



# Short-term outlook for olive oil

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# Outline

Balance sheet 2018/2019

Production prospects of  
2019/2020 based on trend  
analysis



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# EU exports expected to be record high in 2018/2019

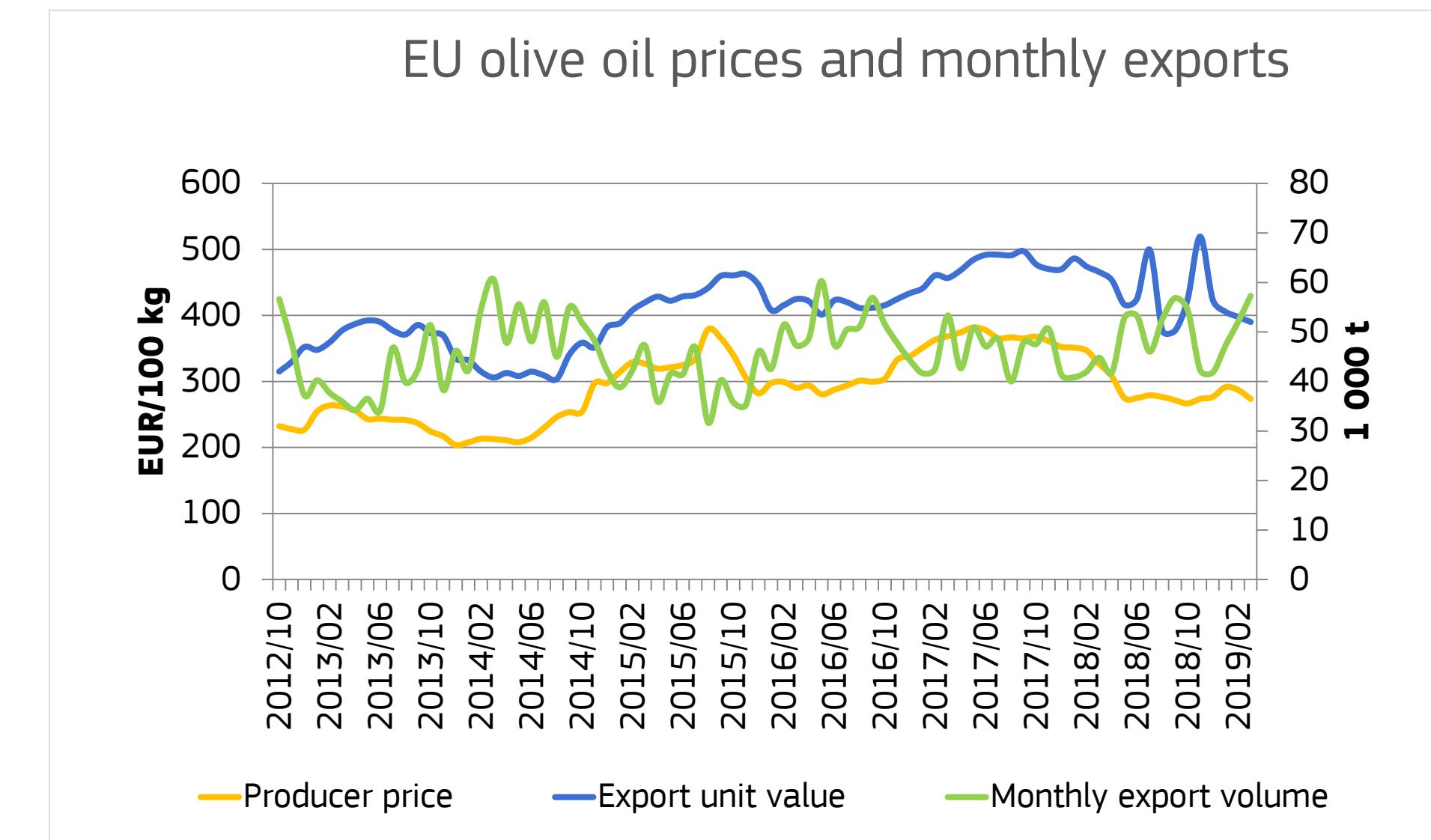
- **Record highest** production in ES
- Overall **+4% EU production increase**
- **Lower availabilities** in **non-EU** countries



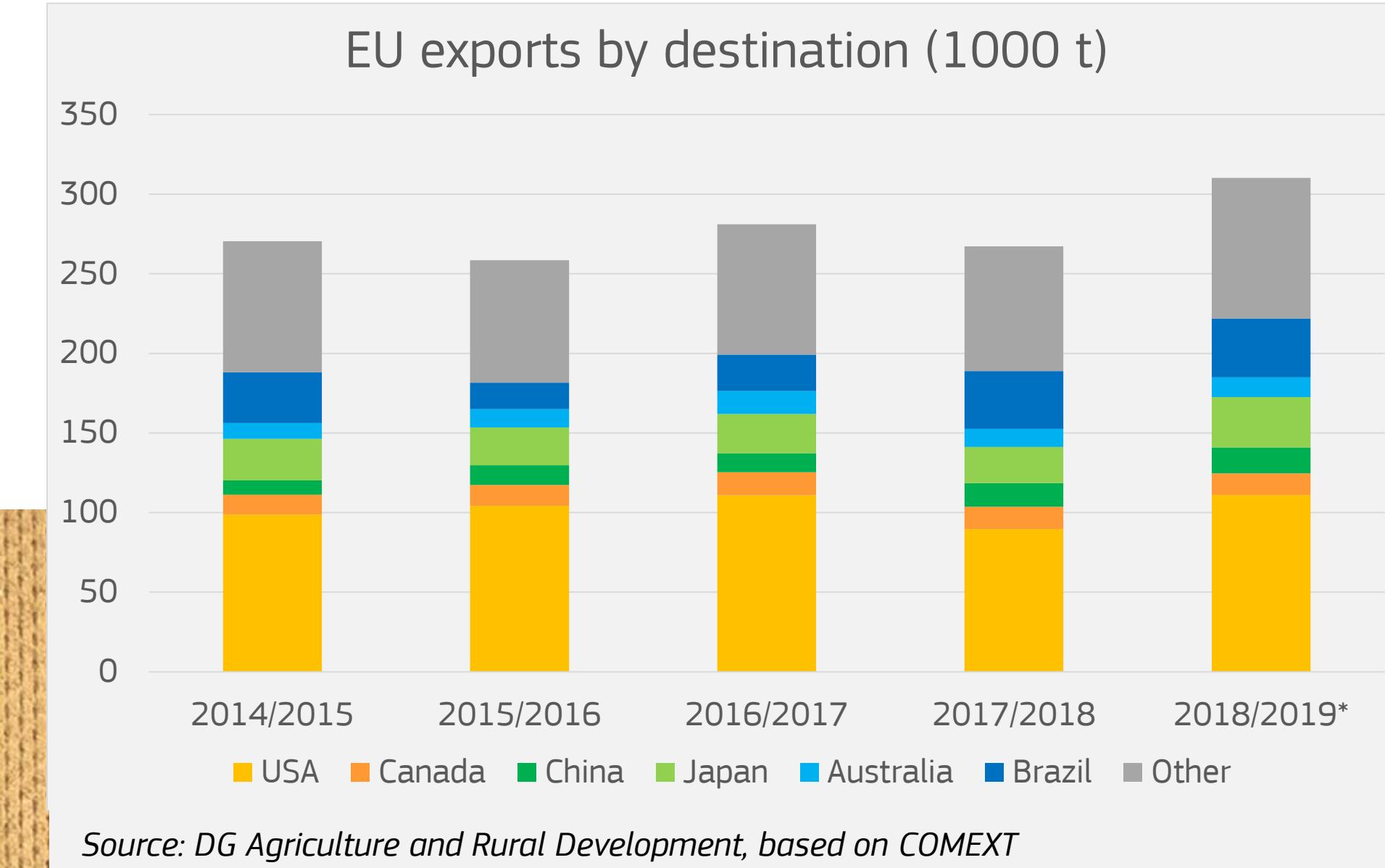
- **Increased availability** on the market
- Strengthen **leading position** of the EU
- **Lower prices** to further **boost trade**



