




# adex

## Benchmark 2016

May 2017



▶ The data and charts shown in this report cannot be used without the expressed permission of IAB Europe and IHS Markit

# About the study

# A meta-analysis of online ad spend in Europe

**GROSS**



Spend Billed

**NET**



Revenue Billed  
No Agency commissions

**RATECARD**



Campaigns x  
Ratecard

# Data for 27 countries in Europe

- Austria
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Russia
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK



# About the data

This market sizing is based on the following methods:

- Reported data from national IABs
- Estimates by national IABs based on local insight
- Estimates by national IABs in collaboration with IHS Markit
- Estimates & actuals by IHS Markit based on the *IHS Advertising Intelligence Service* & macro-economic research group

# Big Picture

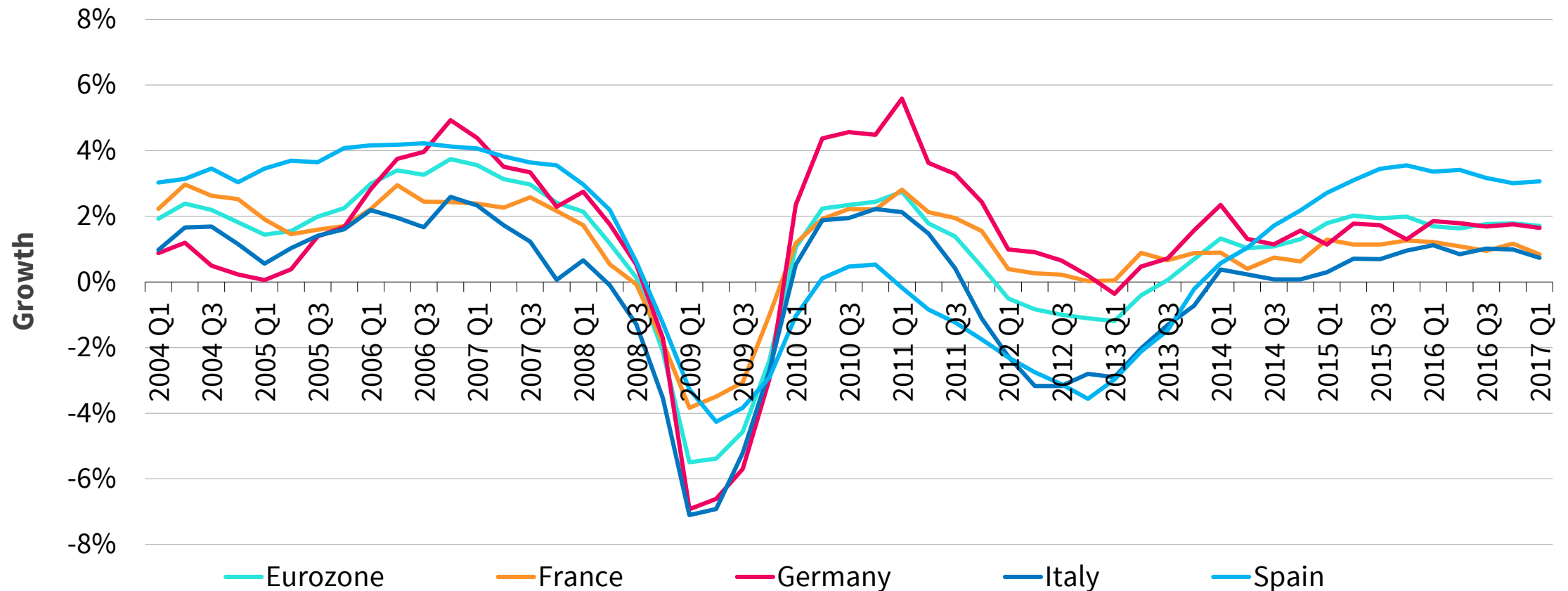
Europe: the value of online advertising in 2016

€41.9bn



# Eurozone macroeconomic environment has stabilised after two recessions and holds firm despite political uncertainty

## GDP growth in Eurozone (%)

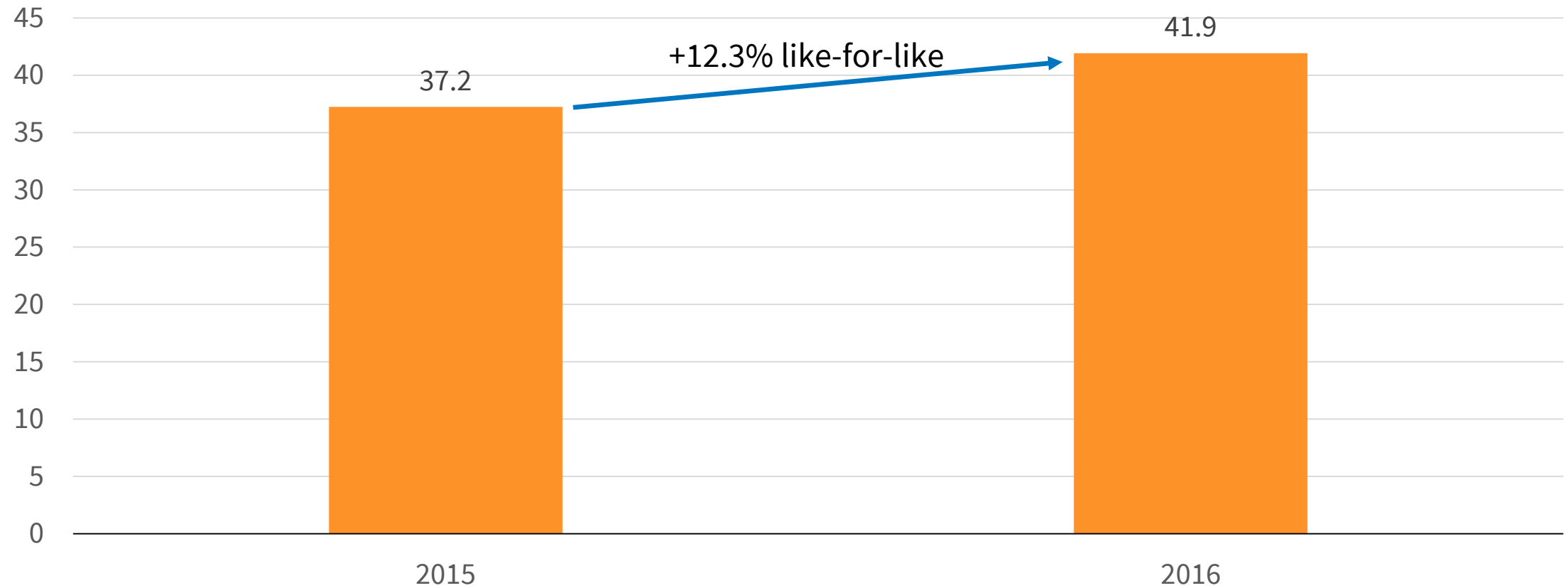


Source: IHS Markit

© 2017 IHS Markit

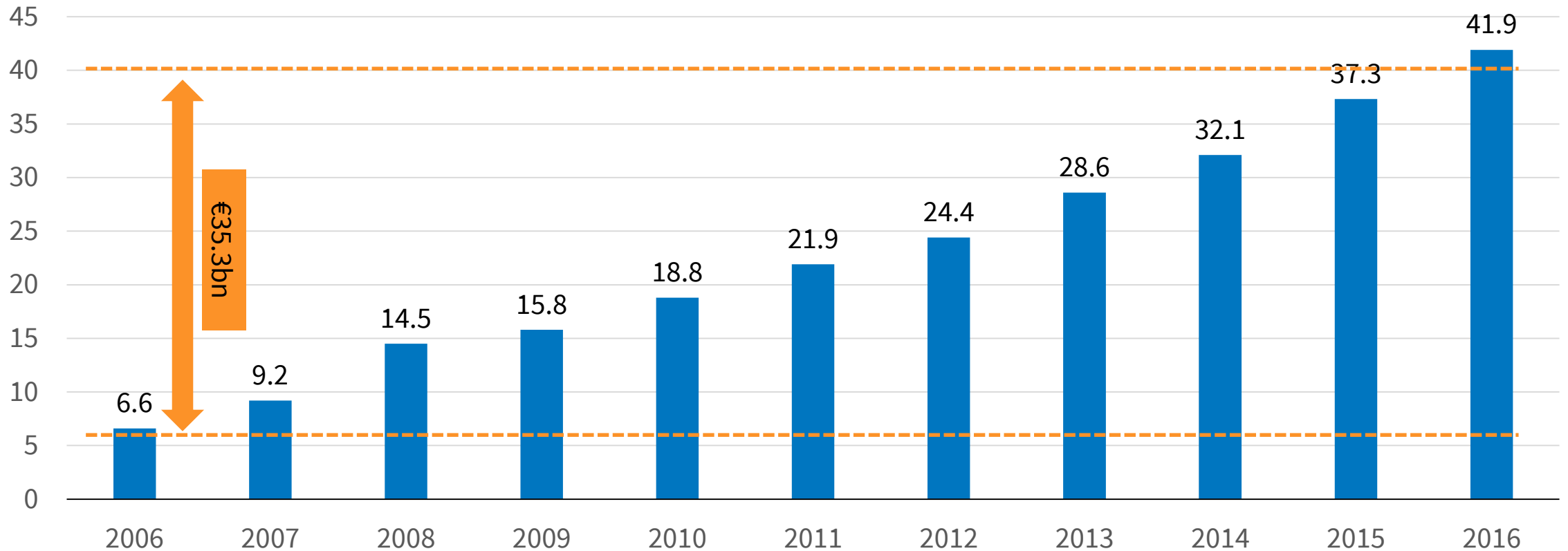
# Online advertising grew by 12.3% in 2016

Online advertising spend in Europe (€bn)



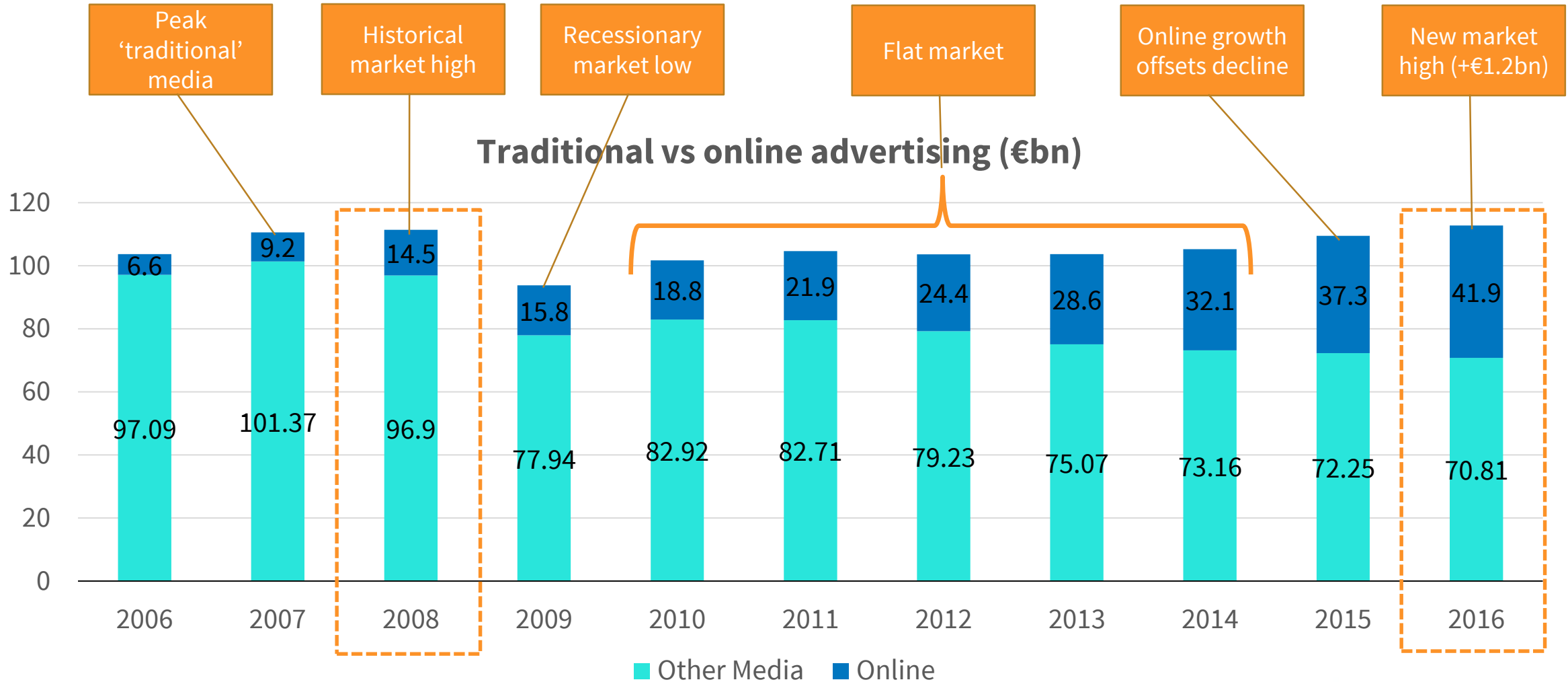
€35.3bn net addition in 11 years of this study....

