

# **The role of pork exports in the market balance UECBV**



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# European Livestock and Meat Trades Union – UECBV

## UECBV: Who we are ?

The European Livestock and Meat Trades Union (UECBV) is the EU voice of national federations representing livestock markets, livestock traders (cattle, horses, sheep, pigs), meat traders (beef, horse meat, sheep meat, pig meat), and the meat industry (slaughterhouses, cutting plants, meat preparation plants).

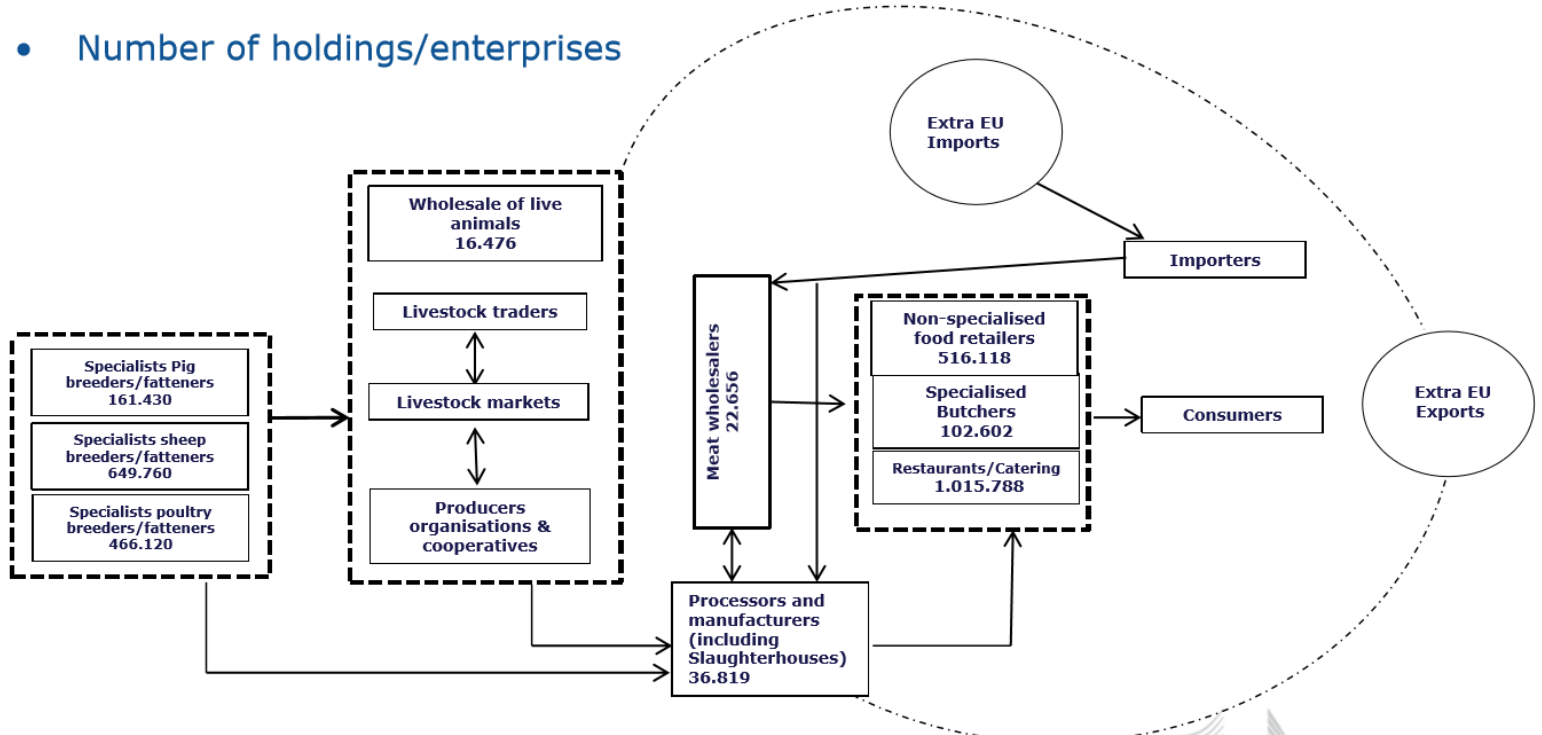
UECBV founded 1952 counts more than 50 national or regional federations in most of the Member States of the European Union, but also in UK, Japan, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine.