- **Exports** expected to be **record high 676 000 t**  
(+20% compared to 2017/2018)

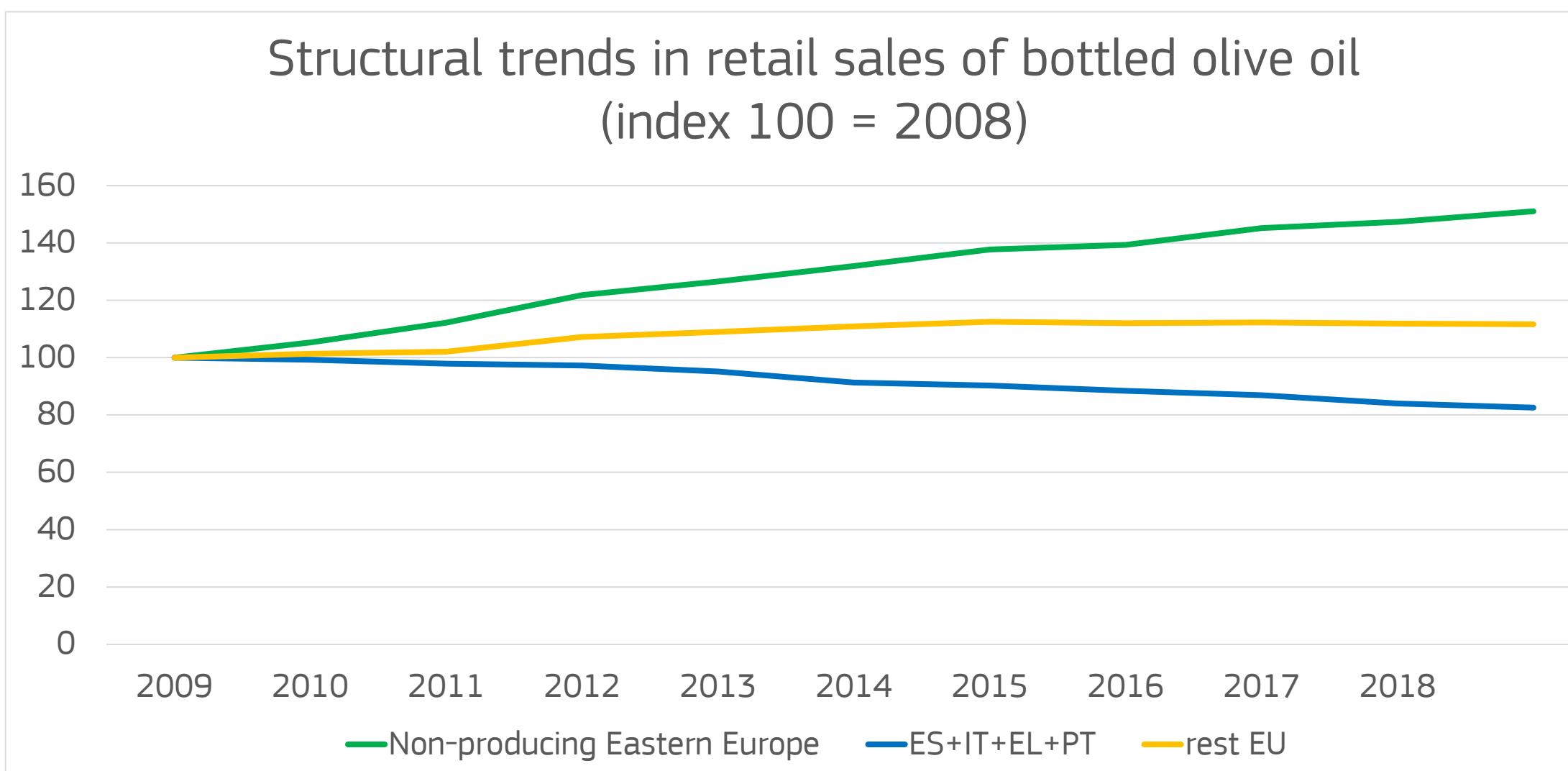


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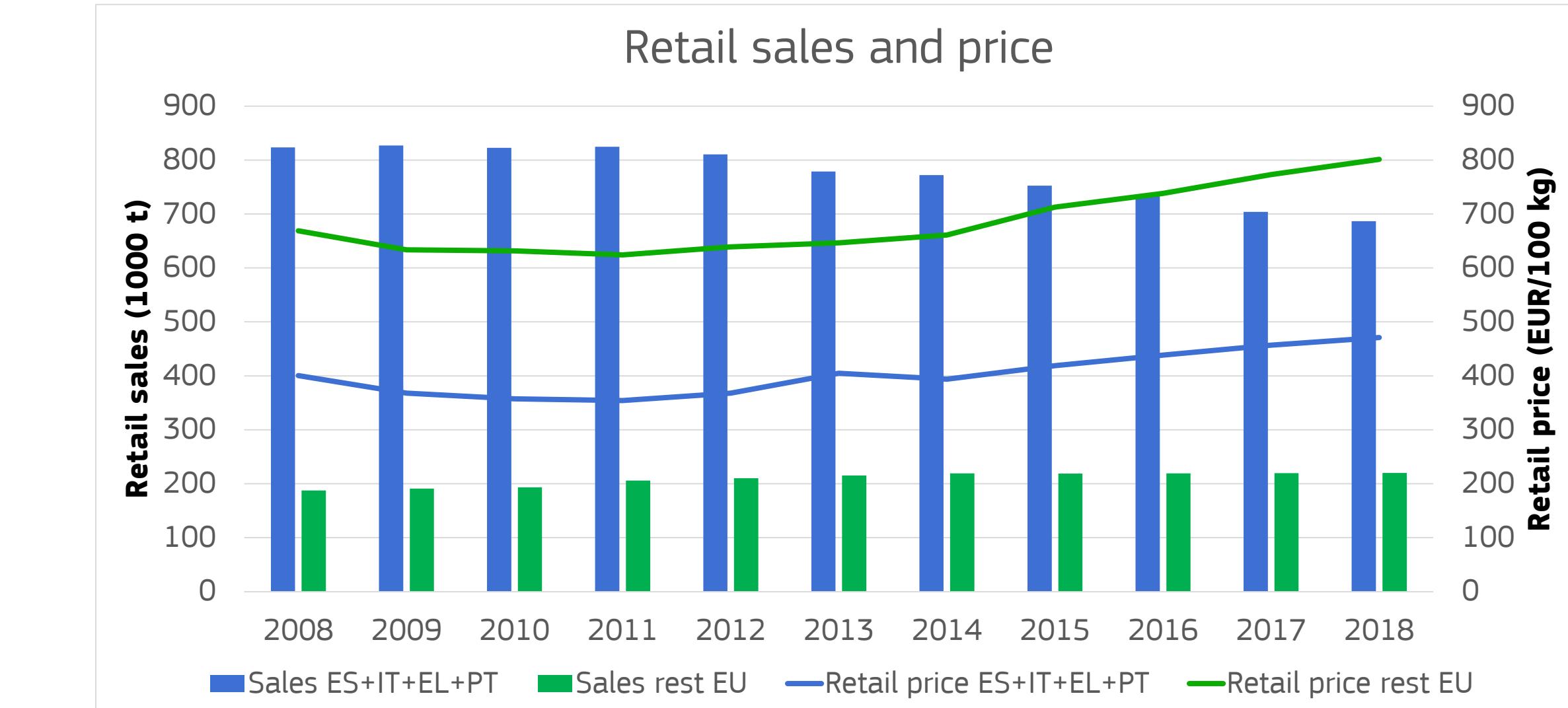
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# Divergent consumption trends in the EU