### Total online ad spend: historical perspective



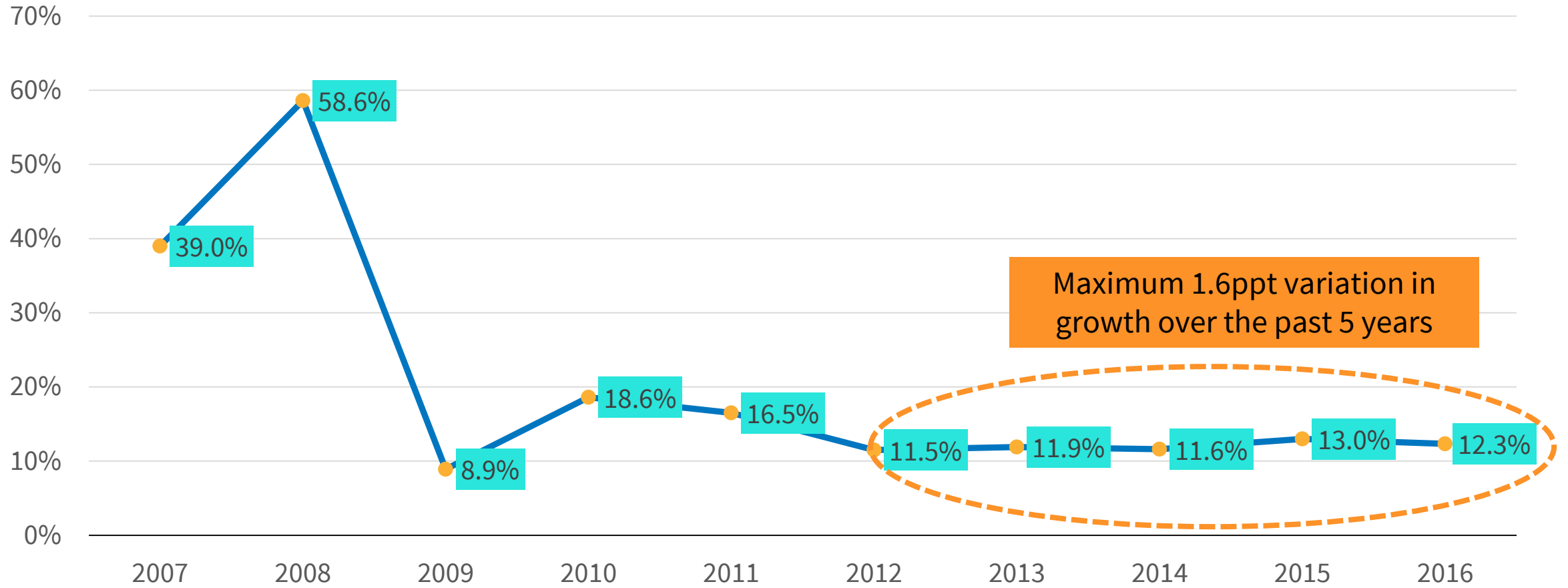
*\*restated from €36bn as measured in 2015 due to methodology change at local IABs*

...as online offsets losses of traditional media, establishing a new advertising market high for the first time since the 2009 recession



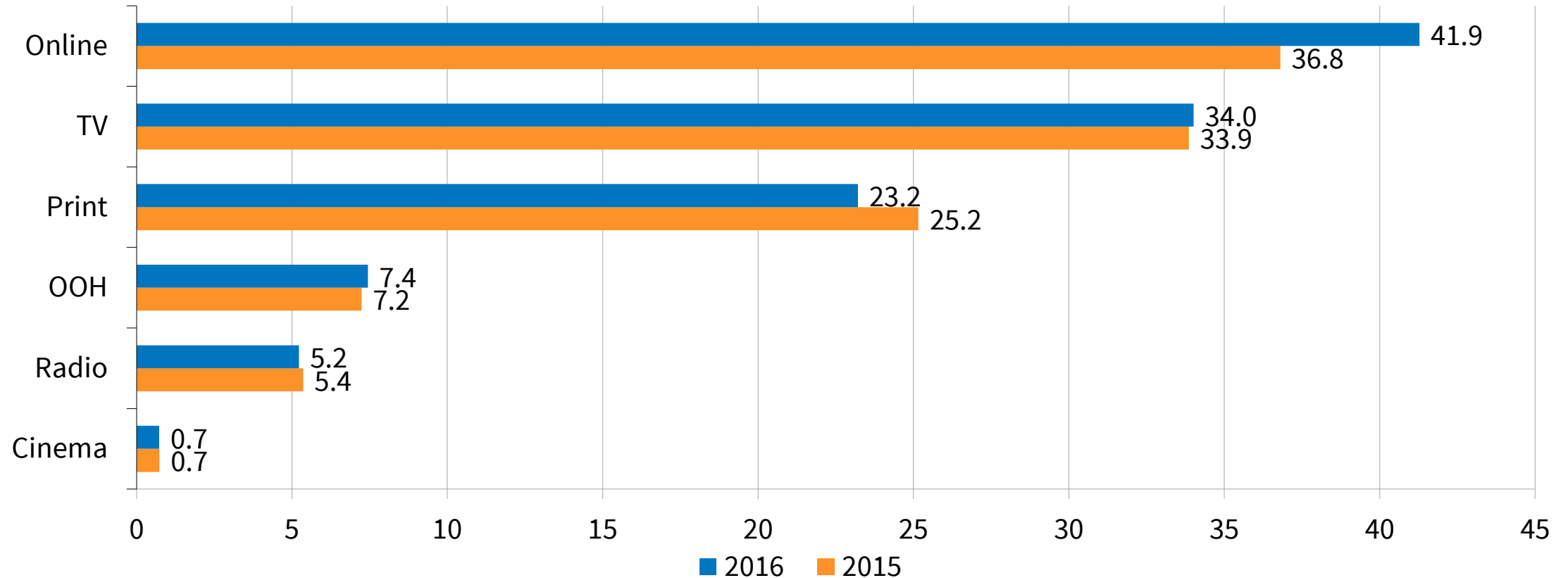
# "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose": consistency in growth rates over past five years despite fundamental market restructure

## Historical online advertising market growth



# Online expands its lead over other media categories\*

Ad spend by category in Europe in 2015 and 2016 (€bn)

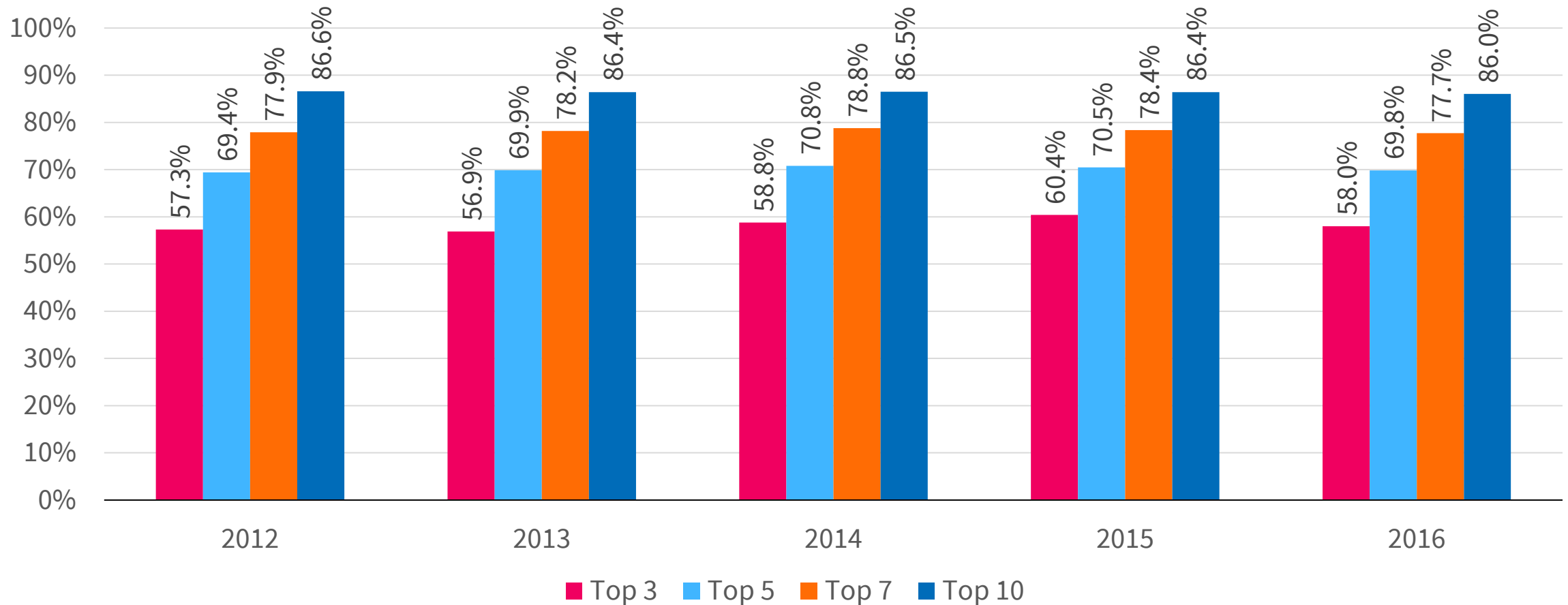


Source: IHS Markit

# Markets

After four year period of growing concentration on top markets, the long-tail of smaller markets increases its overall share for the first time

