

PCBs elimination goals under the scope of the Stockholm Convention, the BRS programme of work, and progress in the European region

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Stockholm Convention goals on PCB elimination

- Parties to ban the production, commerce and new uses of PCB;
- Parties to make determined efforts to identify, label and remove from use equipment (e.g. transformers, capacitors or other receptacles containing liquid stocks) containing PCB by 2025;
- Parties to make determined efforts designed to lead to environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing PCB and equipment contaminated with PCB as soon as possible but no later than 2028;
- Parties to identify other articles containing PCB (open applications) and manage them in an environmentally sound manner; and
- Parties to allow export or import PCB only for the purpose of environmentally sound waste management

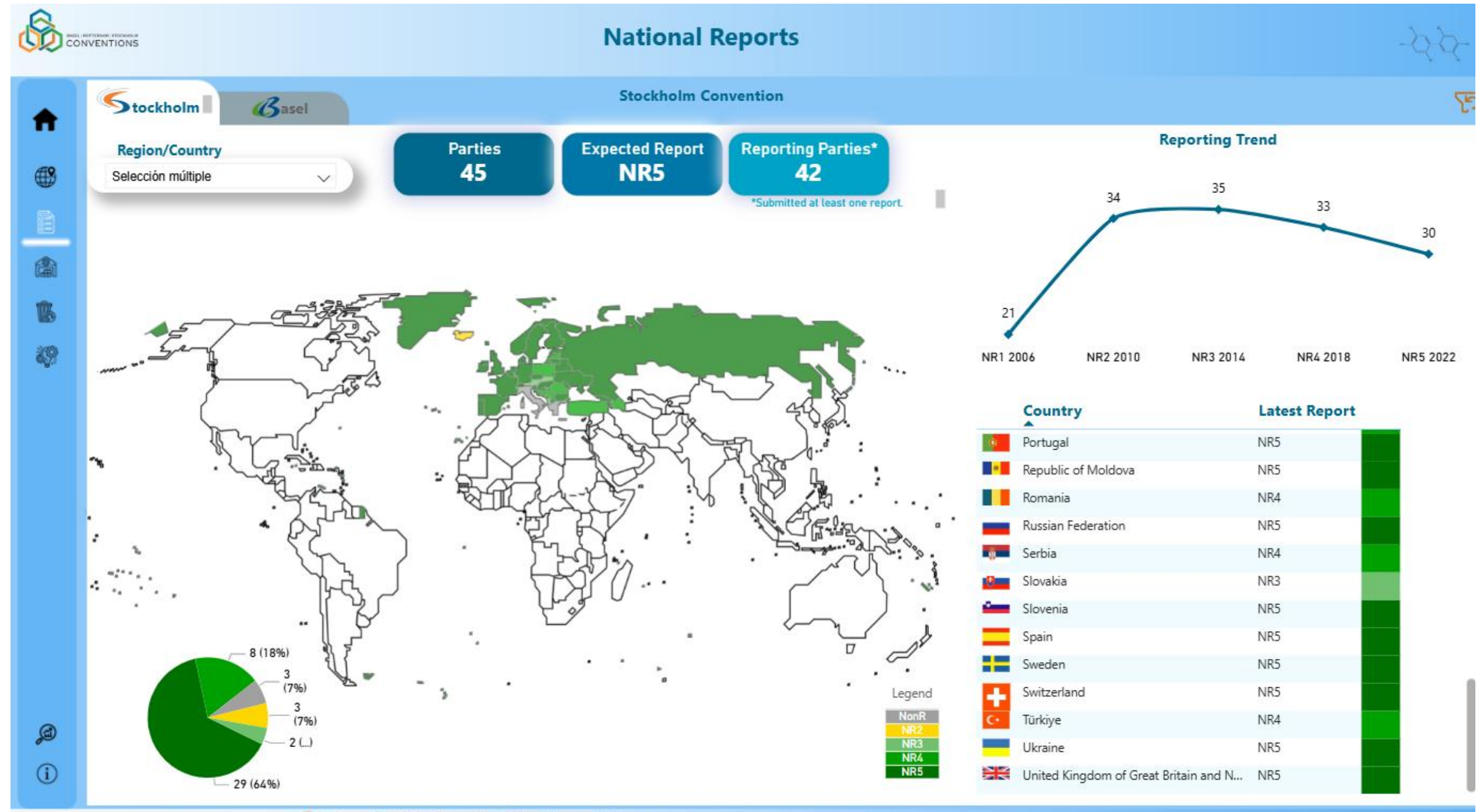


12th Conference of the Parties – outcomes on PCBs: Decision 12-3

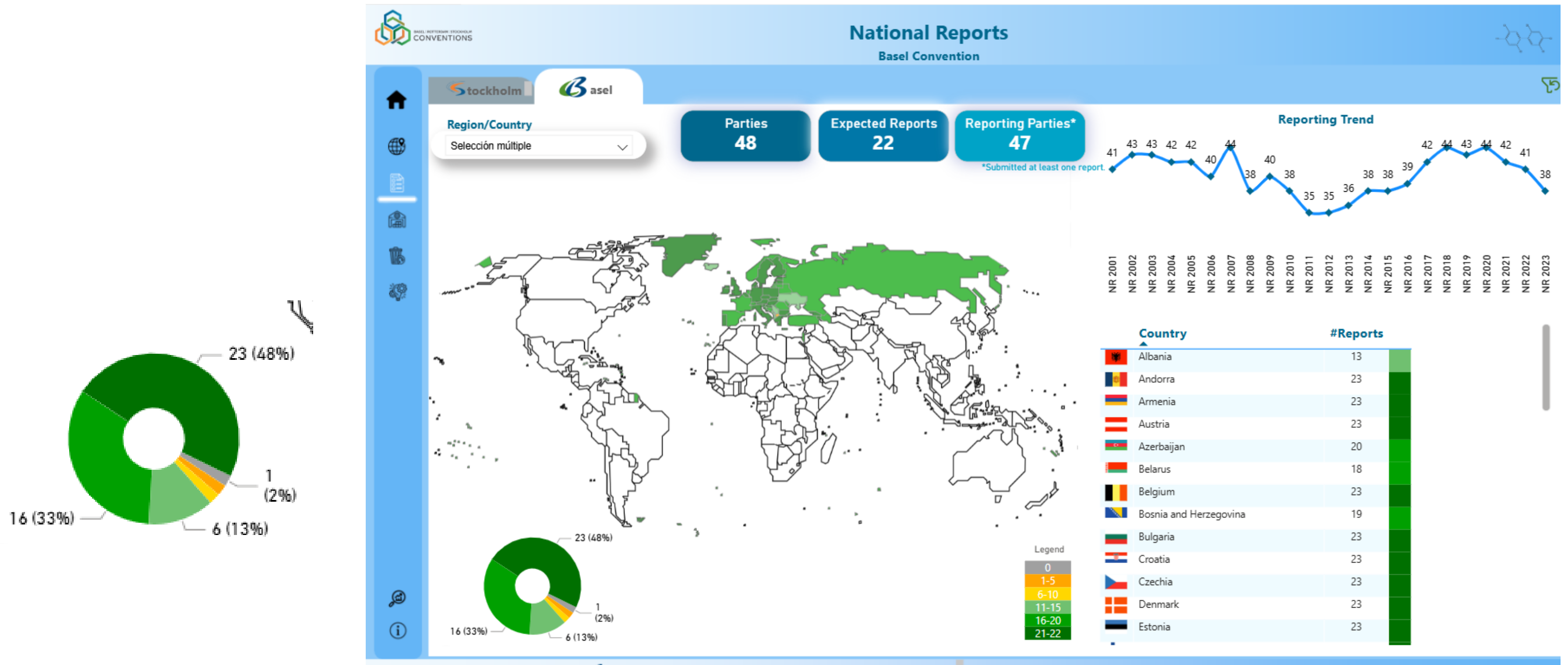


- Welcomes the **updated guidance** for the development of inventories of PCBs and analysis of PCBs (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/10), as well as the strategy to enable Parties to the Stockholm Convention to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals on PCBs elimination of the Convention UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/10.
- Urges Parties:
 - To implement measures to meet their obligations under the Stockholm Convention, in particular with respect to paragraphs (a) and (e) of part II of Annex A to the Convention, taking into account the strategy for PCBs towards meeting the 2025 and 2028 goals, and to **develop, update and maintain national inventories of PCBs**, following the updated guidance.
 - To endeavour to **identify articles containing more than 0.005 per cent (50ppm) PCBs in open applications**, such as cable sheaths, cured caulk and painted objects, and to manage them in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6
 - To **report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures taken** to implement part II of Annex A to the Convention, including quantitative information on PCBs, in their national reports pursuant to Article 15 and encourages them to enhance synergies at the national level with focal points and competent authorities of the Basel Convention in the preparation of their national reports to ensure consistency in the information submitted, as appropriate, and to ensure the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls
- Requests the Secretariat:
 - To continue to **provide technical assistance** to strengthen developing countries national and regional capacities for the elimination and reporting of PCBs
 - To **collaborate with UNEP's Chemicals and Health Branch**
- Recalls Decision 11-3 on the re-establishment of the Small intersessional working group established to assist the Secretariat on the preparation of:
 - Revised guidance on PCB environmentally sound management
 - An **updated report on the progress towards the elimination of PCBs**.

Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination – National Reports



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Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination – PCB inventories

Parties with PCB Inventory
36

Equipment Inventoried (units)
467.649

PCBs Inventoried (t)
277.072

Status

Todas

Parties with PCB Inventory
6

Equipment Inventoried (units)
4.806

PCBs Inventoried (t)
16.443

Latest PCB Inventories (tons) by Country



Regional Overview

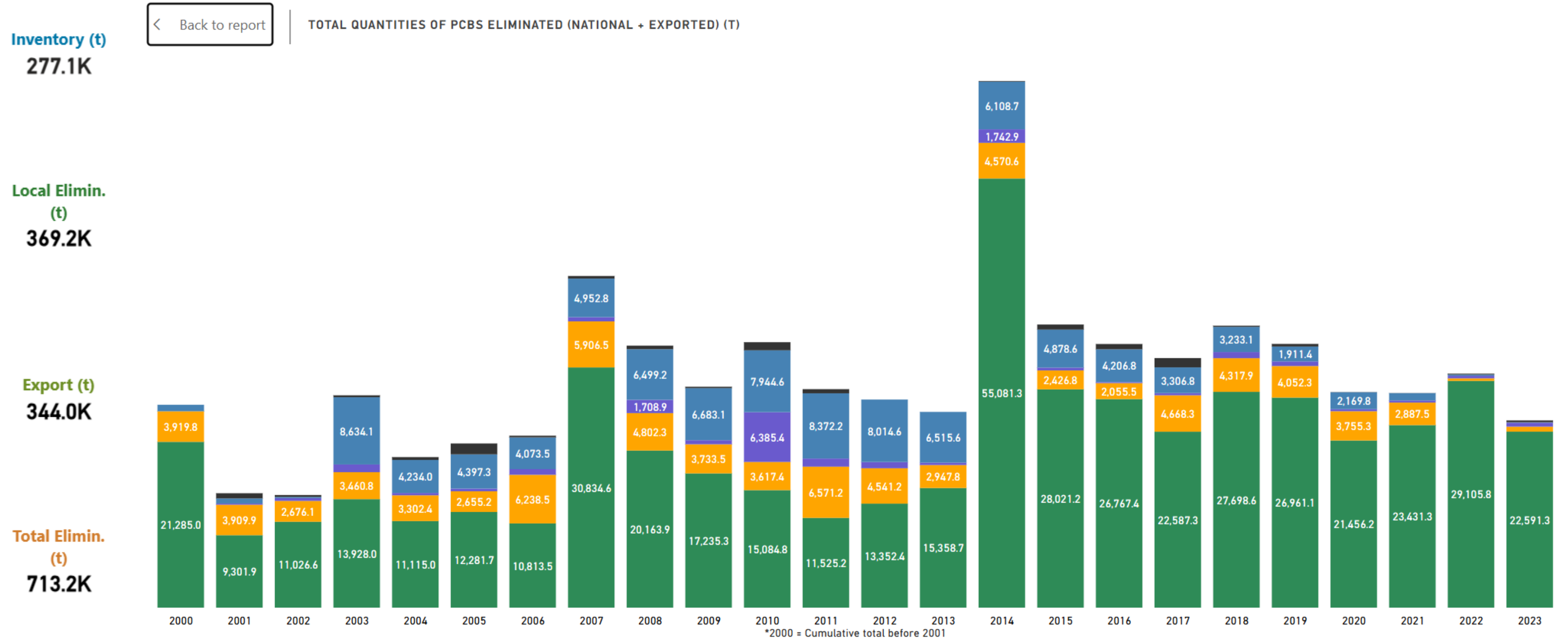
Region	Inventory (t)	Countries with PCB Inventory	Total Equipments
Eastern Europe	16.259	4	4.806
Western Europe and others	184	2	0

Inventory Details

Country	Year of Inventory	Year Presented	PCB Inventory (t)	Equipments
Armenia	2017	2017	16.063,00	4.233
Austria	2007	2006		
Austria	2008	2010		
Azerbaijan	2004	2010		
Republic of Moldova	2004	2004		
Republic of Moldova	2019	2023		
Republic of Moldova	2021	2023	195,65	573
Switzerland	2014	2014		
Switzerland	2017	2023	184,00	

Disclaimer: Maps in this report are for illustrative purposes only. Boundaries, names, and designations do not imply UN endorsement or acceptance.

Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination – PCB disposal



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Inventory (t)
277.1K

Inventory (t)
16,4 mil

**Local Elimin.
(t)**
369.2K

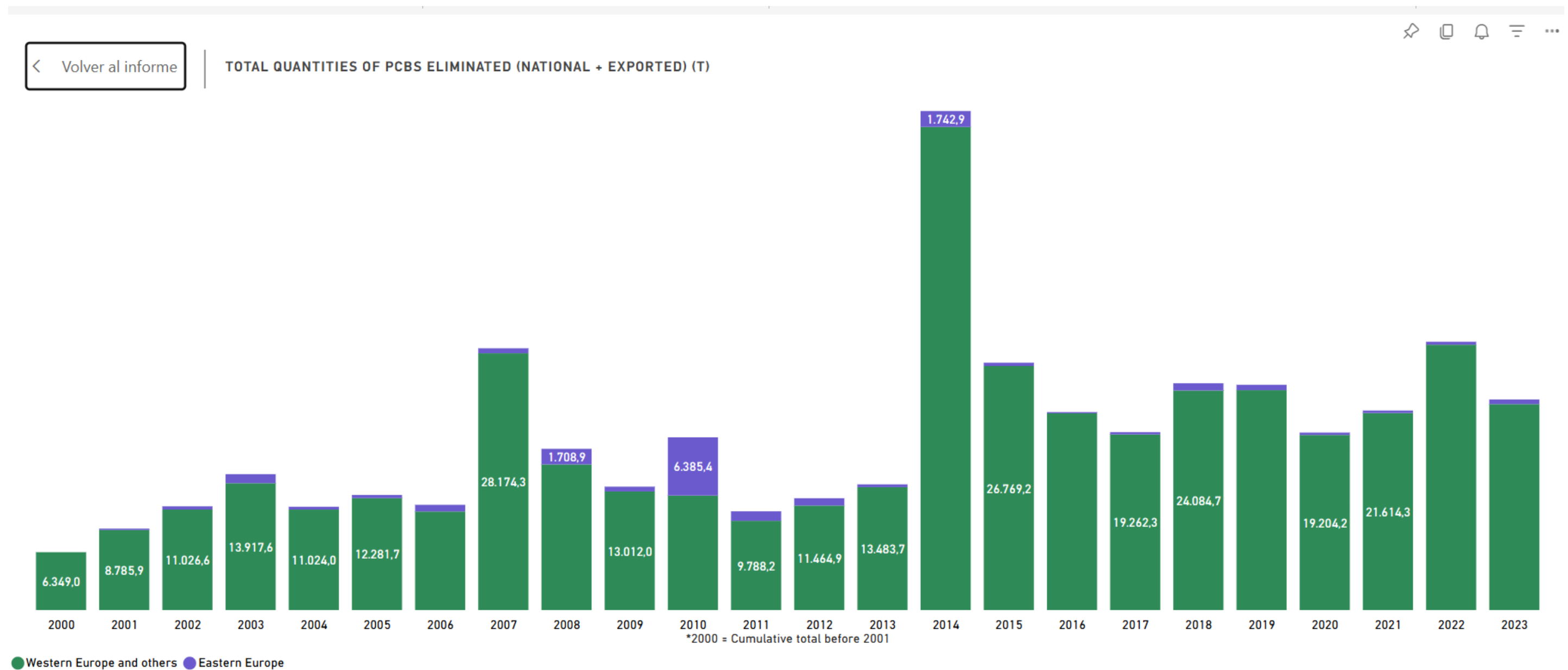
**Local Elimin.
(t)**
145,6 mil

Export (t)
344.0K

Export (t)
314,1 mil

**Total Elimin.
(t)**
713.2K

**Total Elimin.
(t)**
459,7 mil

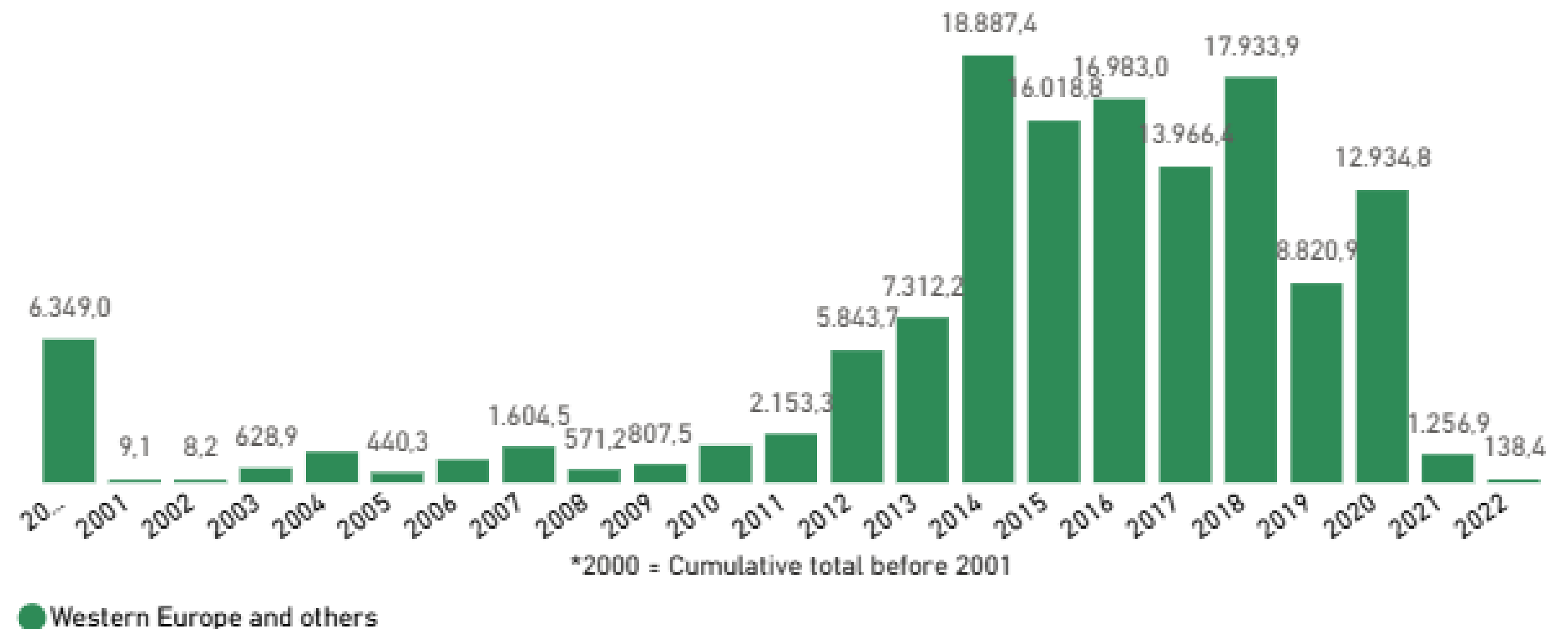


Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination – Local elimination

Western Europe and others

Austria	3.626,0
Belgium	5.145,0
Denmark	102.437,0
Finland	1.107,1
Lithuania	69,0
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	3.514,0
Spain	524,9
Sweden	11.254,2
Switzerland	3.505,0
Türkiye	4.789,0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	725,7
Total	136.696,8

Quantities of PCB Destroyed Within National Boundaries (t)