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- **Dynamically growing consumer markets outside main producing EU countries** (but low absolute volume)
- Ongoing **downward trend** in retail sales in **ES, IT, EL and PT**

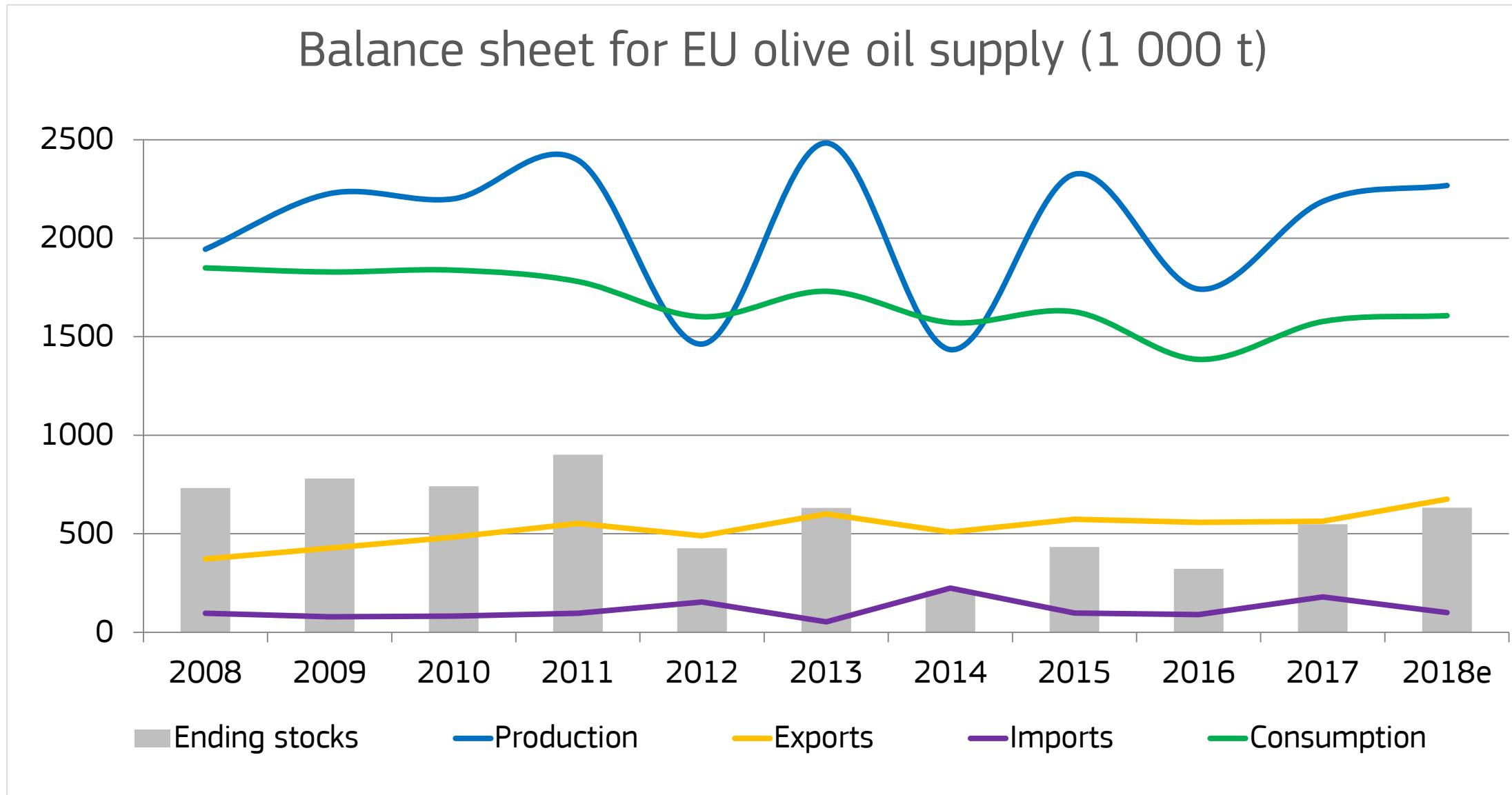


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- More **price sensitive markets** of ES, IT, EL, PT
- **2018 – record high** retail prices
- ES+IT+EL+PT – 75% of the retail sales in 2018
  - Non-producing Eastern Europe – 3%
  - Rest EU – 23%



# Lower prices expected to support the consumption growth in 2018/2019

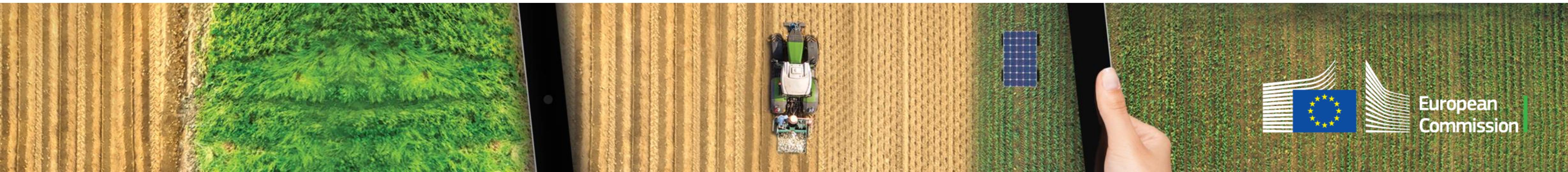


- **Lowest EU average price** of virgin olive oil **since October 2014** (265 EUR/100 kg in April 2019)
- **-14% below** one year ago

- **Consumption** expected to **grow** by **2%** (2% above last 5-year average)

Note: 200X refers to the campaign 10/200X – 09/200X+1

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# Production prospects 2019/2020

## Trend analysis



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# General considerations

- **Areas** development based on **trends**
- **Olive yields** weather-dependent and variable over years
- **Durable farm structures** - larger farms in ES and PT vs. smaller (and traditionally family) farms in IT and EL
- **Average oil yield** (correcting for extremes, current and last 5 campaigns)
- **Weather prospects** (MARS)