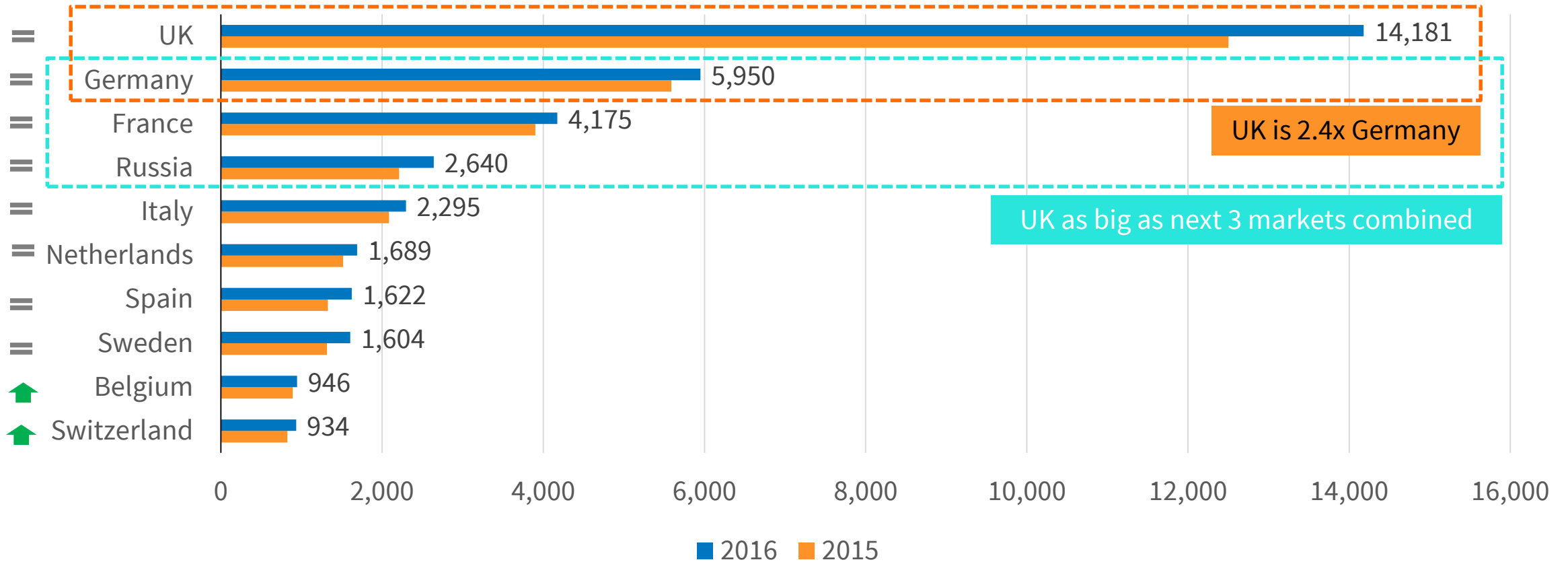
Share of European online advertising revenue by market group



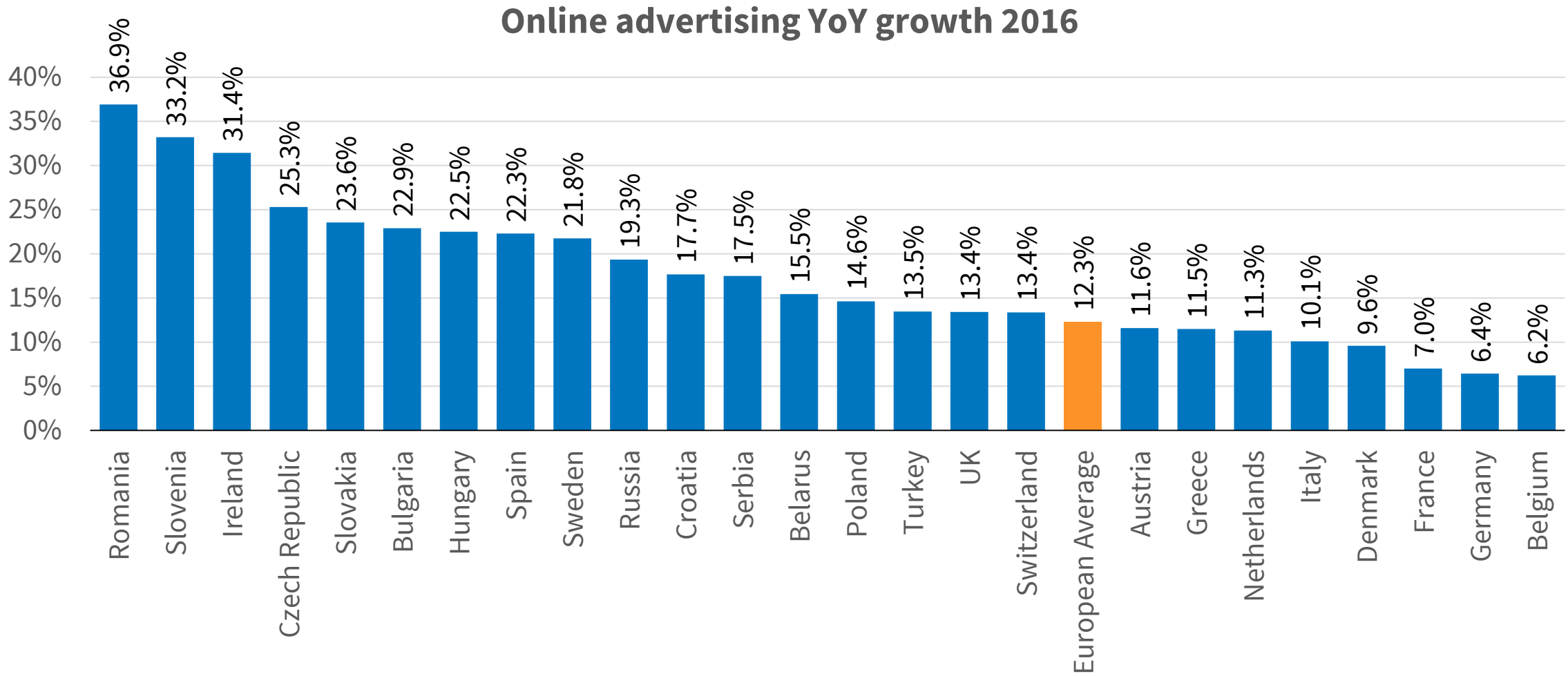


# Top 8 in stable ranking, Belgium & Switzerland move up, UK maintains lead over other markets

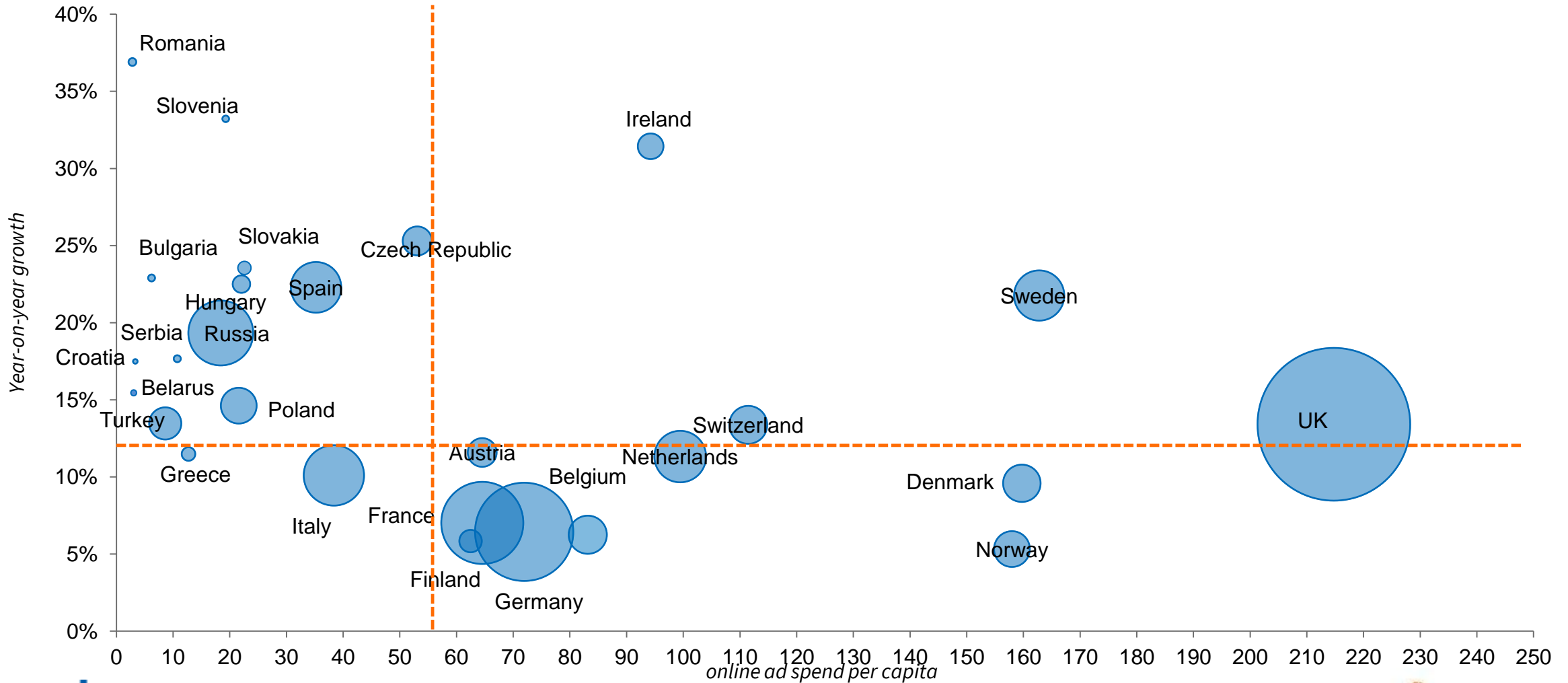
## Top 10 markets ranked (€m)



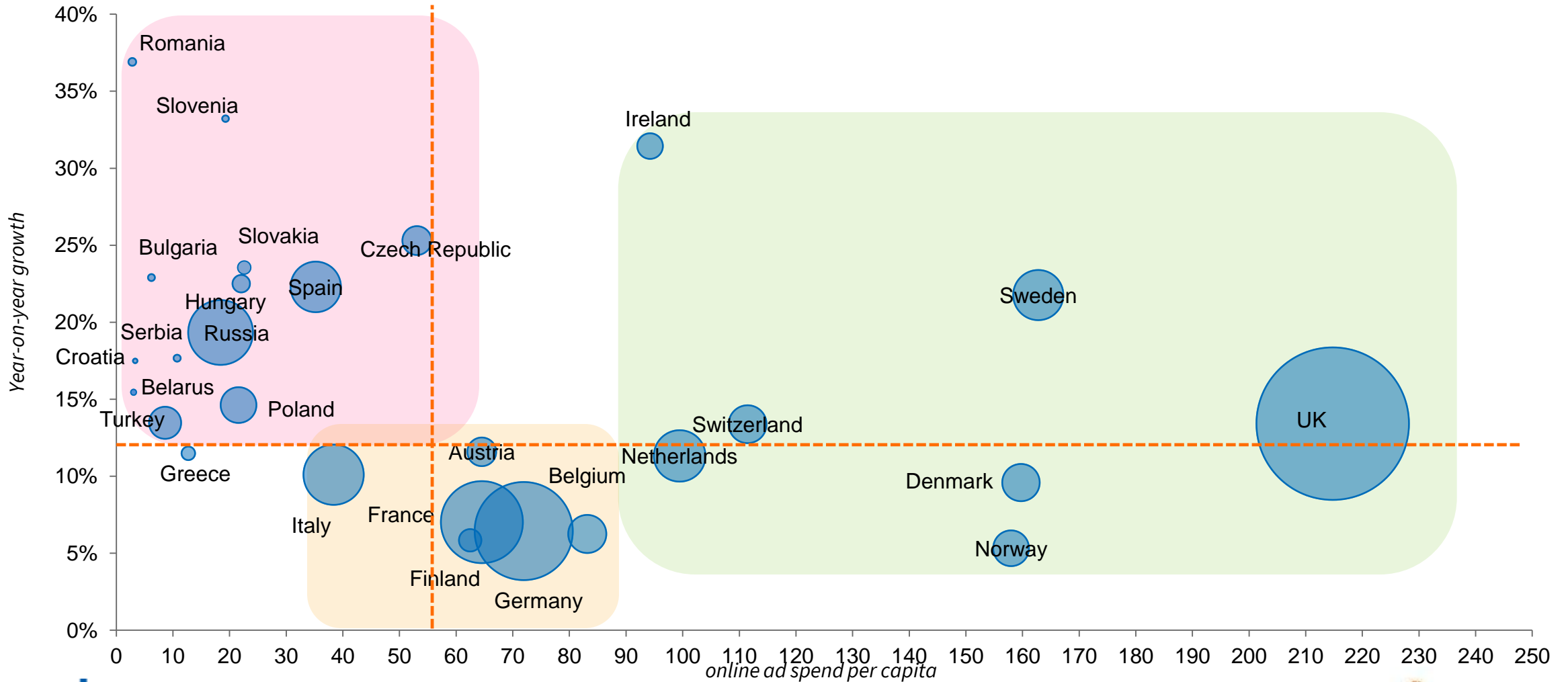
# Growth is mostly lead by smaller CEE markets