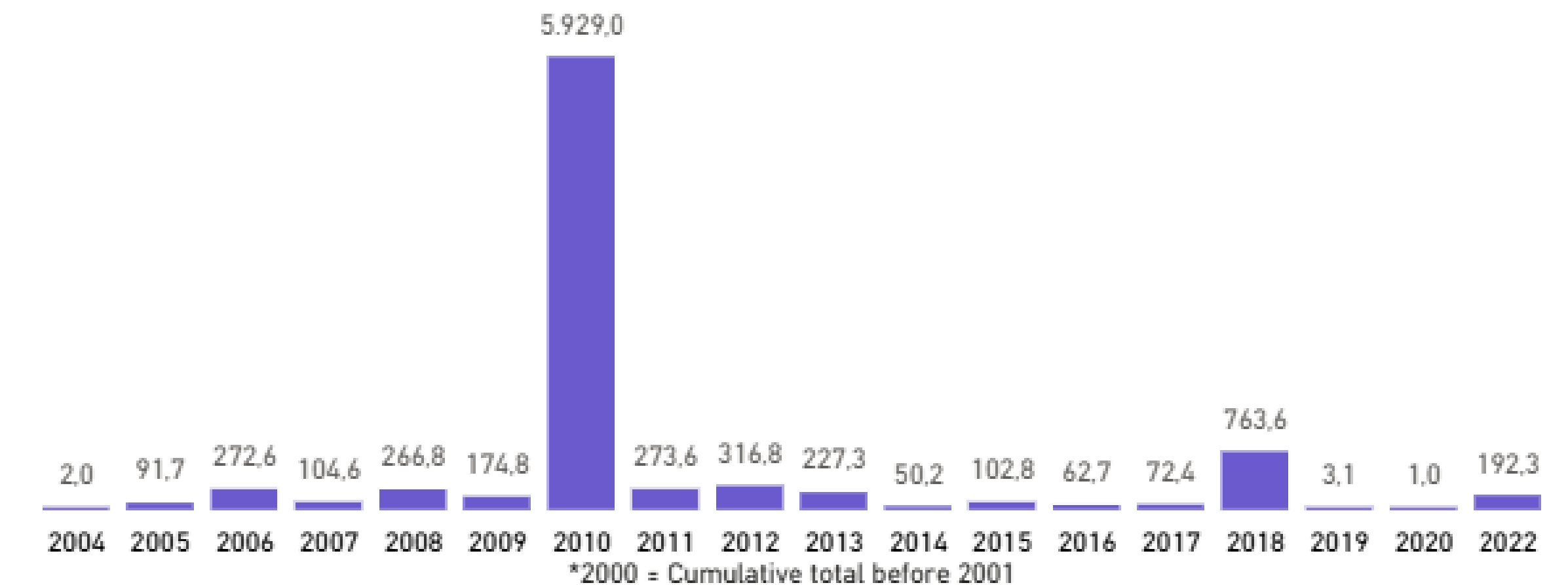
Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination – Local elimination

	Cumulative Total (t)
Eastern Europe	
Azerbaijan	10,0
Czechia	5.470,9
Estonia	461,7
Montenegro	247,0
North Macedonia	873,8
Poland	525,7
Romania	545,1
Slovakia	773,0
Grand Total (t)	8.907,2

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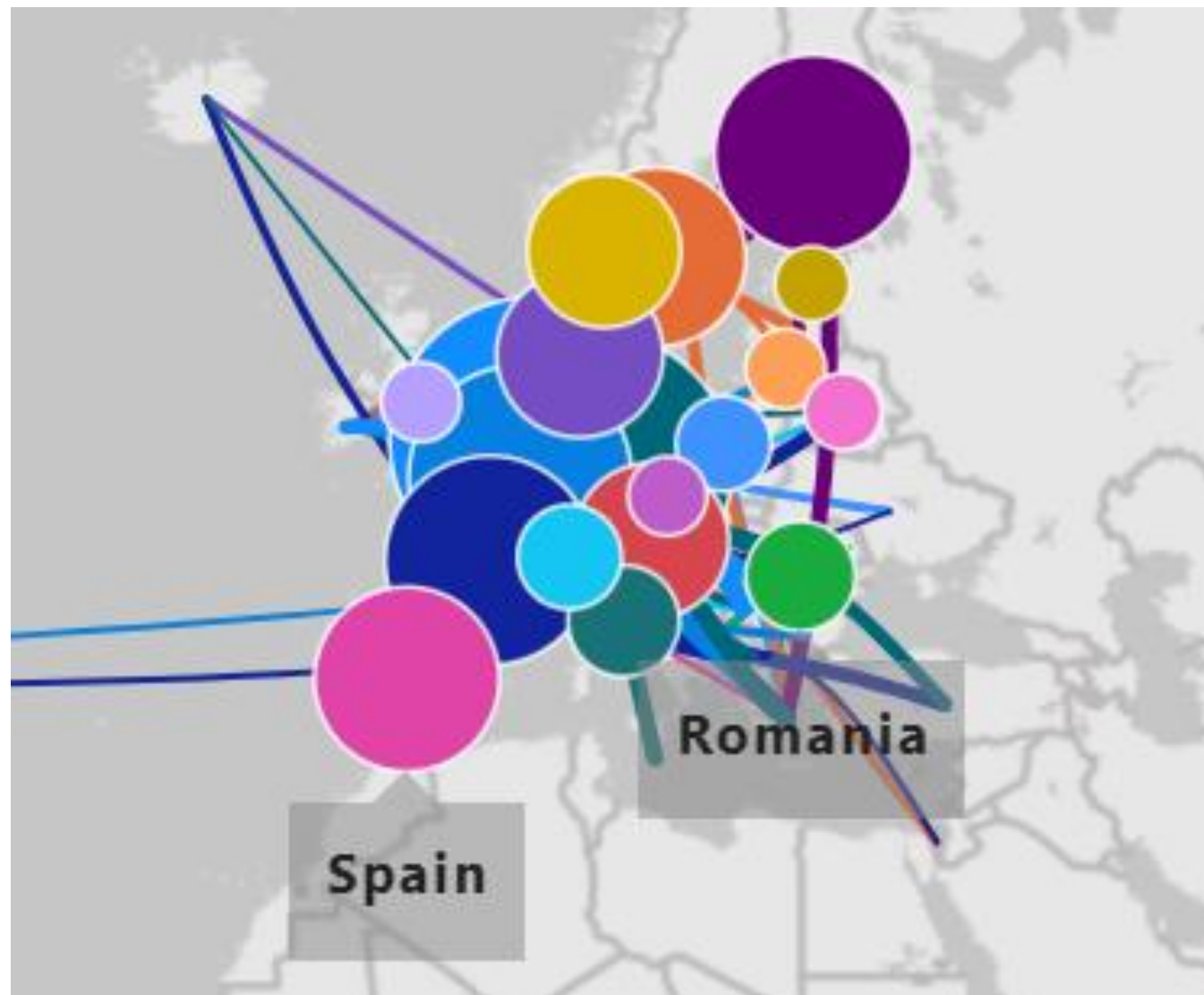
Local Elimination