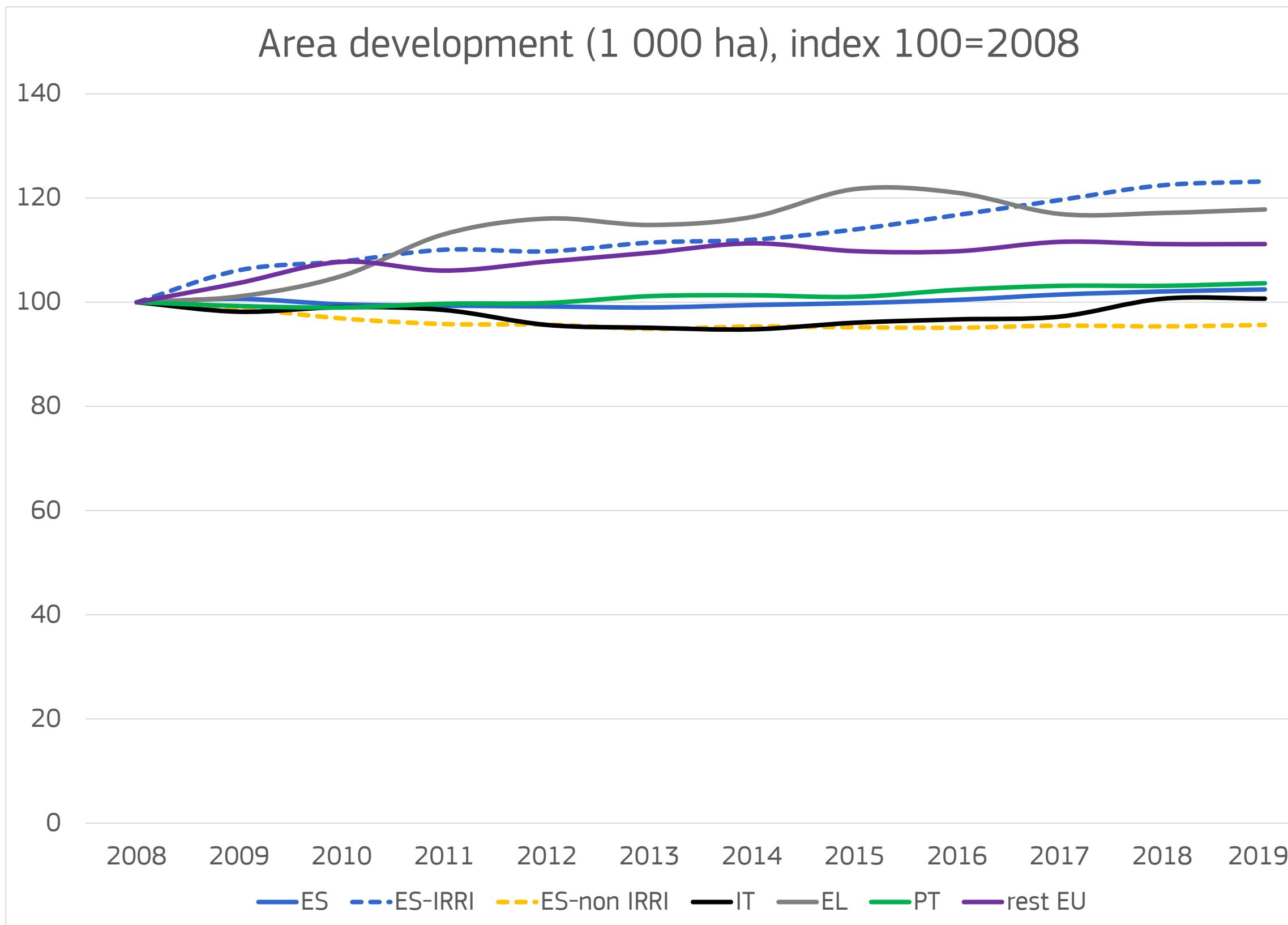
- Attempt to estimate **production prospects 2019/2020**



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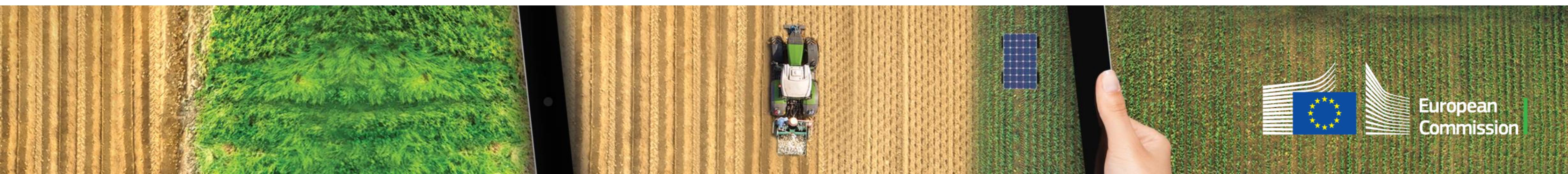
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# Area development remains stable but irrigated areas increase



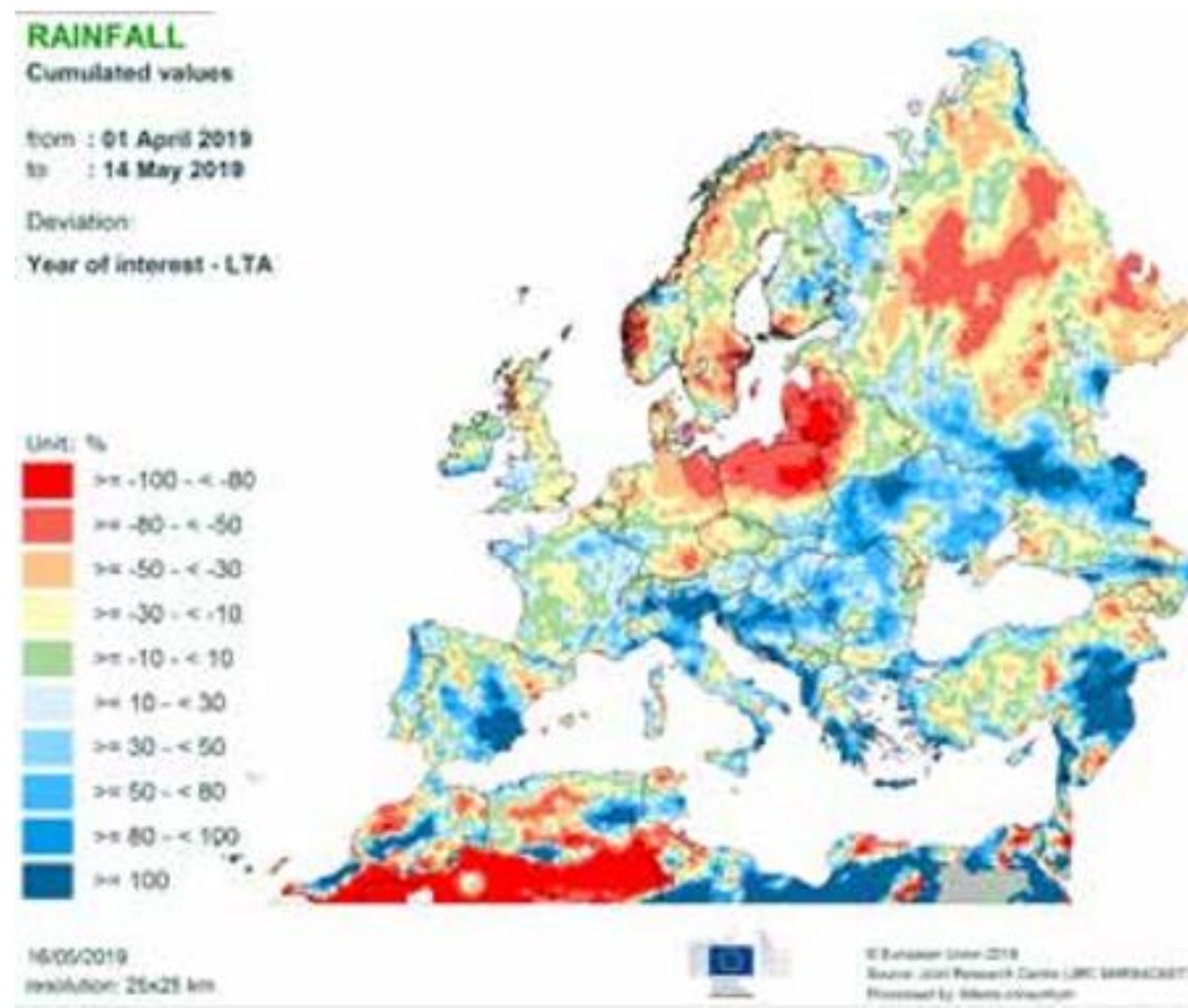
- Based on the trend analysis, **total EU area** set to remain **stable in 2019**
- **Slightly growing irrigated areas in ES (+1%)**