# Most advanced and least mature markets grow faster, tight grouping among Western European markets



# Three distinct patterns emerge



# What enables & hinders growth according to national IABs?

## Drivers

- Programmatic & automation
- e- and m-commerce
- Rise of online video consumption
- Premium video inventory
- Improvement in ad quality
- Mobile-first advertiser mentality
- Social platforms
- Native
- E-Sports
- Consolidation

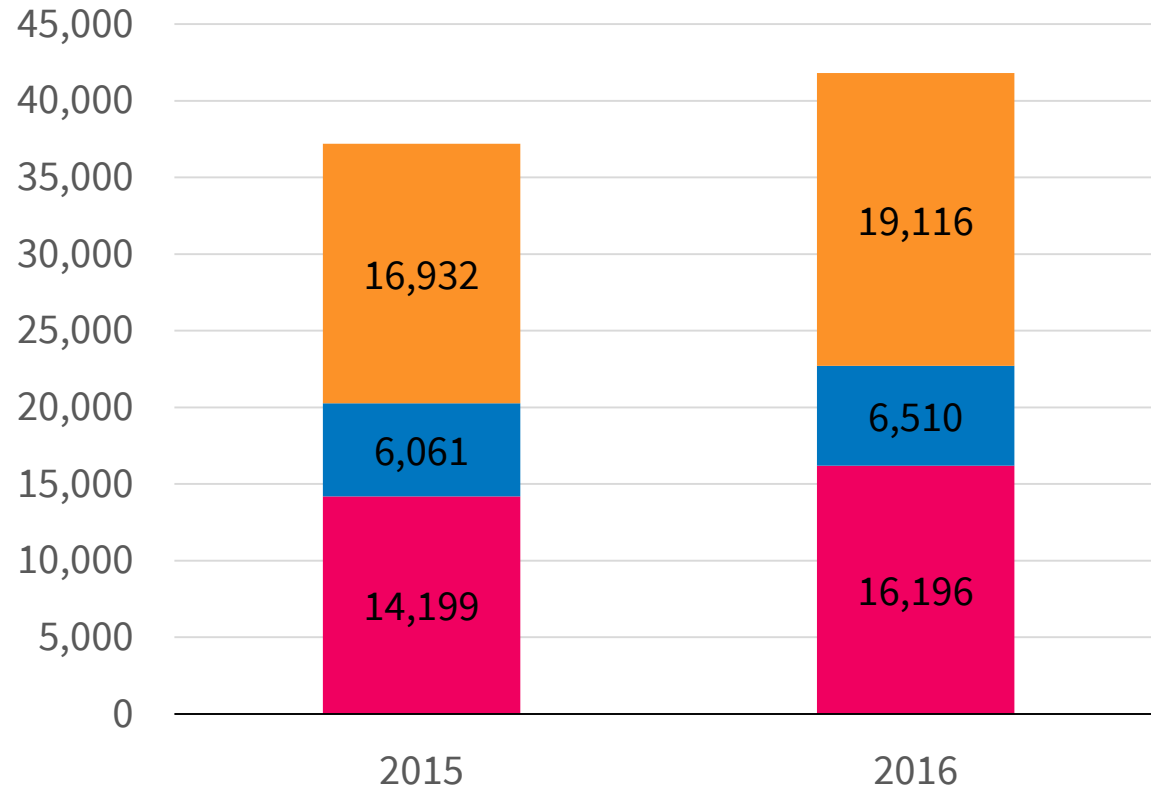
## Hurdles

- Ad blocking
- Fraud
- Complexity of value chain
- Brand safety
- Privacy & regulation
- Measurement (esp. omniscreeen video)
- Cross-funnel and cross-media attribution
- Turning data into insight
- Adapting desktop ads to mobile
  - High production costs
  - Structural barriers
- Platform distribution & monetization
- Macroeconomic environment and adverse political conditions

# Formats

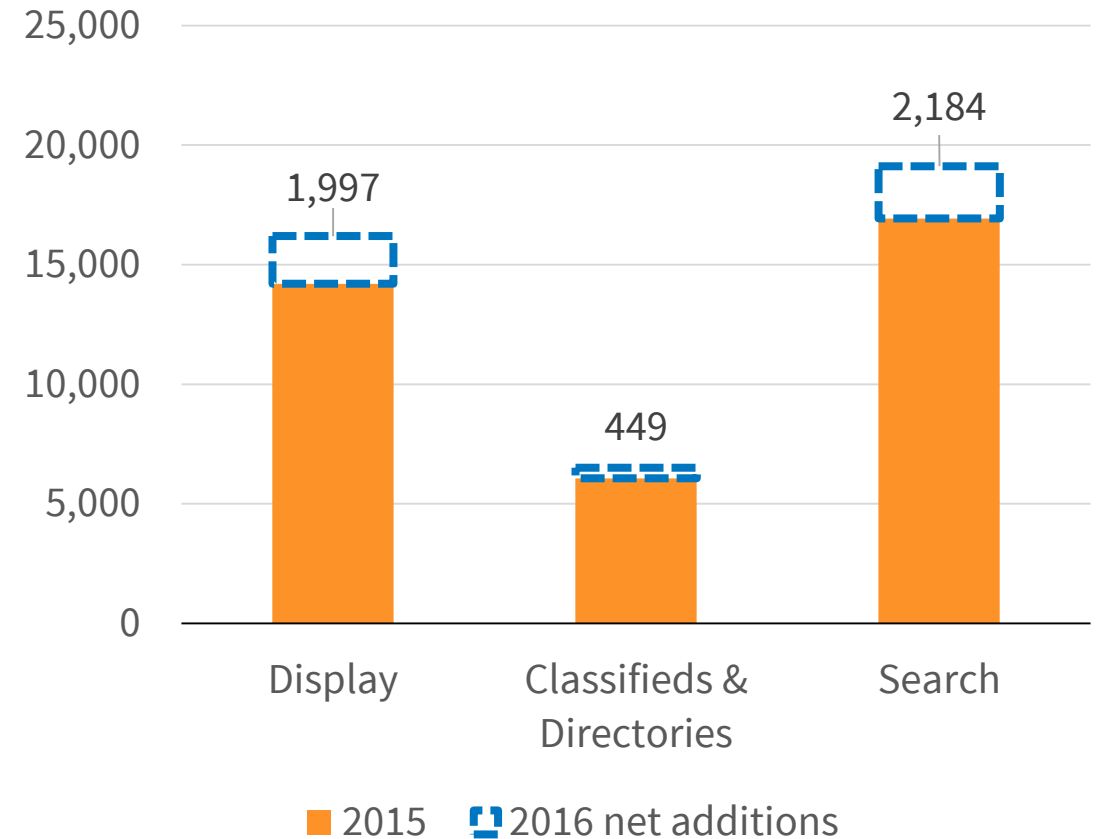
# €5bn added in total, over half of that coming from display

Online advertising spend by format  
(€m)\*



■ Display ■ Classifieds & Directories ■ Search

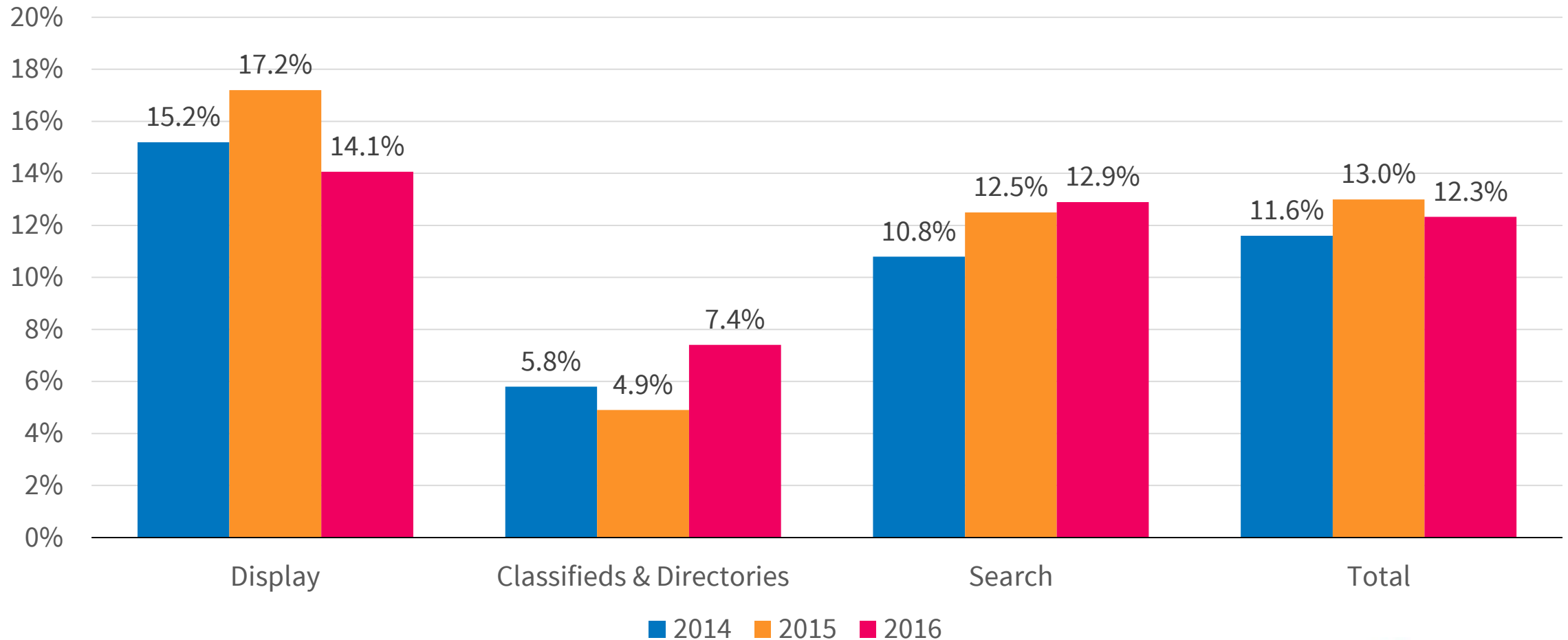
Net additions in 2016 (€m)\*



\*Not like-for-like 2015 vs 2016 due to methodology changes in Croatia & Czech Republic. Growth rate cannot be calculated. Please use 12.3% like-for-like growth rate. Excludes small number of 'other' that was reported without format designation.