Quantities of PCB Destroyed Within National Boundaries (t)



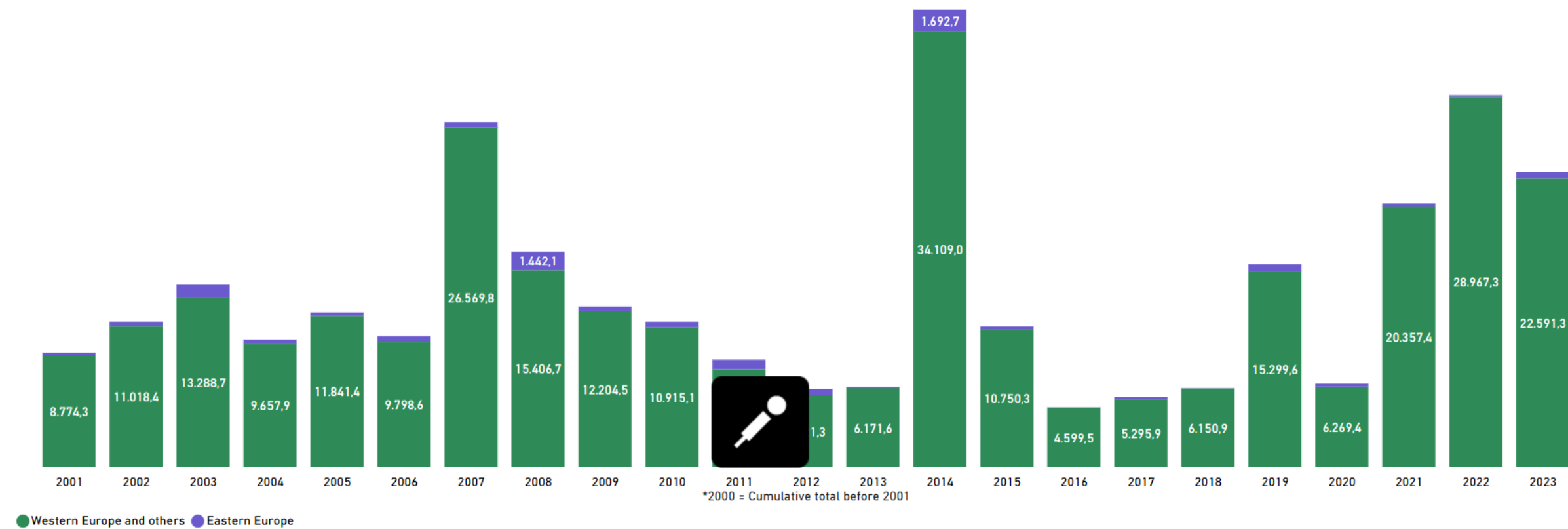
■ Eastern Europe

Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination - Exports

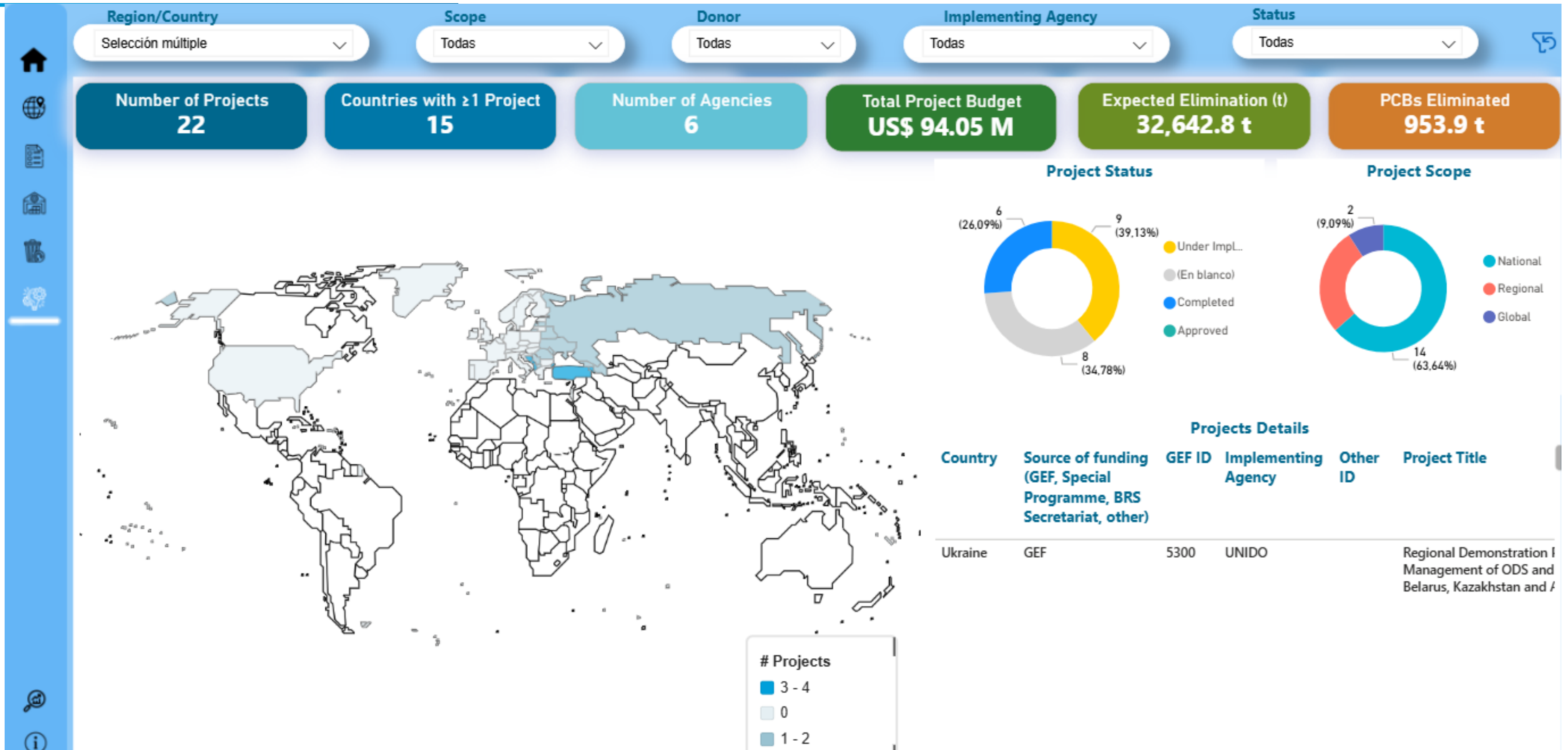


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QUANTITIES OF PCB EXPORTED FOR DESTRUCTION (T)



Overview of European efforts on PCB elimination - GEF projects



Next steps and actions

Regional assessment on the capacities of the region on the environmentally sound management of PCBs

- Desktop study: NIPs + Projects
- Survey
- Report (inputs to the PCB SIWG)

With the support of the regional Centre in **Czechia**



Next steps and actions

- **6th National Reports** - by 31 August 2026
- **Updating on National Implementation Plans** - continuous
- **SC Compliance Committee to start their work**
- **COP 13 (2027) to review the progress on PCBs elimination**
 - report developed by the SIWG on PCBs (nominations accepted)
- **GEF 9 replenishment**
- **Secretariat technical assistance and capacity building activities:** Webinars, workshops and trainings, pilot projects...



Thank you!

For more information, visit the PCBs site
under the Stockholm Convention website:

<https://www.pops.int/tabid/273/Default.aspx>

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