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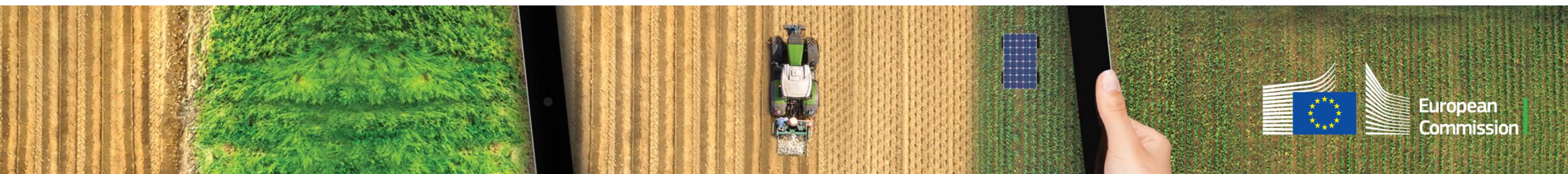
# Weather impacting the yields of olives

Cummulated values of rainfall

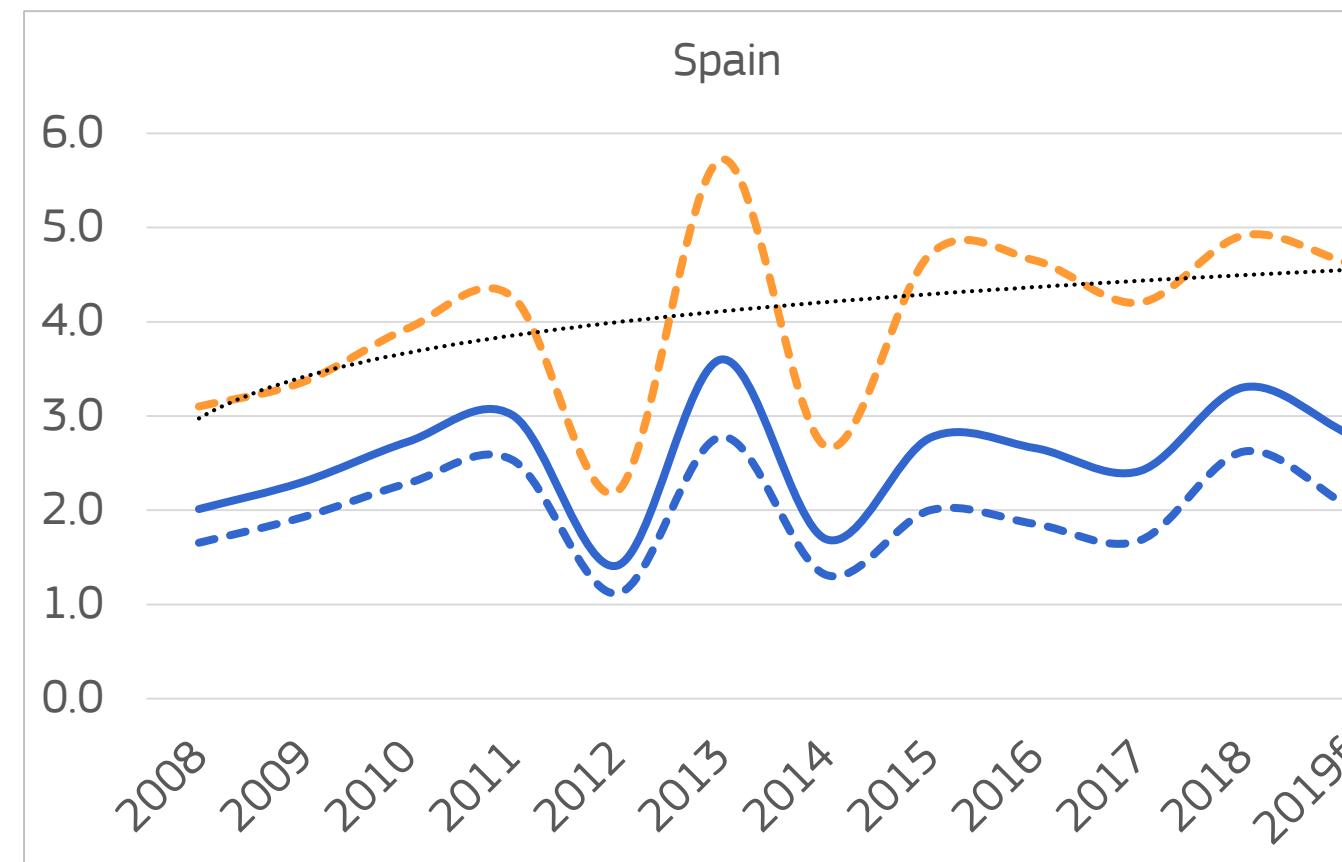


- **Lack of rain** at the beginning of the year 2019
- However, **rainfalls in April and May above seasonal values** in Italy, south-eastern Europe and south-eastern parts of the Iberian Peninsula
- ES water **reservoirs** have **partially recovered** but are still **below the long-term average**

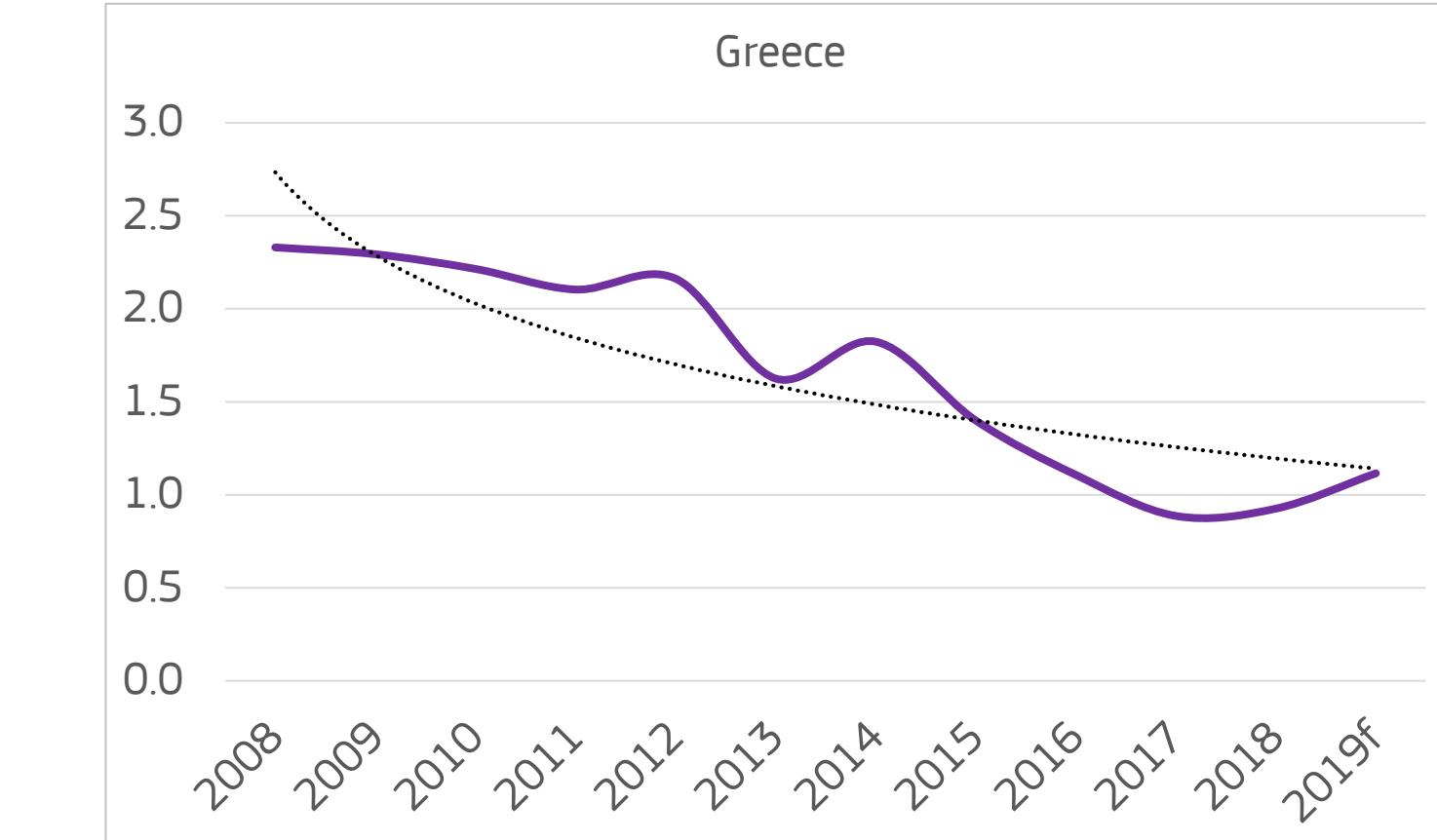
Source: Joint Research Centre MARS Bulletin