Display has been the fastest growing format for the past three years, but classifieds & directories and search experience growing vibrancy

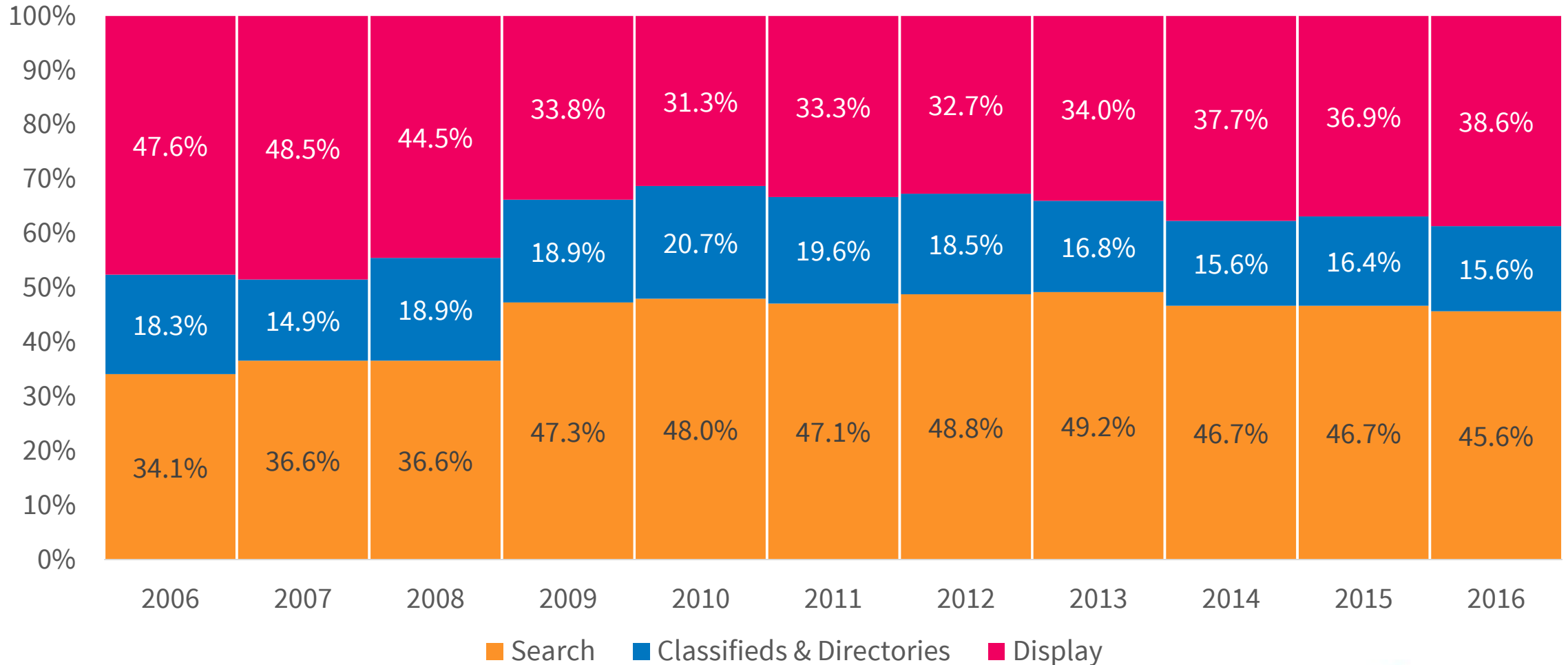
Online advertising growth rates by format





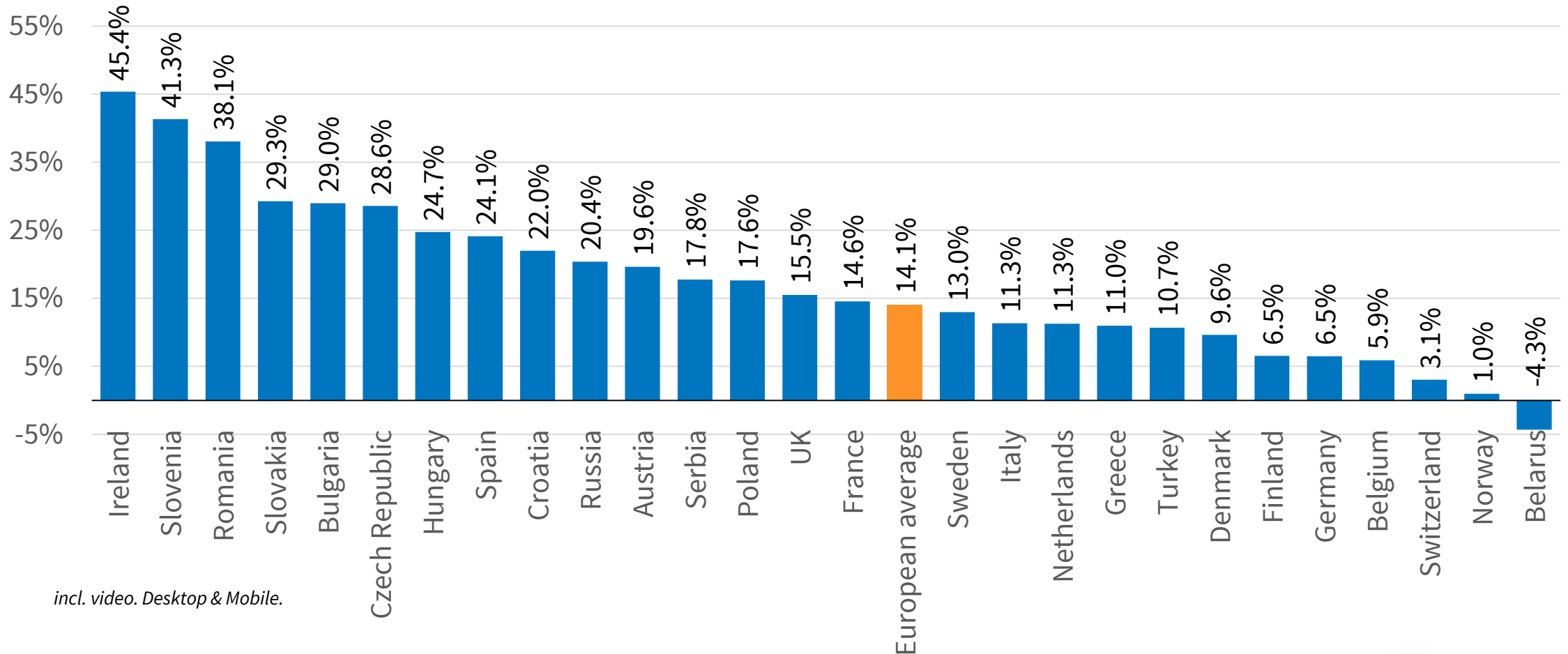
# Search maintains lead, but display increases share

## Online advertising spend split by format



# 15 markets grow above European average, incl. 4 out of the top 10 markets by size, but spectrum of growth between markets is vast

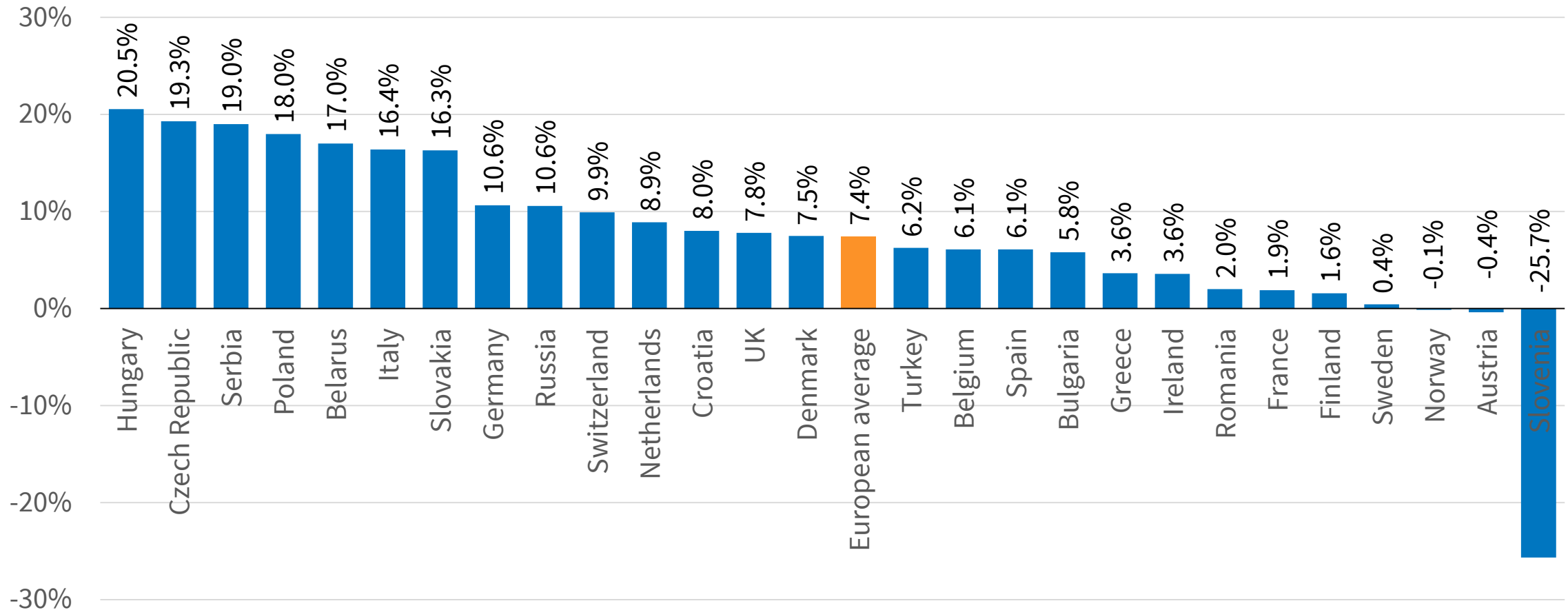
Online display growth in 2016 by market\*



incl. video. Desktop & Mobile.

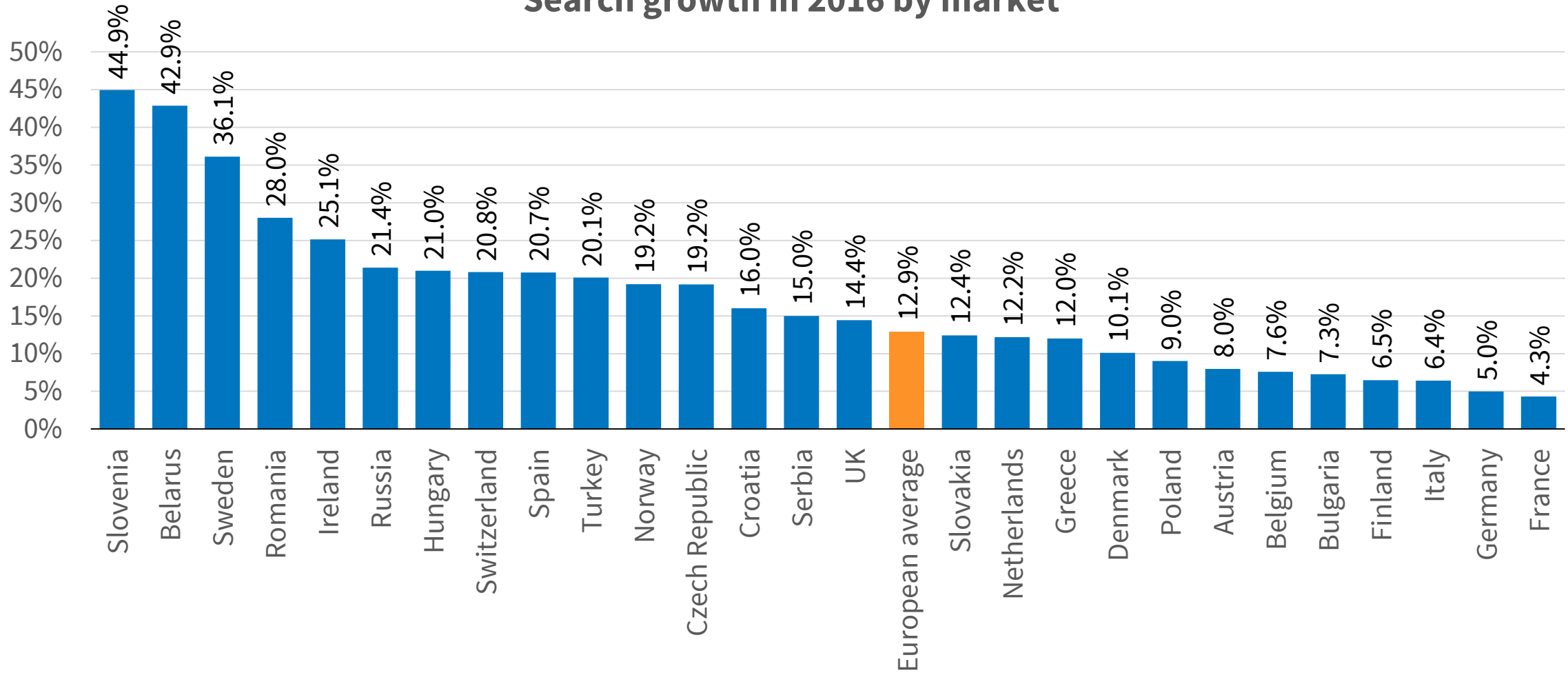
# Uneven picture across Europe as classifieds & directories benefit from consolidation, but shift to display-based ad model

