
Importance of agricultural emissions of rapeseed production - importance for biofuel manufacturing



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Polish Association of Oil Producers (PSPO) – what we do?

rapeseed oil



promotion

rapeseed meal



researches

biodiesel



legal framework

feedstock



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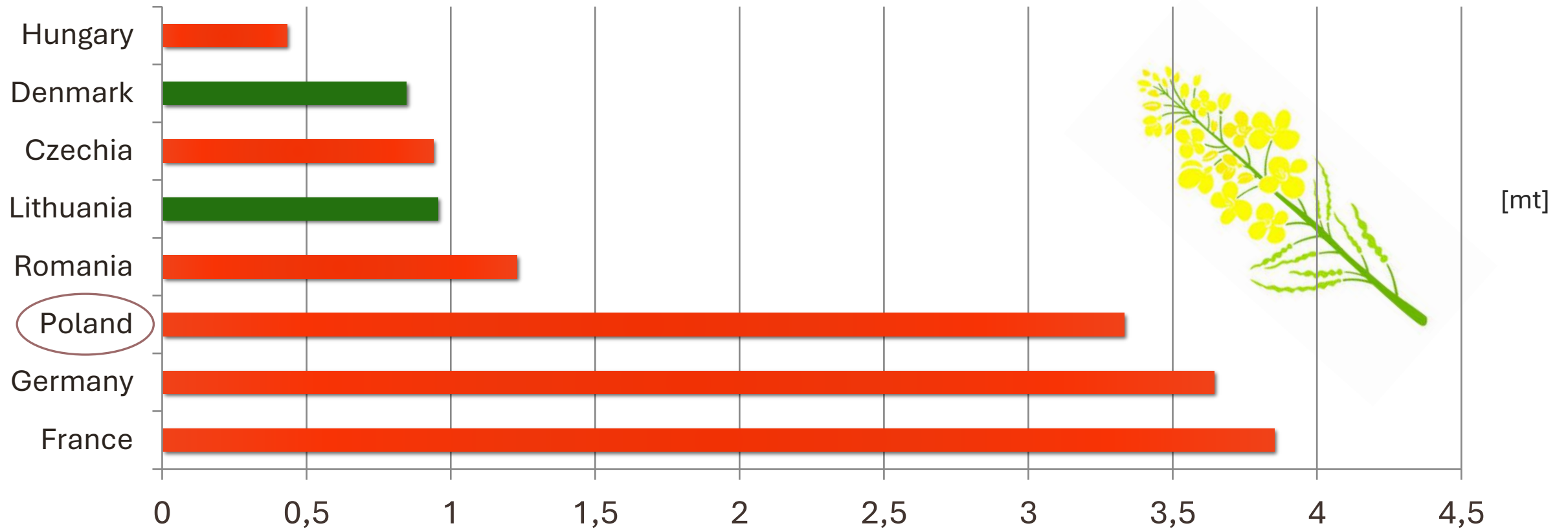
expertises

PSPO Members

- ✓ 10 companies, 12 crushing units
- ✓ More than 95% of crushing capacity installed in Poland
- ✓ Full integration of the sector
- ✓ Collaboration on collegial basis