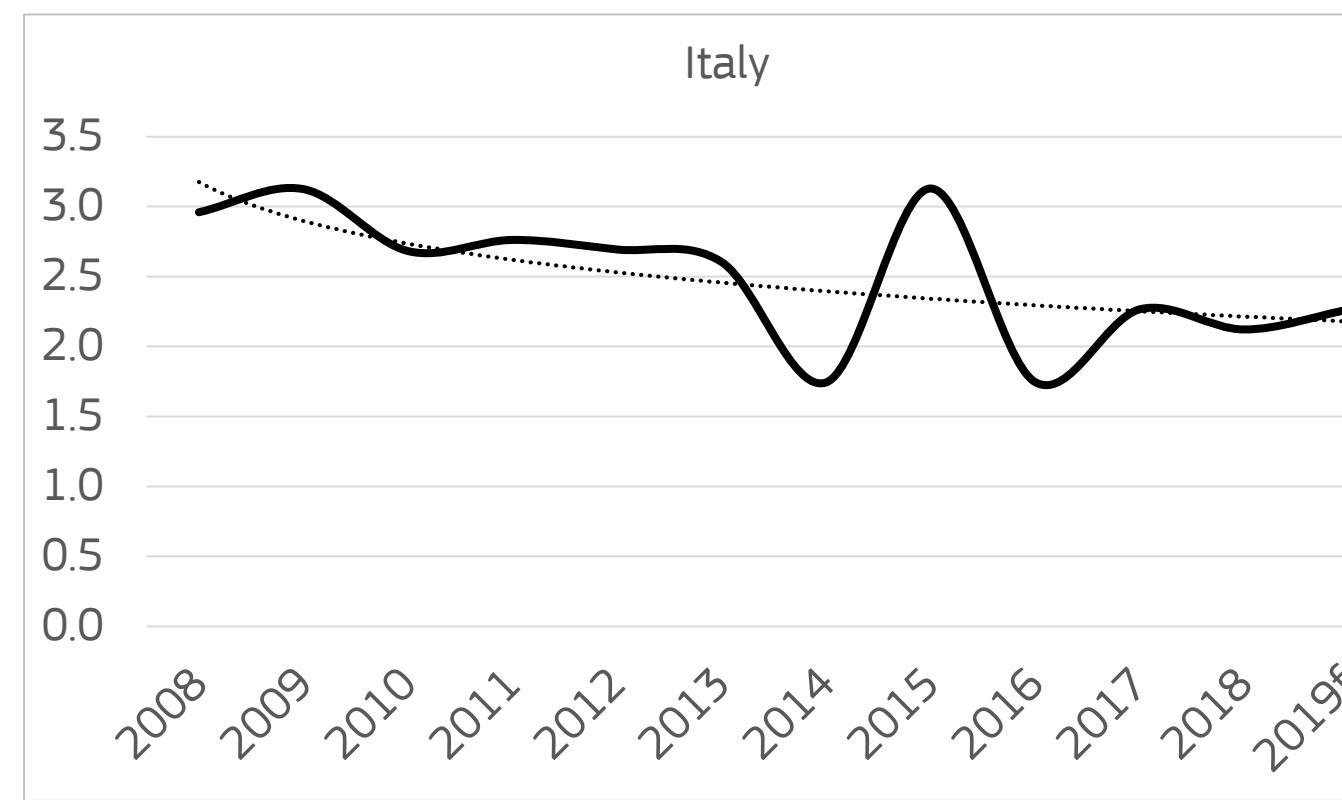
# What do the trends in olives' yield development show?