In total, some 20,000 firms of all sizes and over 230,000 jobs are represented within the UECBV and its national and international federations.



## Structure of the EU meat value chain

- Number of holdings/enterprises

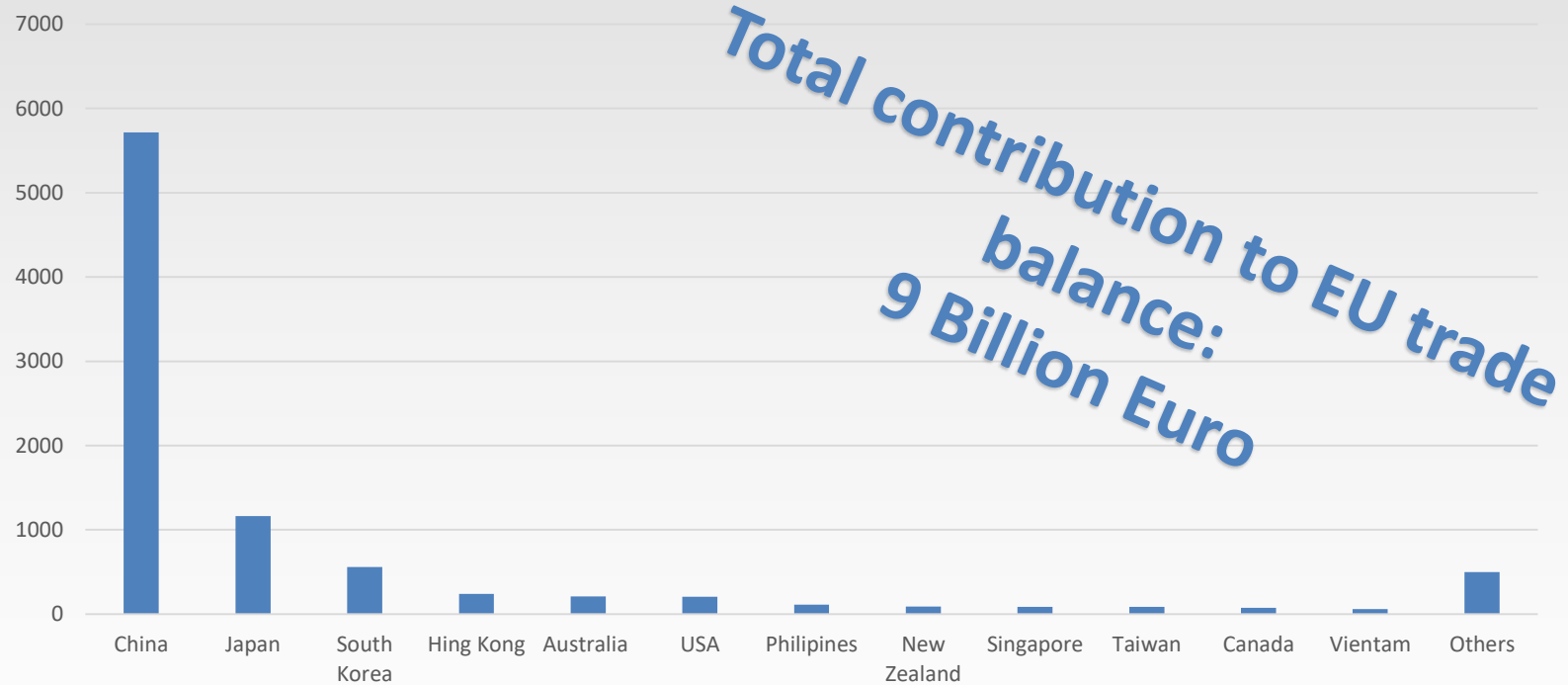


## Some roles of pig meat sector in the EU

- Economy **dynamiser** for rural areas.
- Constant **improvement** of production and processing **conditions**
- Main driver for **research** for **animal welfare** and **environmental** improvement
- Contribution to the EU balance trade: **9 Billion Euro** (fresh meat only)
- Leading food safety standards