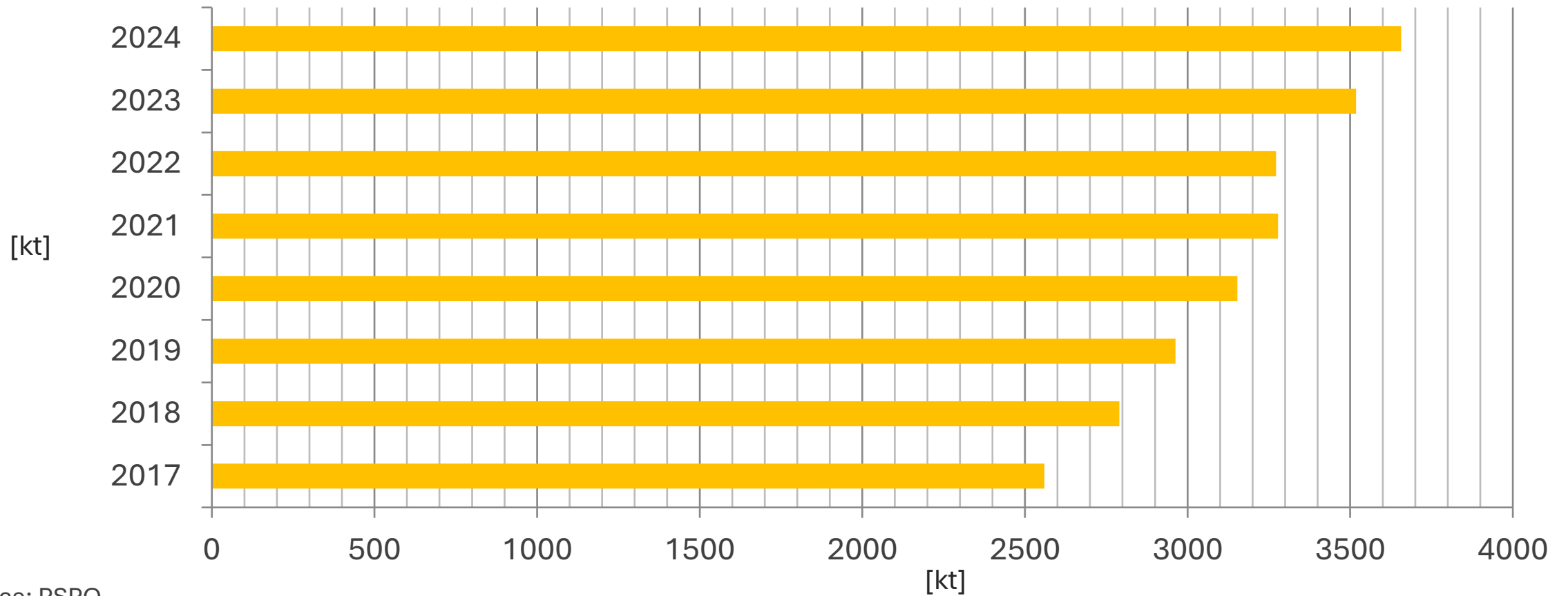


Rapeseed production in the European Union (2024)



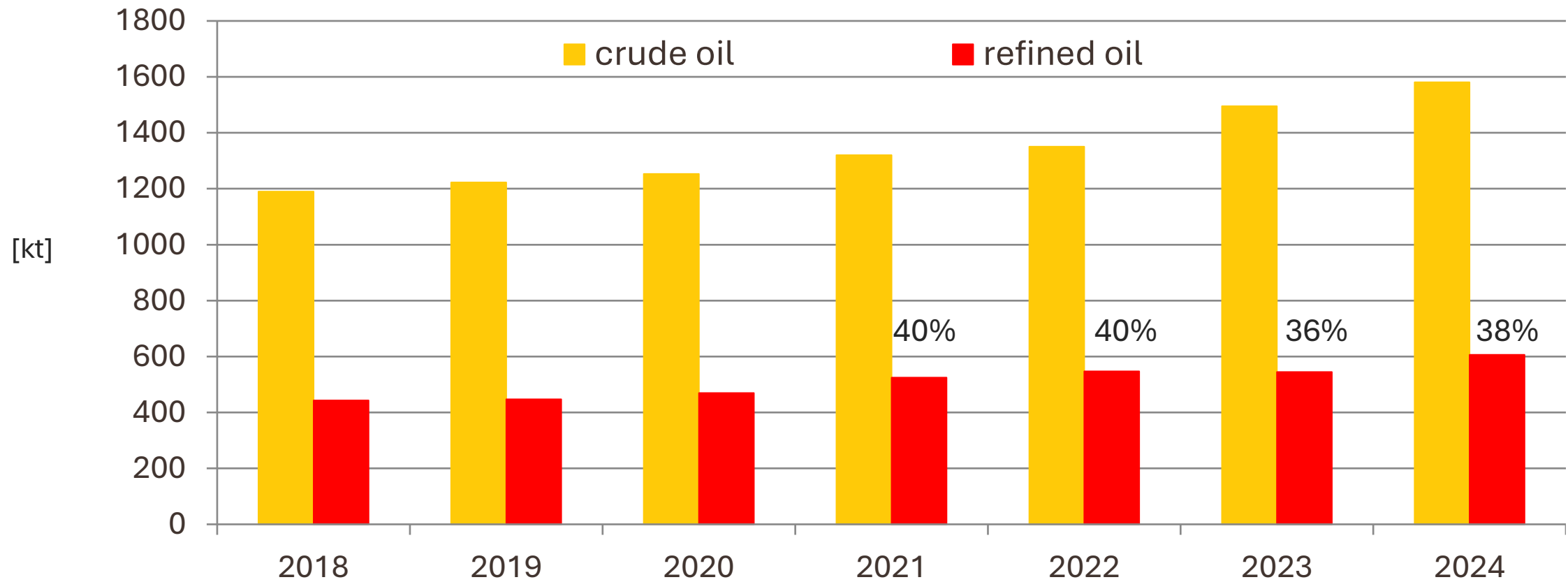
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Rapeseed crush by PSPO Members