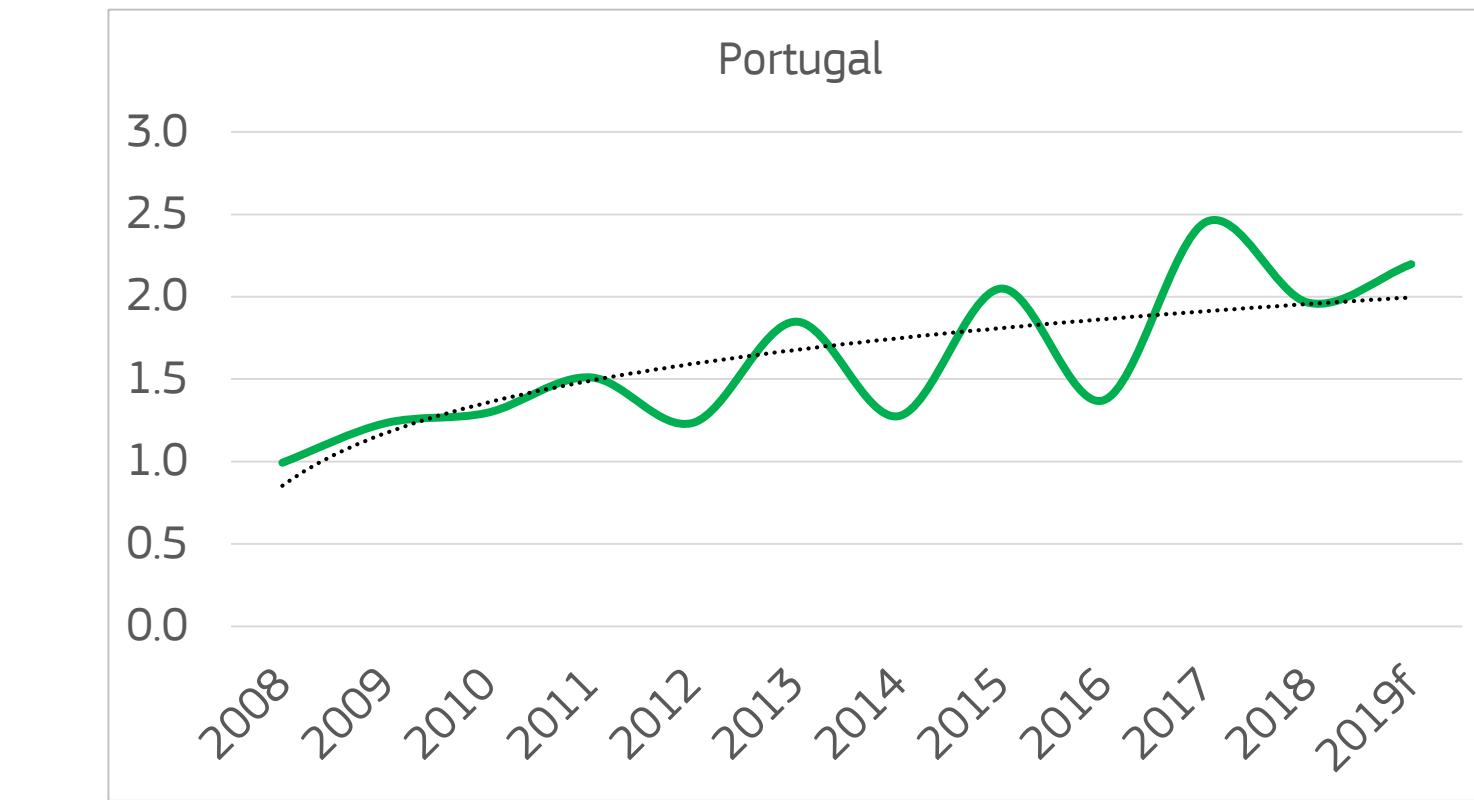
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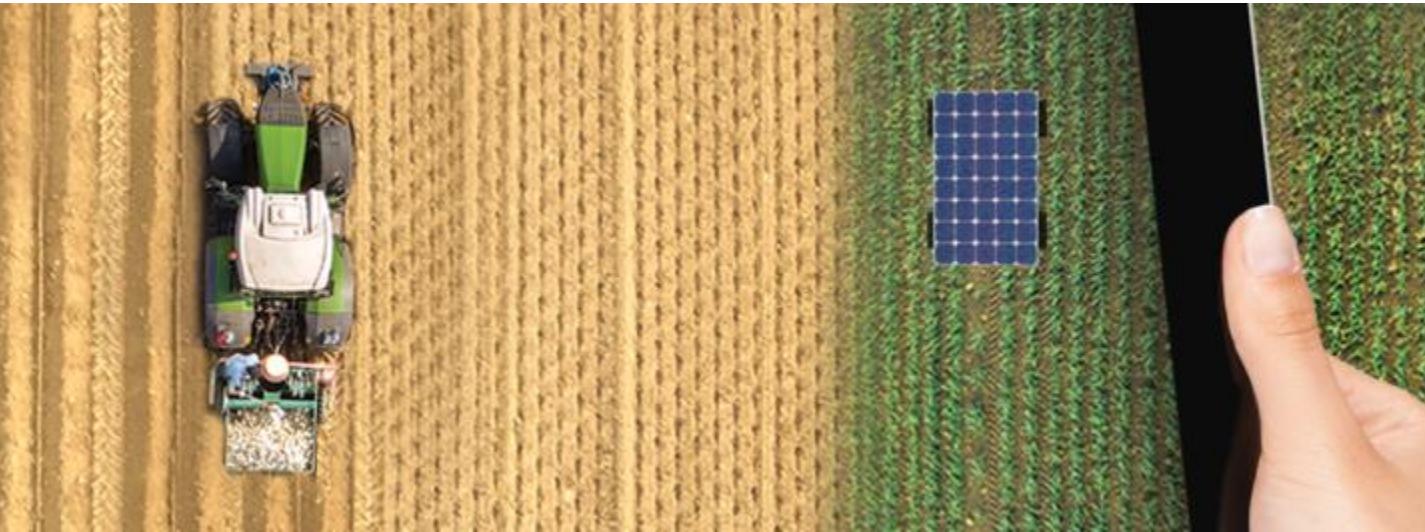
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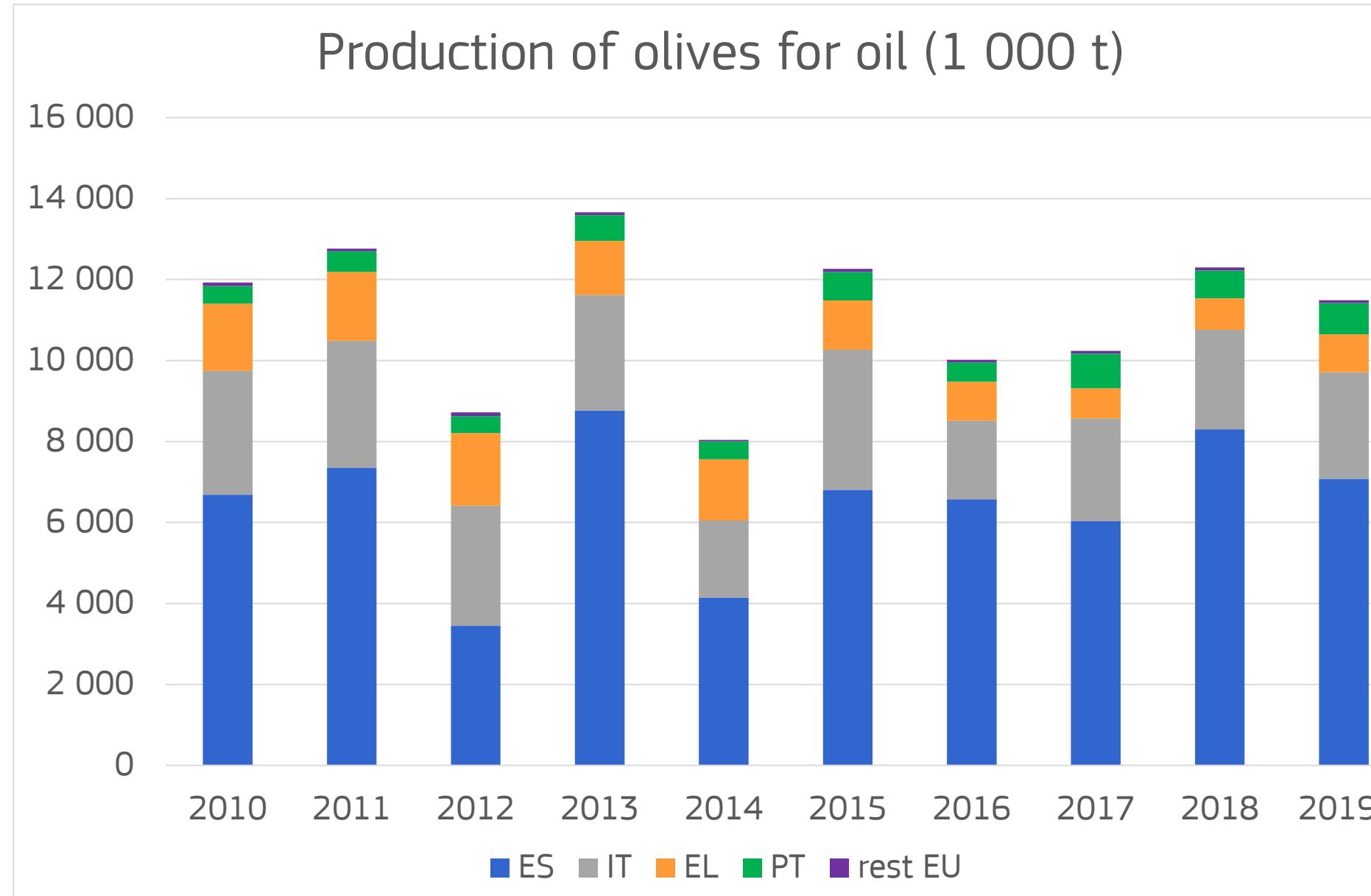
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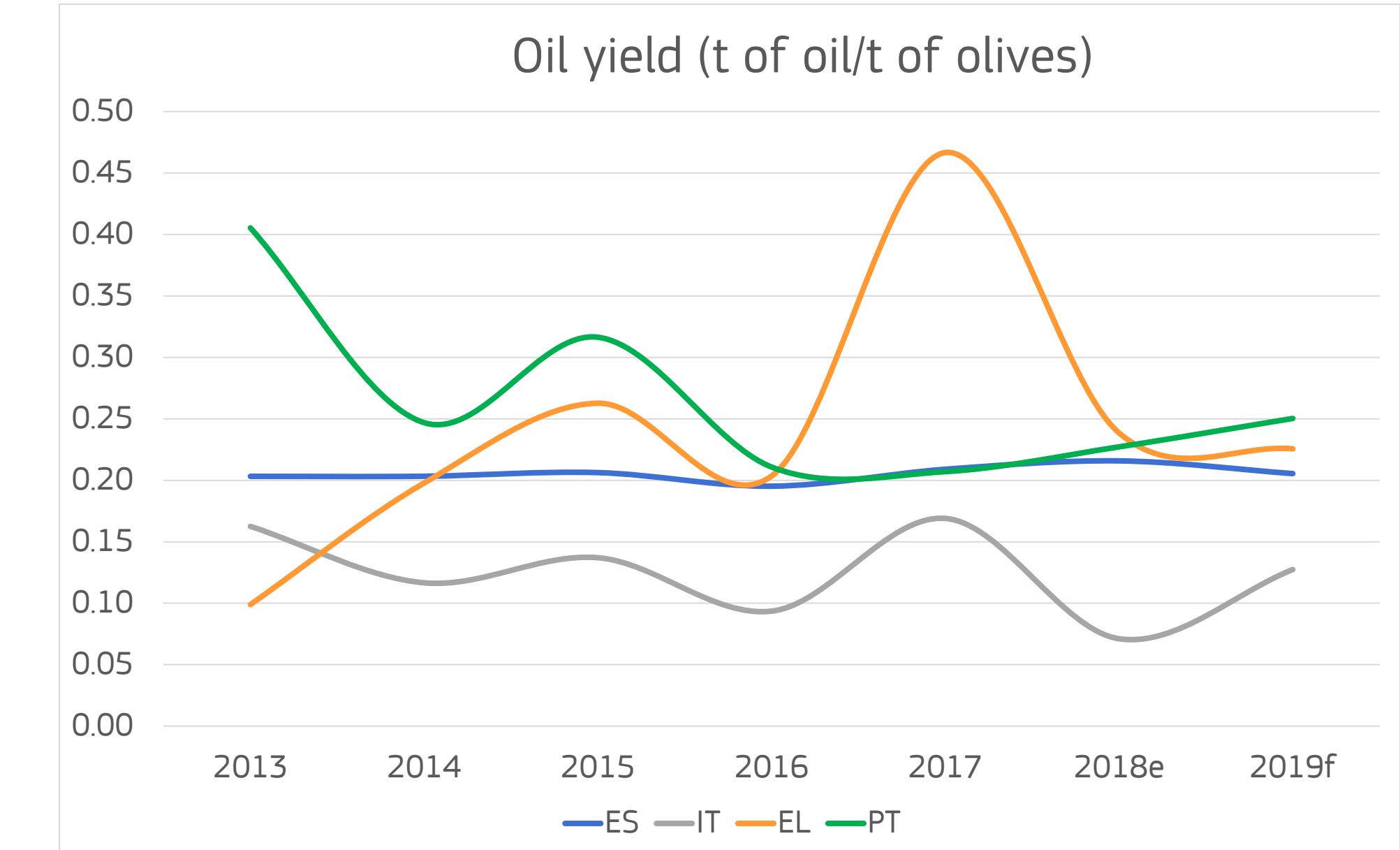
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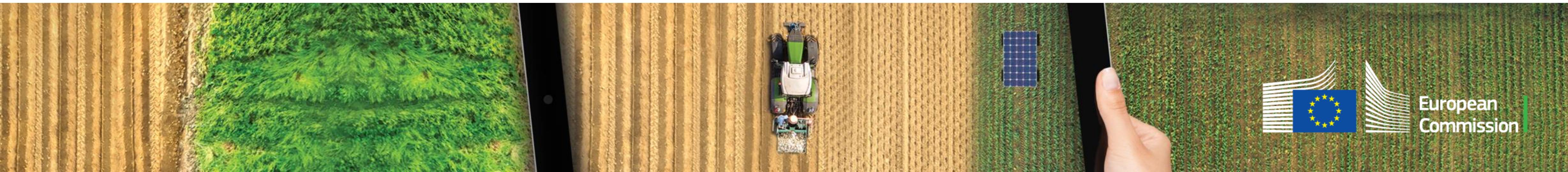
# Higher yields would imply more olives for oil



