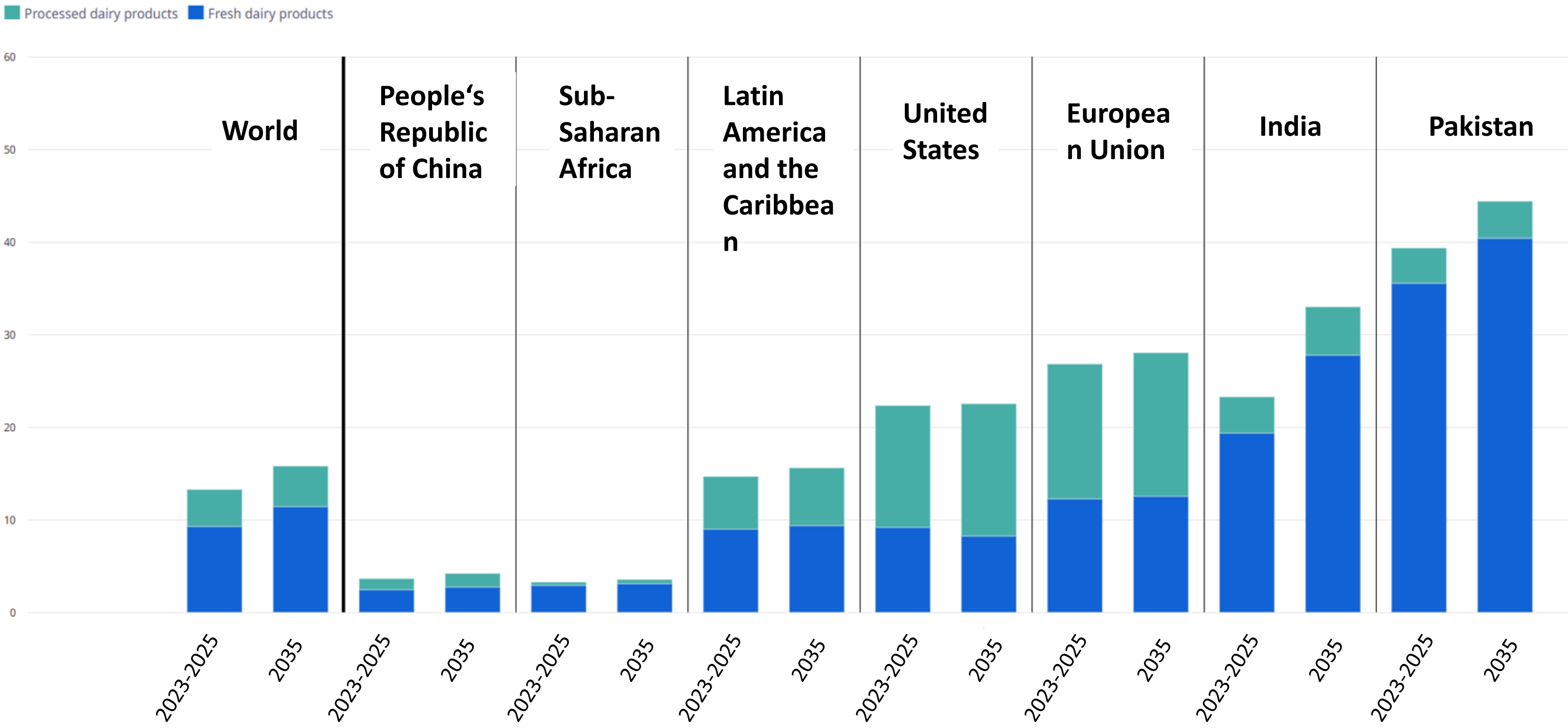
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4 The market outlook is generally positive

Trends in global demand for dairy products are still positiv

Per capita consumption of processed and fresh dairy products in milk solids
Kilograms/person