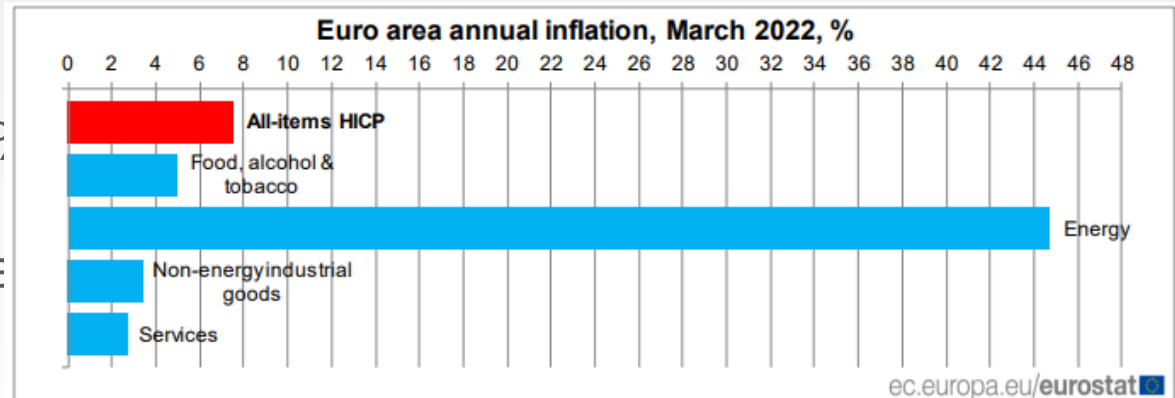


## Pork Exports (UE+UK) 2020 – NC0203 – Million Euros



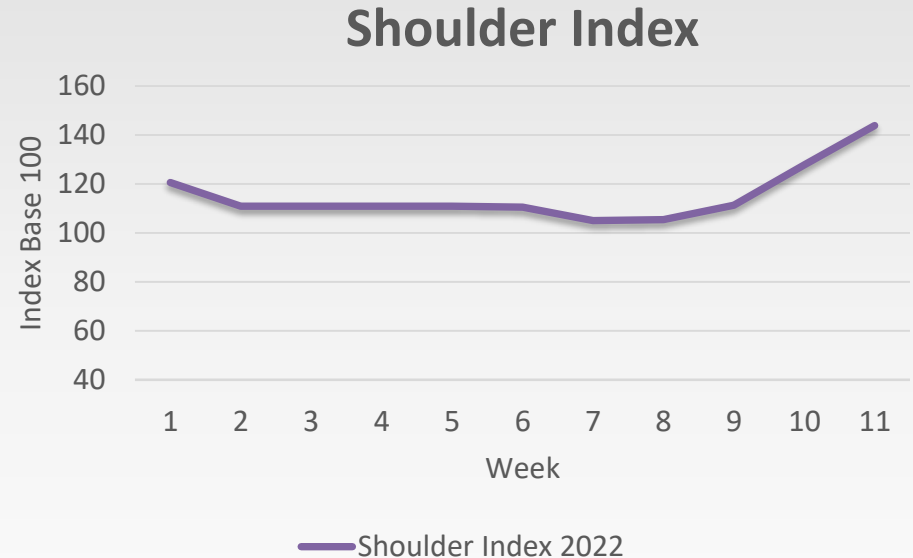
## Current challenges for pork sector

- Inflation out of control (7,5% in Euro area)
  - Belgium 9,3%;
  - Germany 7,6%
  - France 5,1%;
  - Italy 7,1%;
  - Netherlands 11,9%
- Energy costs increase