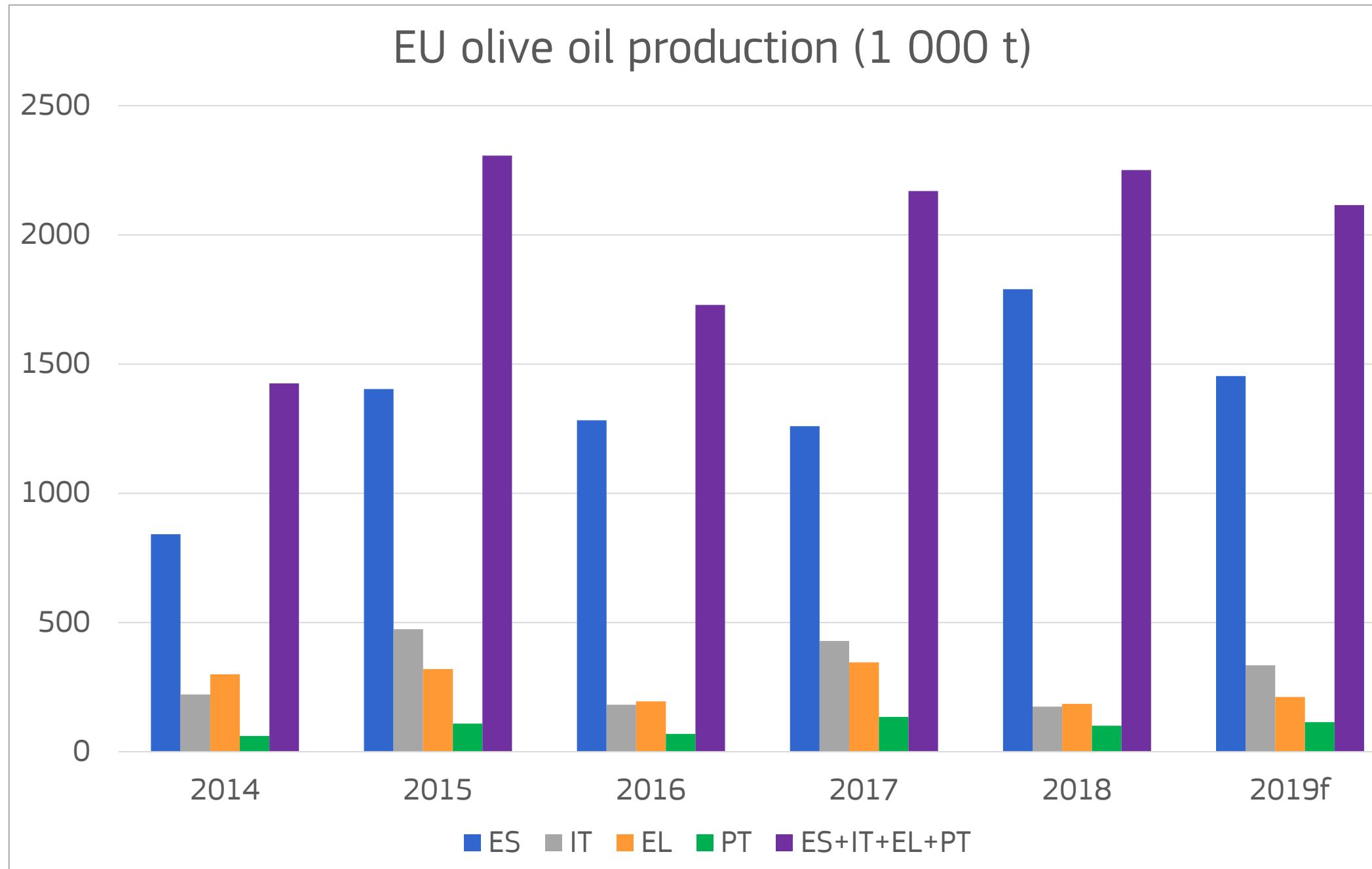
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# Above-average campaign to come?



Based on trend analysis:

- **-19% ES**
- **+91% IT**
- **+15% EL**
- **+13% PT**
- **Overall -6% in the main EU producing countries (+7% above last 5-year average)**

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# Thank you

## Agricultural Outlook

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## Market observatories

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## CAP reform

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