Source: OECD-FAO, 2026

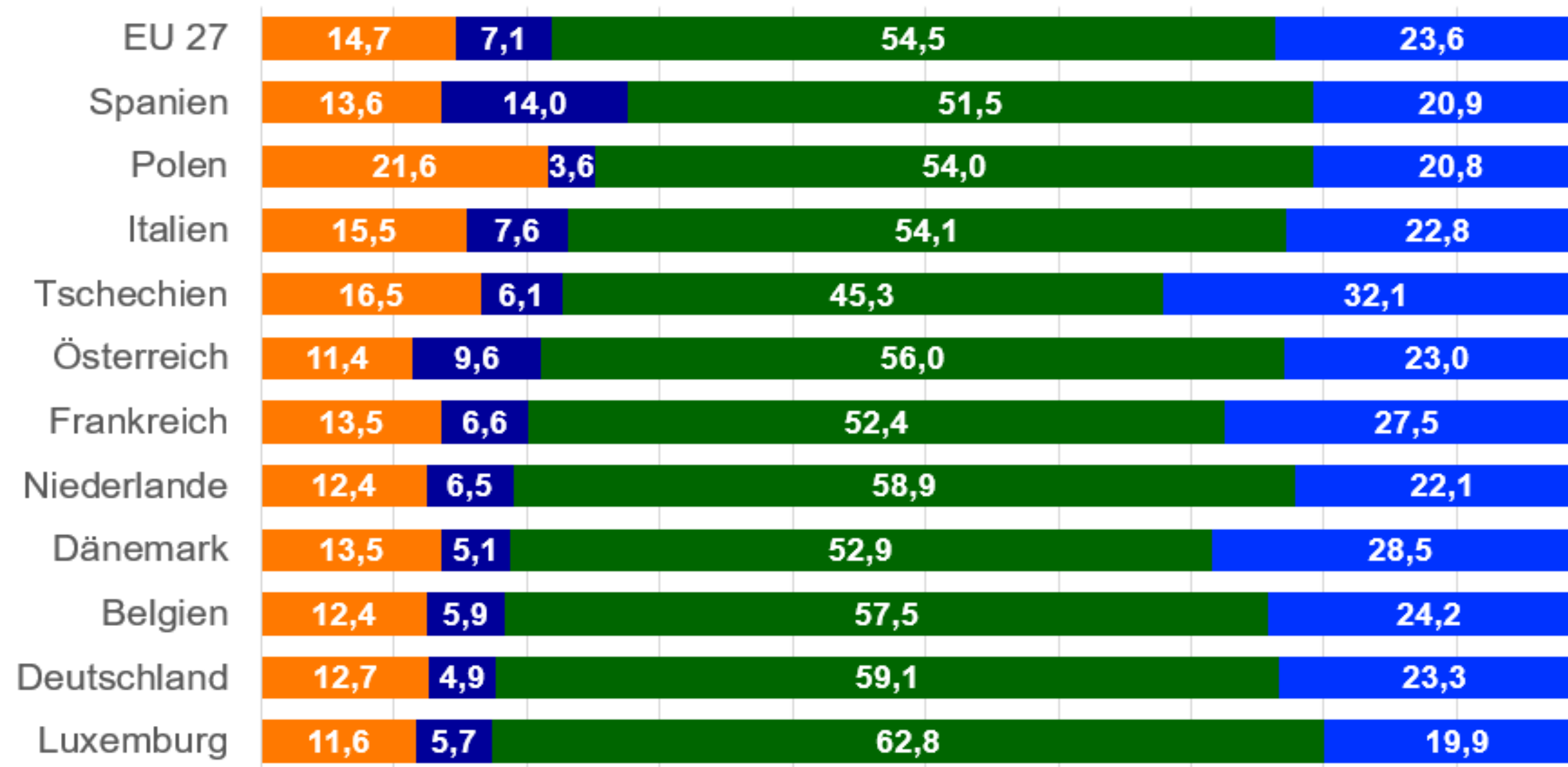
5 Consumers bear a great deal of responsibility

Spending on food is low in many EU countries

Household consumption expenditure by purpose, 2024, share of expenditure in %



(orange: Food and Drink; dark blue: Restaurants and Catering; green: Others; light blue: Housing and Energy)





6 Investing in Europe's agribusiness is an investment in Europe's resilience

- Costs and standards are higher in Europe:
The CAP budget must amount to 500 billion euros
- The agri-food sector must be given a significant share in the ECF



Bardzo dziękuję za uwagę!

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