## Online classifieds & directories growth in 2016 by market



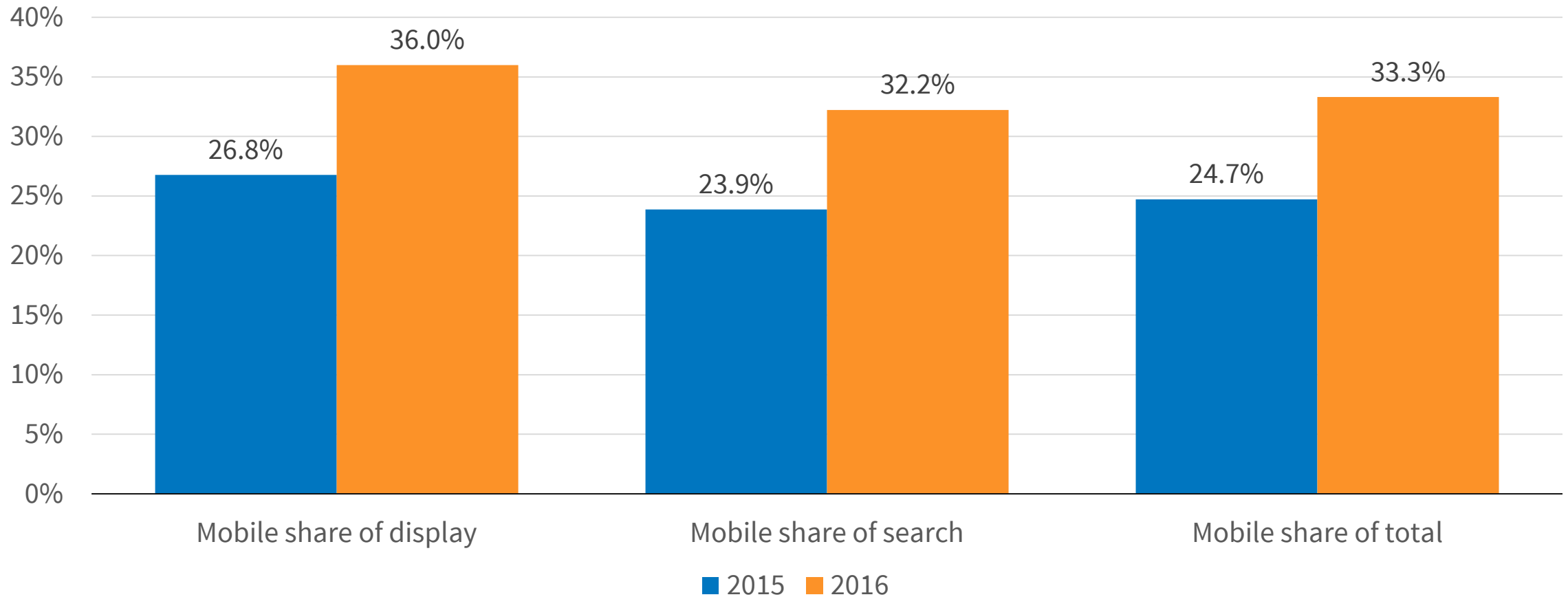
# 19 markets saw double-digit growth in paid-for-search

Search growth in 2016 by market



# Mobile shares of format leap by nearly 10 percentage points year-on-year

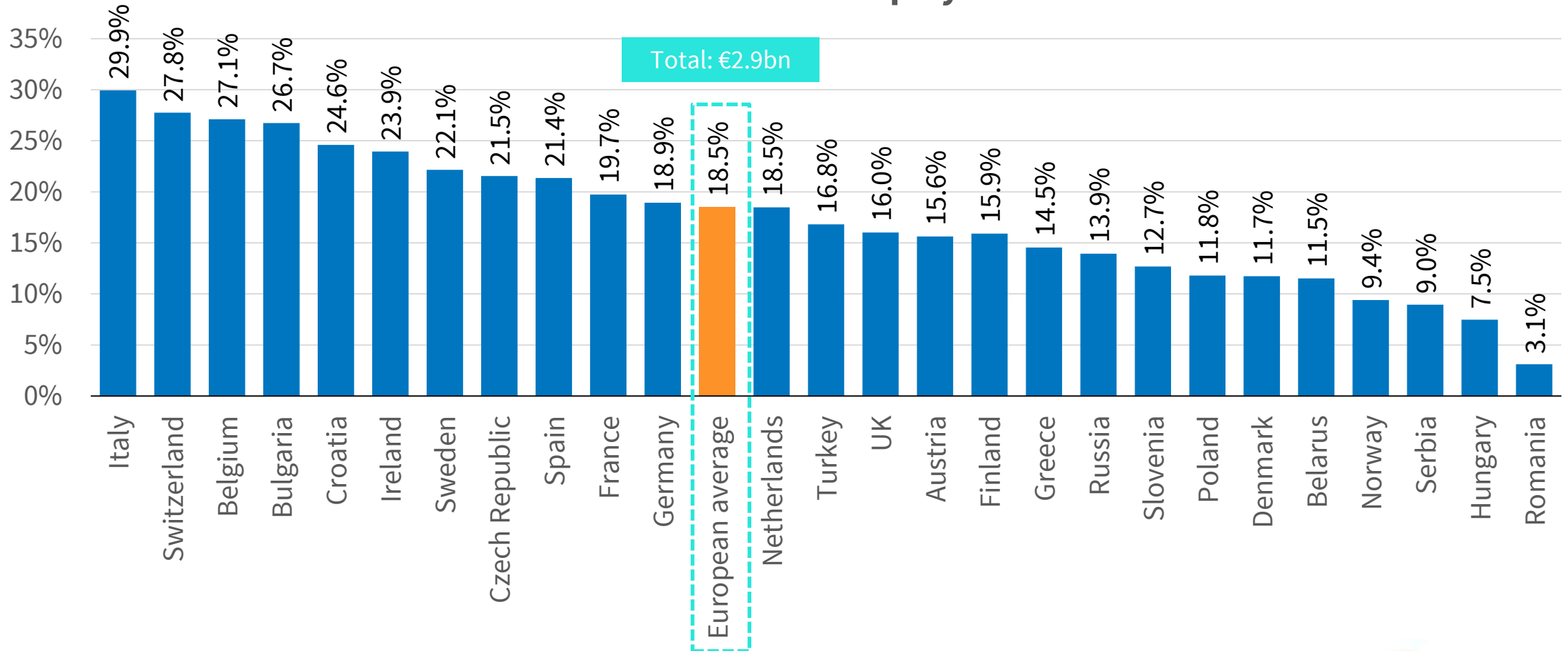
## Mobile share of online ad spend by format\*



*\*only markets which reported both mobile display & mobile search considered*

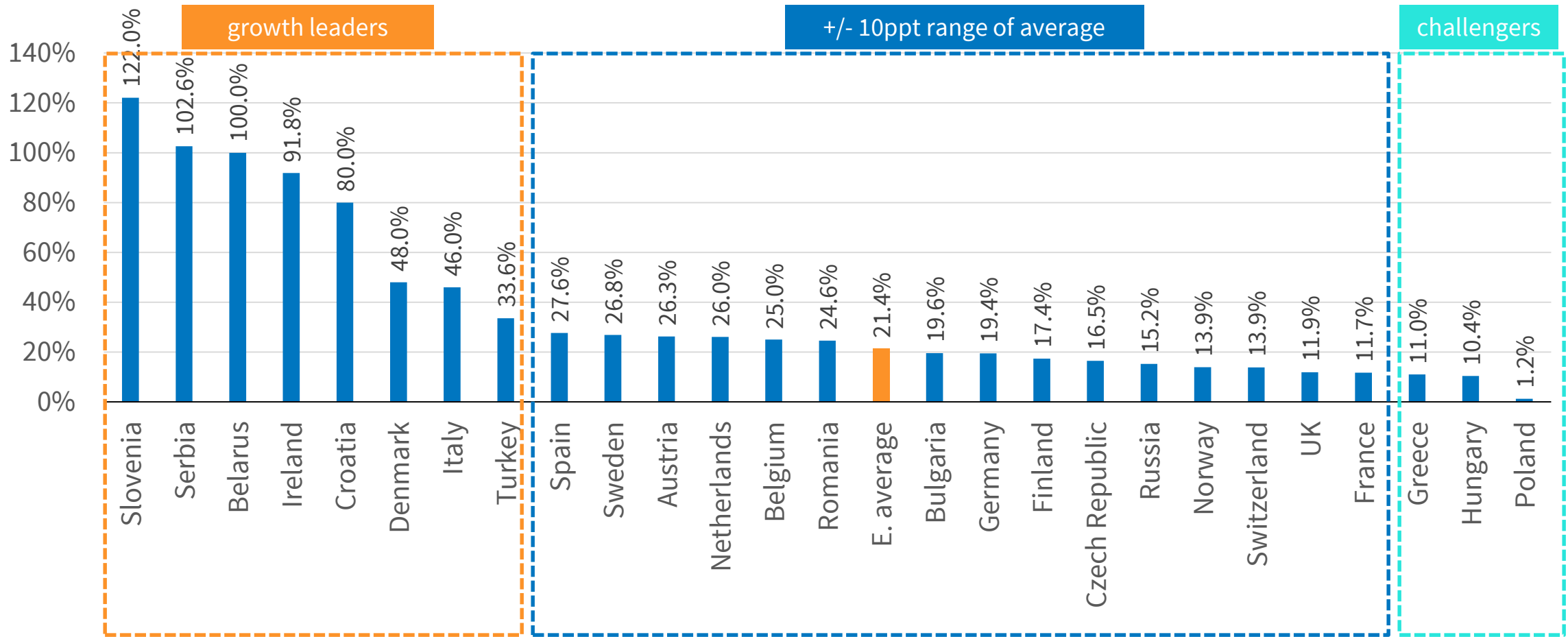
# A €3bn market, video now is a vital component of online display...