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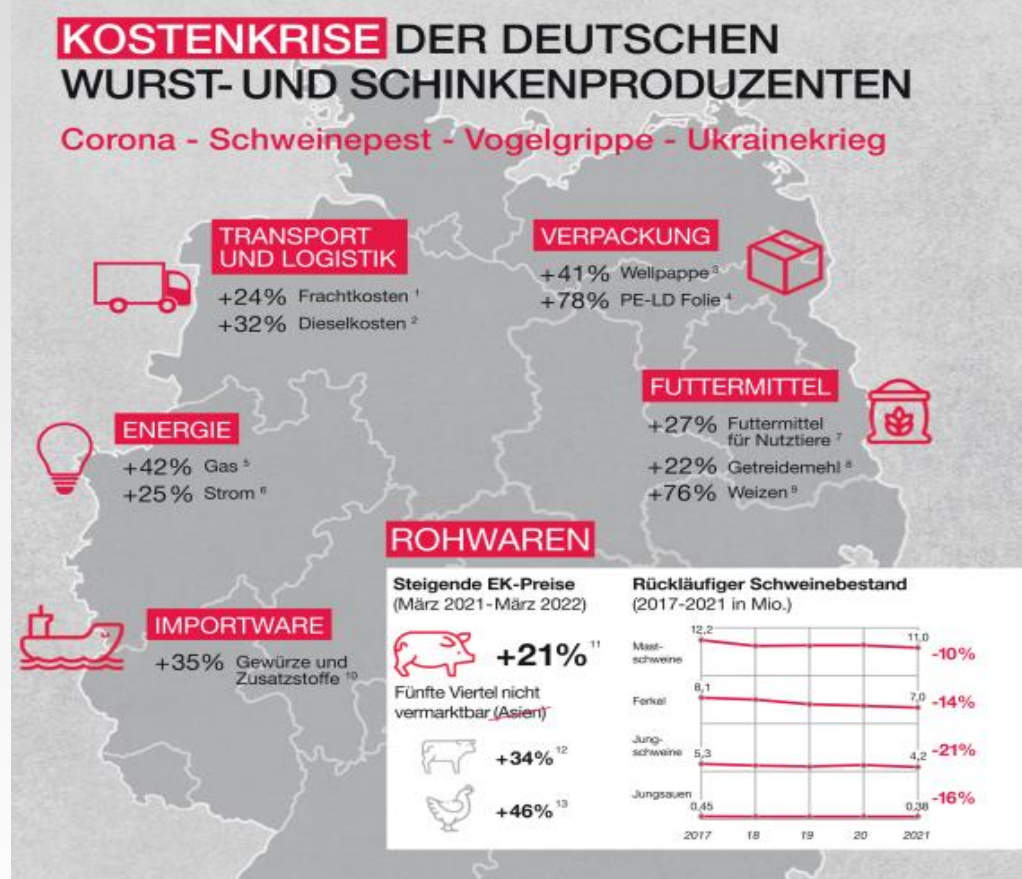
- Increase of carcass prices
- Increase of production costs
- Drop of feed ingredients offer (Ukraine invasion)
- Increase of internal offer (Brexit, ASF, pandemic ...)
- The risk of ASF appearance in free countries (main concern)



## Increase of cost for pig meat sector One year

(different periods of time)

Source: « The Family  
Butcher »





## Main concerns

- **China's demand?** → the decrease observed is **not the root** of the problem. This is a **conjunctural situation**. European meat sector was resilient to adapt to the Russian ban and embargo.
- Other factors (increase of production costs, drop of internal market) → consequences in **employment, and GDP** and become a **structural issue**, since the continuity of industries is in **danger**.
- **ASF** risk
- Under current internal conditions, pig meat sector will be **no longer resilient** to face external challenges



## What to expect in the future?

- To contribute to the objectives of Green Deal and F2F Strategy while keeping competitiveness
- More recognition of regionalisation (third countries)
- Flexibilisation for feed ingredients imports
- Survival of pork industry is key for survival of European farmers
- More and more diverse access to markets

**Summary: Exports as life vest for pig meat sector**





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**Thank you very much for your attention!**