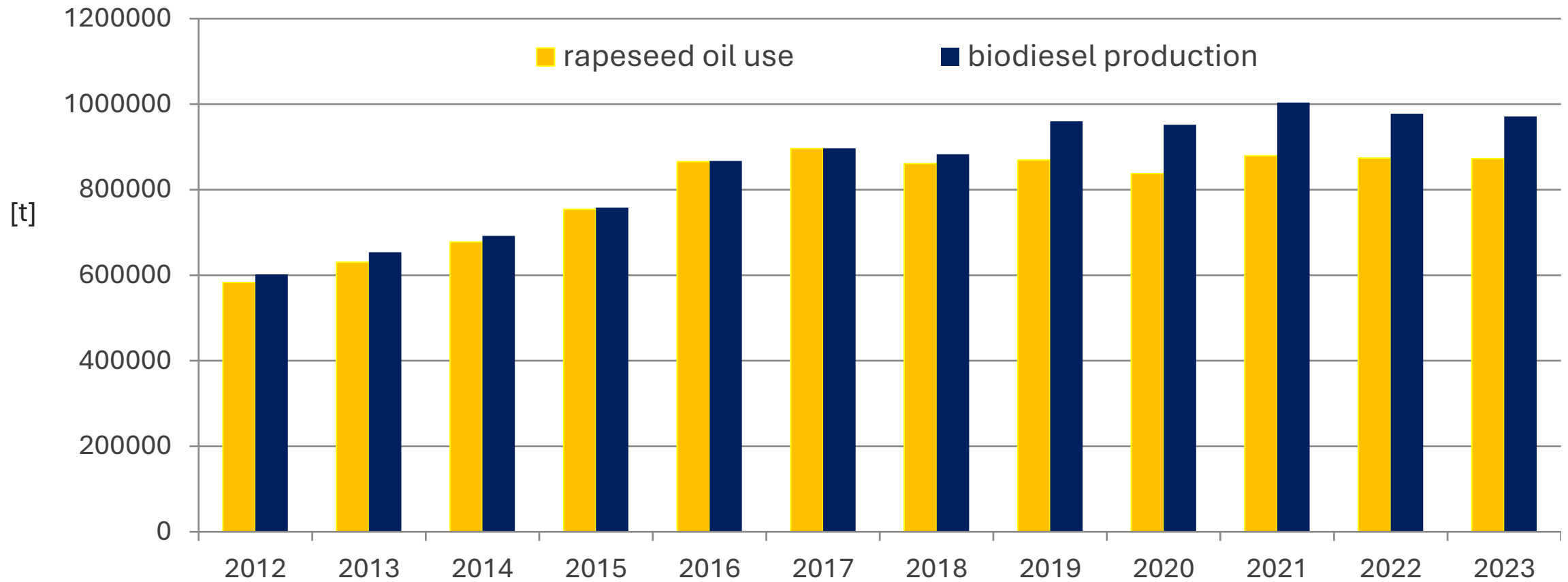
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Production of rapeseed oil by PSPO Members



Source: PSPO

Rapeseed oil as biodiesel feedstock in Poland



Source: KOWR

Importance of rapeseed in Polish biofuel production chain

1 mln tons of FAME



900 kt of oil



2,3 mln tons of seeds



Agricultural emissions in biofuels - what is inside?

$$e_{ec} = e_{seed} + e_{chem} + e_{lim} + e_{field} + e_{mm}$$

where:

e_{seed} - emission from the use of grain for sowing,

e_{chem} - emission from the production and transport of artificial fertilizers and agrochemicals,

e_{lim} - emission from acidification with fertilizers and the use of liming,

e_{field} - emission (mostly nitrous oxide) resulting from the cultivation cycle,

e_{mm} - emission from agricultural machinery and other equipment

Emissions from cultivation (e_{ec}) include emissions from the cultivation process itself, collection, drying and storage of raw materials, but also from the production of chemicals and products used in cultivation. CO₂ capturing during cultivation of raw materials is excluded.

Agricultural emissions in biofuels - what are the options?

- default values from RED2 directive 2018/2001;
- average GHG emissions determined for the each region (NUTS2) in national report that has to be approved by the European Commission;
- actual values of GHG emissions from cultivation calculated for each (!) farm;
- aggregated values calculated on the basis of statistical data (NUTS 3)

Agricultural emissions in biofuels – aggregated values option

Legal basis: Annex V, Part C, paragraph 5 of Directive 2018/2001 (RED2):

(...) Estimated emissions from agricultural biomass cultivation may be determined based on regional averages for emissions from cultivation included in the reports referred to in Article 31(4)* or information on the disaggregated default values for emissions from cultivation set out in this Annex, used as an alternative to actual values.

In the absence of appropriate information in these reports, averages based on local agricultural practices using, for example, data from a group of farms may be calculated as an alternative for using actual values.