## Video share of online display in 2016

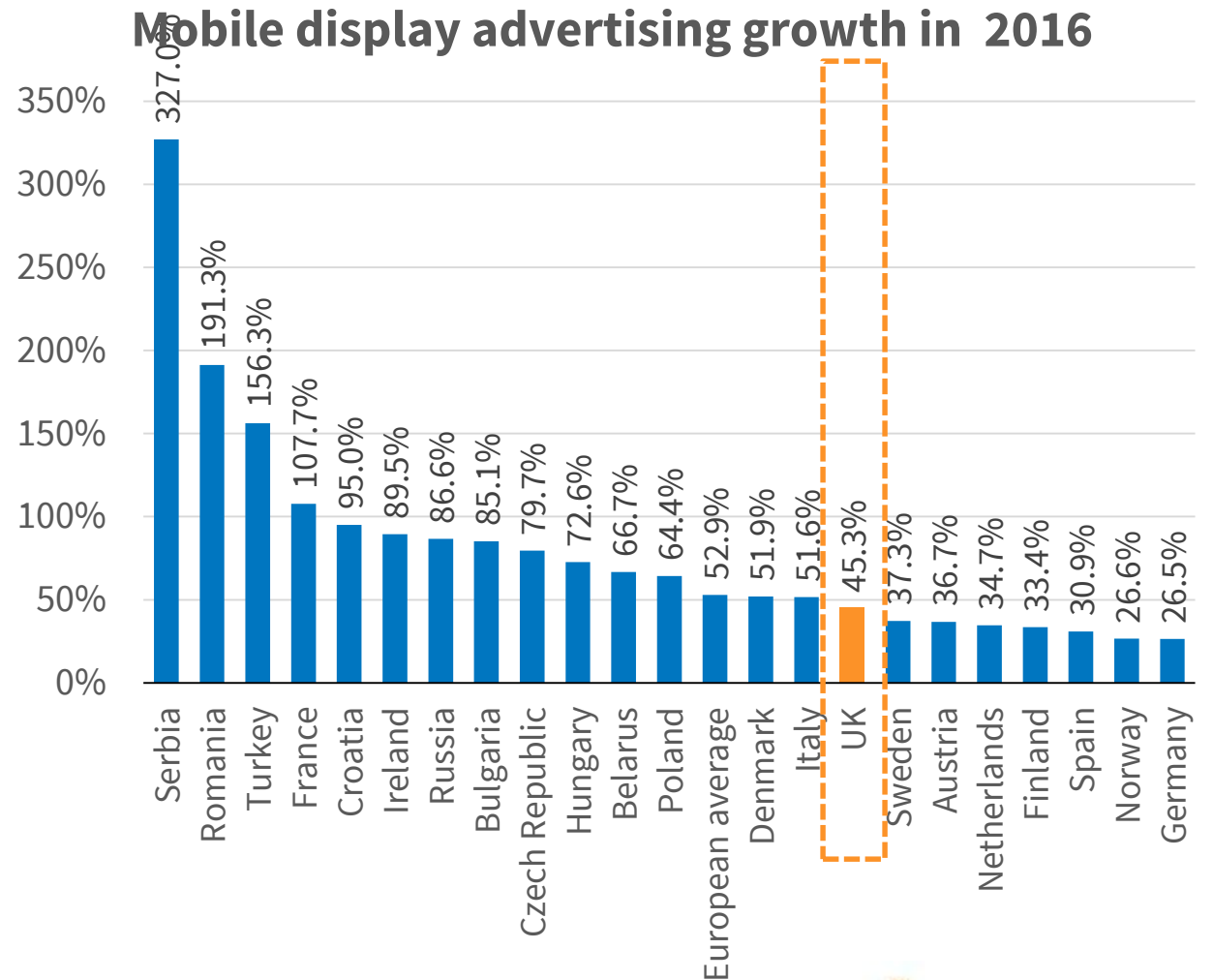
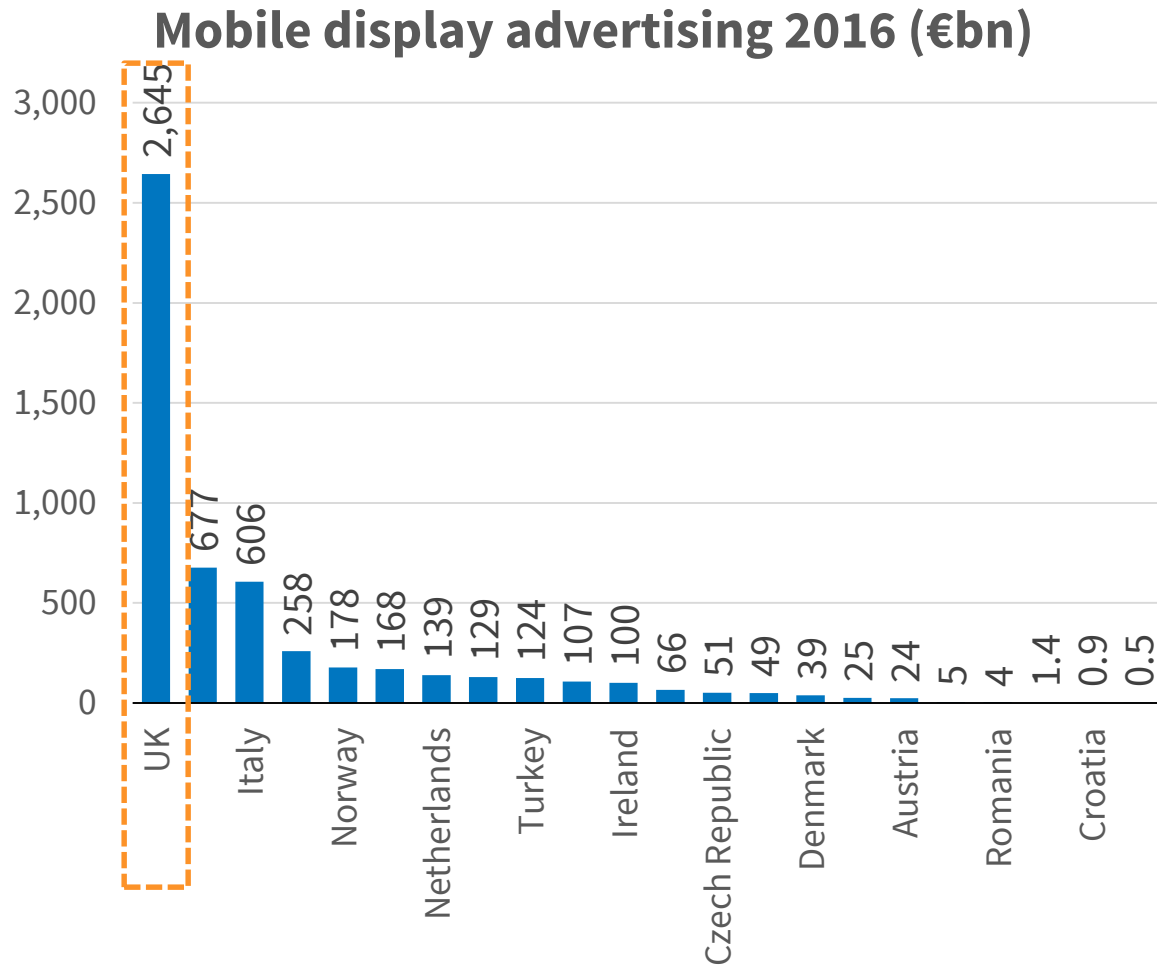


# ...and growth is near universally double-digit within 3 clusters

## Online video advertising growth in 2016



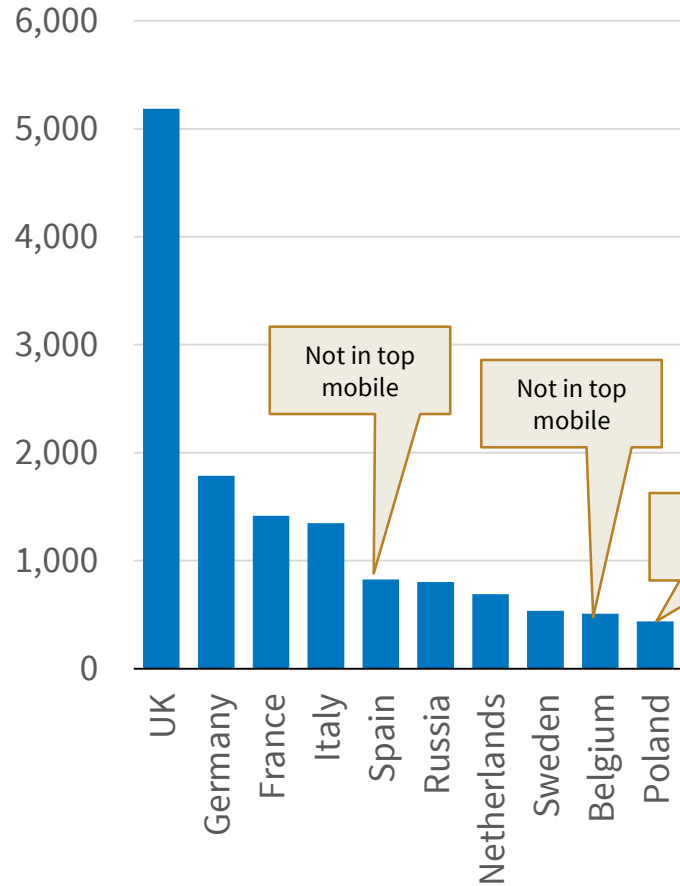
Mobile display is highly concentrated, but 14 out of 22 countries measured grew faster than the market leader\*



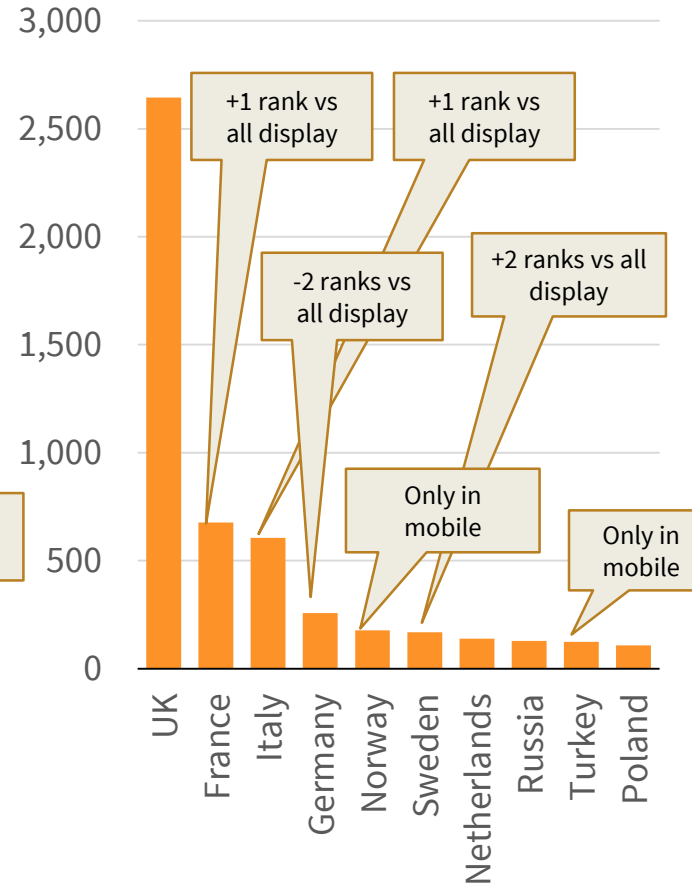


# Market leaders are not created equal: the top 10 ranking by display market size looks different in mobile and video

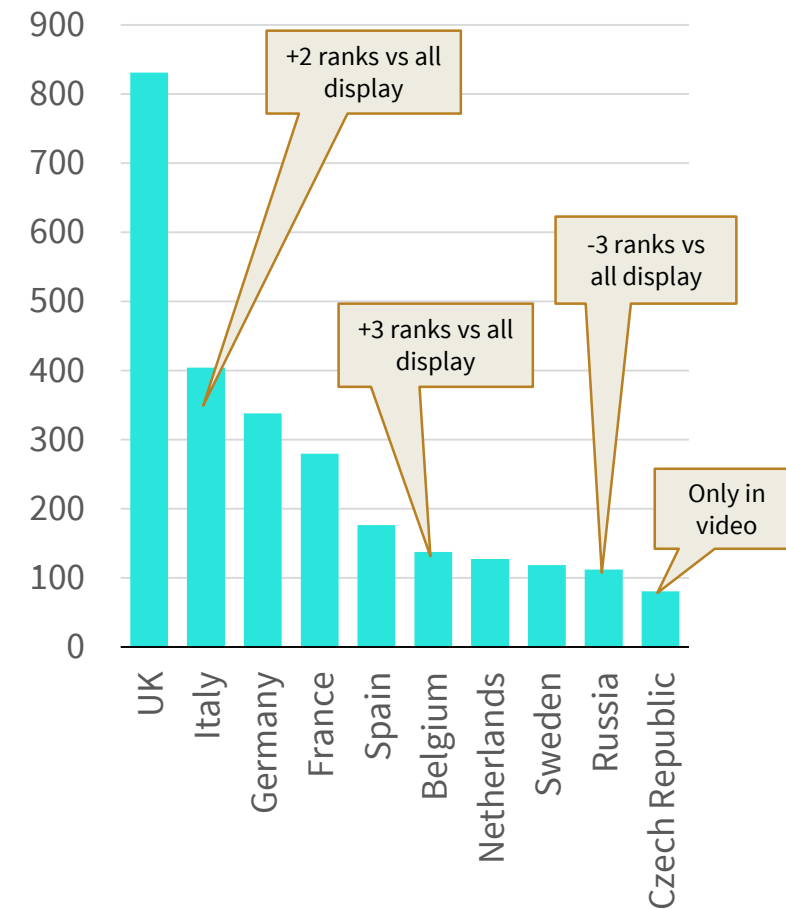
## Top all display



## Top mobile display

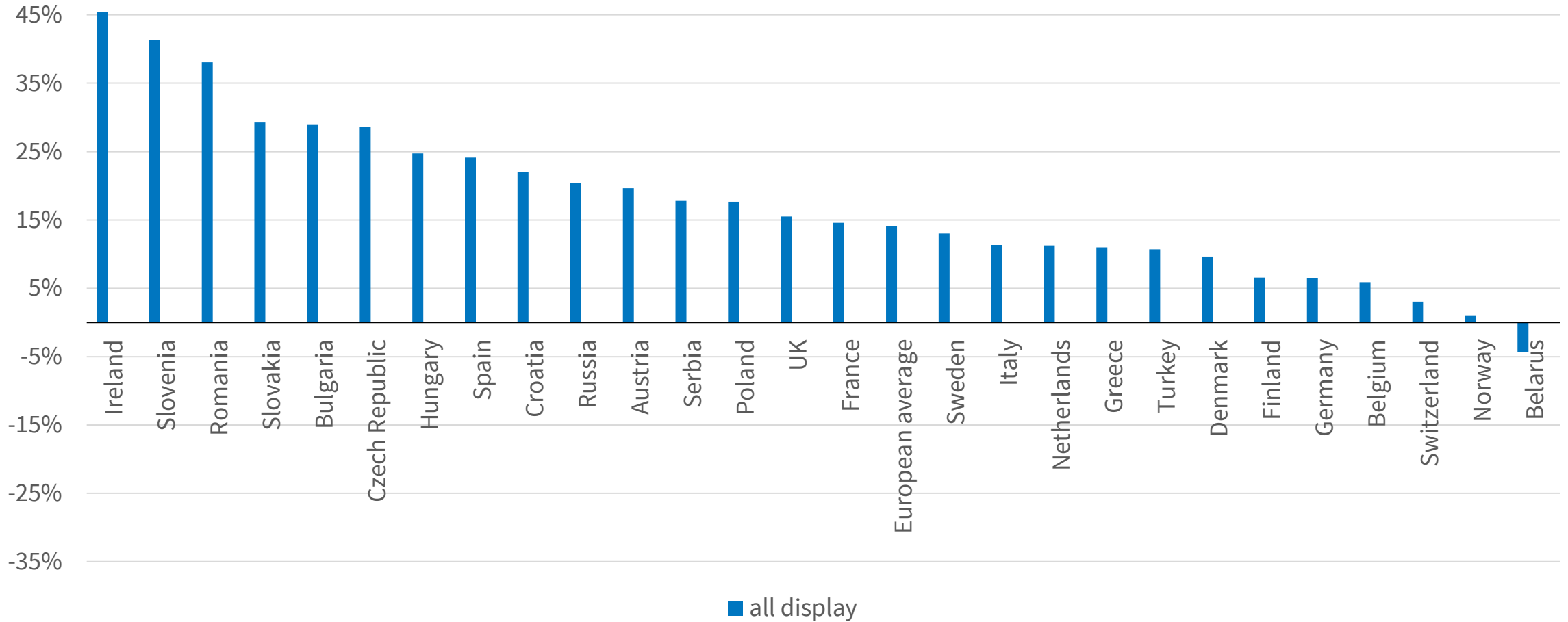


## Top video



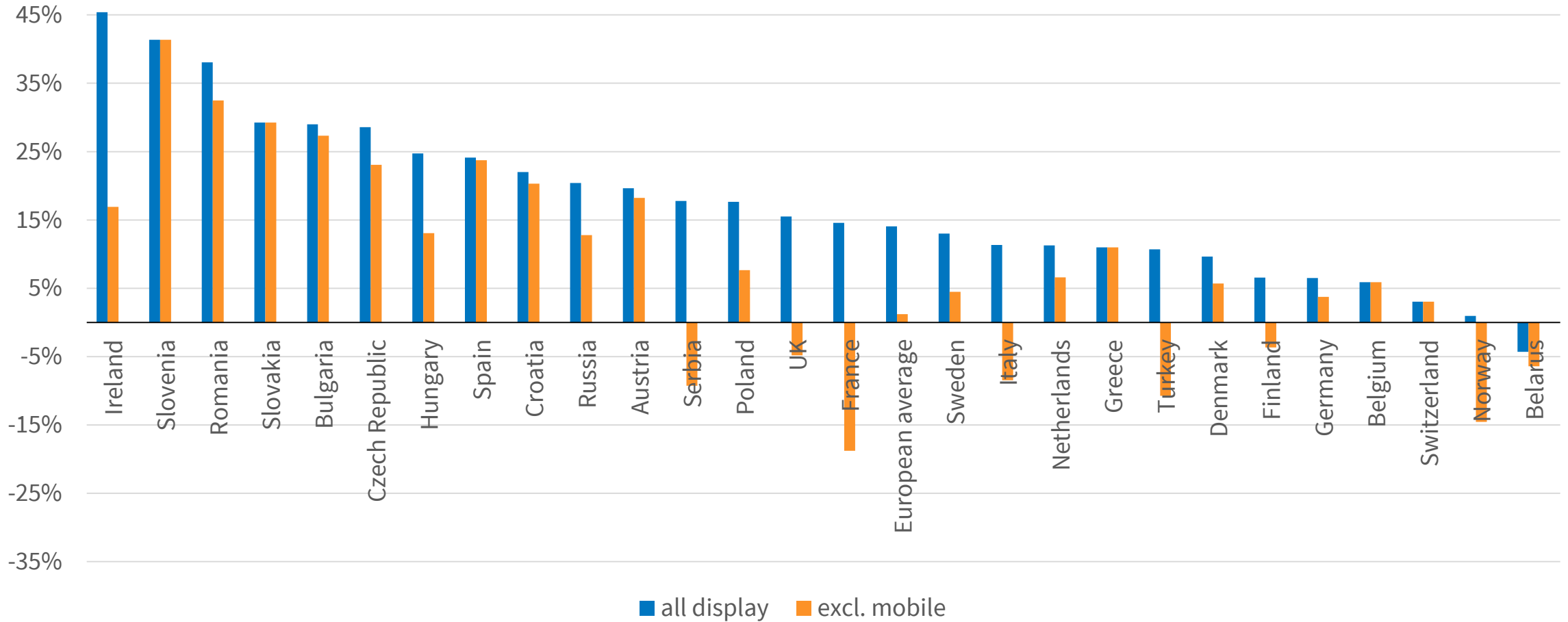
# Desktop banner is decline as video and mobile power growth

## Display growth composition in 2016



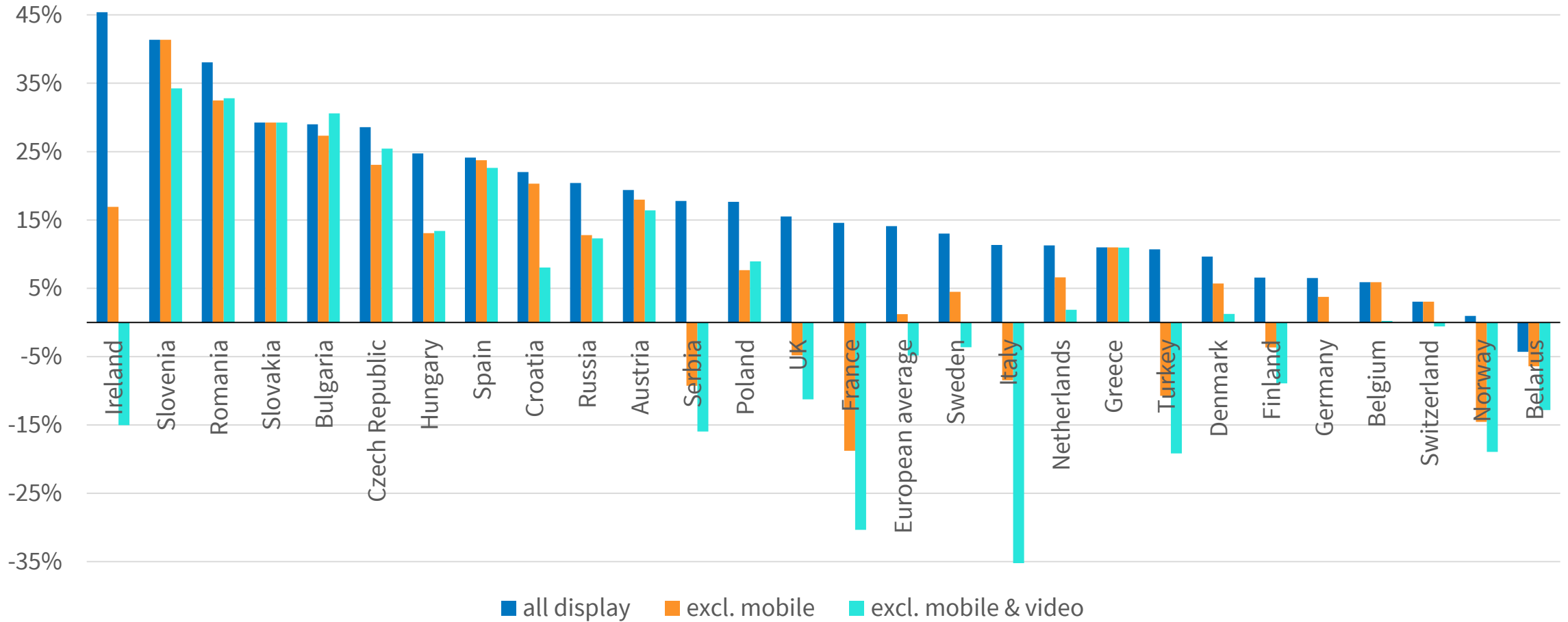
# Desktop banner is decline as video and mobile power growth

## Display growth composition in 2016



# Desktop banner is decline as video and mobile power growth

## Display growth composition in 2016



# Outlook for 2017

- Expect approximately +10% growth over 2016
- Concentration of growth among fewer players will accelerate
- Video will become the primary battleground for consumer attention
- Live video set to focus on sports and UGC
- E-Sports advertising is gaining traction
- Audio is increasingly attractive to marketers
- Mobile-first becomes AI-first (but promise & practice are far apart)
- Regulation will have a material impact on the future health of the market

## Contact:

Alison Fennah – [fennah@iabeurope.eu](mailto:fennah@iabeurope.eu)

Marie-Clare Puffett – [puffett@iabeurope.eu](mailto:puffett@iabeurope.eu)

Daniel Knapp – [daniel.knapp@ihsmarkit.com](mailto:daniel.knapp@ihsmarkit.com)

Qingzhen (Jessie) Chen – [jessie.chen@ihsmarkit.com](mailto:jessie.chen@ihsmarkit.com)

## Connect with us:



@IABEurope



IAB Europe



@IHS4Tech



[www.iabeurope.eu](http://www.iabeurope.eu)

[www.technology.ihs.com](http://www.technology.ihs.com)