* *NUTS2 national report*

Agricultural emissions in biofuels – aggregated values option

- may be calculated for farmers operating as a group in the region at more detailed (lower) level than NUTS2;
- must be calculated according to the methodology for the e_{ec} emission component;
- input data should primarily be based on **official government statistics**, where such data are available and reliable. If they are not available, statistics published by independent bodies may be used;
- option for first gathering points (FGP) – collectors of the feedstock at subregion level

Polish NUTS3 subregions – groups of districts



Agricultural emissions in biofuels – aggregated values option



IUNG



Based on local agricultural practices, The Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG) has developed statistical data covering the years 2020-2023 for rapeseed and maize that can be used to calculate average emission values for the cultivation stage in the biofuel life cycle

Agricultural emissions in biofuels – aggregated values option

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Krajowe uprawy rolne na biopaliwa – dane do obliczania emisji

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Informujemy, że Instytut Uprawy, Nawożenia i Gleboznawstwa – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy (IUNG-PIB) zakończył prace nad danymi statystycznymi, które mogą być wykorzystane do obliczenia emisji dla etapu uprawy na poziomie regionów NUTS3 w uprawie rzepaku ozimego i kukurydzy na ziarno. Dane te są punktem wyjścia do opracowania krajowego raportu dla Komisji Europejskiej, dotyczącego typowych emisji gazów cieplarnianych z uprawy surowców rolnych.

Krajowe uprawy rolne na biopaliwa
Publikujemy dane do obliczania emisji

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Materiały



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Example of NUTS3 emission calculation:

rapeseed from Płock district [PL 923] / Mazovia province

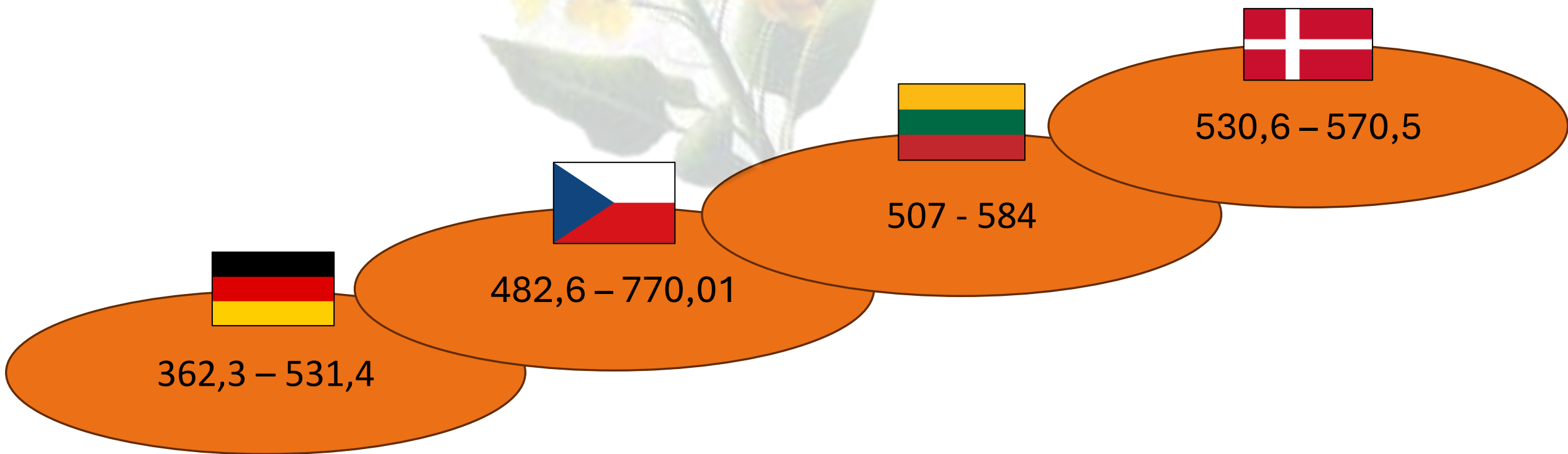
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Emission component	value [g CO ₂ eq/ha]
Fertilizers production	672 540
Plant protection products (active substance)	11 771
Acidification and liming	139 926
Machineries (fuels)	324 994
Seeds for sowing	1 967
Field emission	1 216 933
<i>summary</i>	2 368 131

51,4%!

Rapeseed emission: 578 kg CO₂eq/ton of dry biomass

Average emission values from rapeseed cultivation in EU regions (NUTS2)



Source: EUR-Lex



Conclutions



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- ✓ Biodiesel production is crucial to keep rapeseed cultivation in Europe, which developed thank to this non-food purpose;
 - ✓ Sustainability criteria are obligatory for biofuel chain and GHG emission reduction is the most imporatnt part of certification;
 - ✓ Most of biodiesel emissions come from agriculture – processing emissions are already reduced to the minimum;
 - ✓ Agriculture emissions are great challange – lots still can be done, but not all is in farmers hands...

Thank you for your attention!

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