

# Peat production in Estonia 2017

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Peatlands – research, production, re-cultivation and the factors influencing it



## Discussion points

- Estonian Peat Association - 25
- Weather in 2017
- Peat production in 2017
- Peat export at 2012 - 2016
- Achievements and future challenges
- Peatland congress 2020





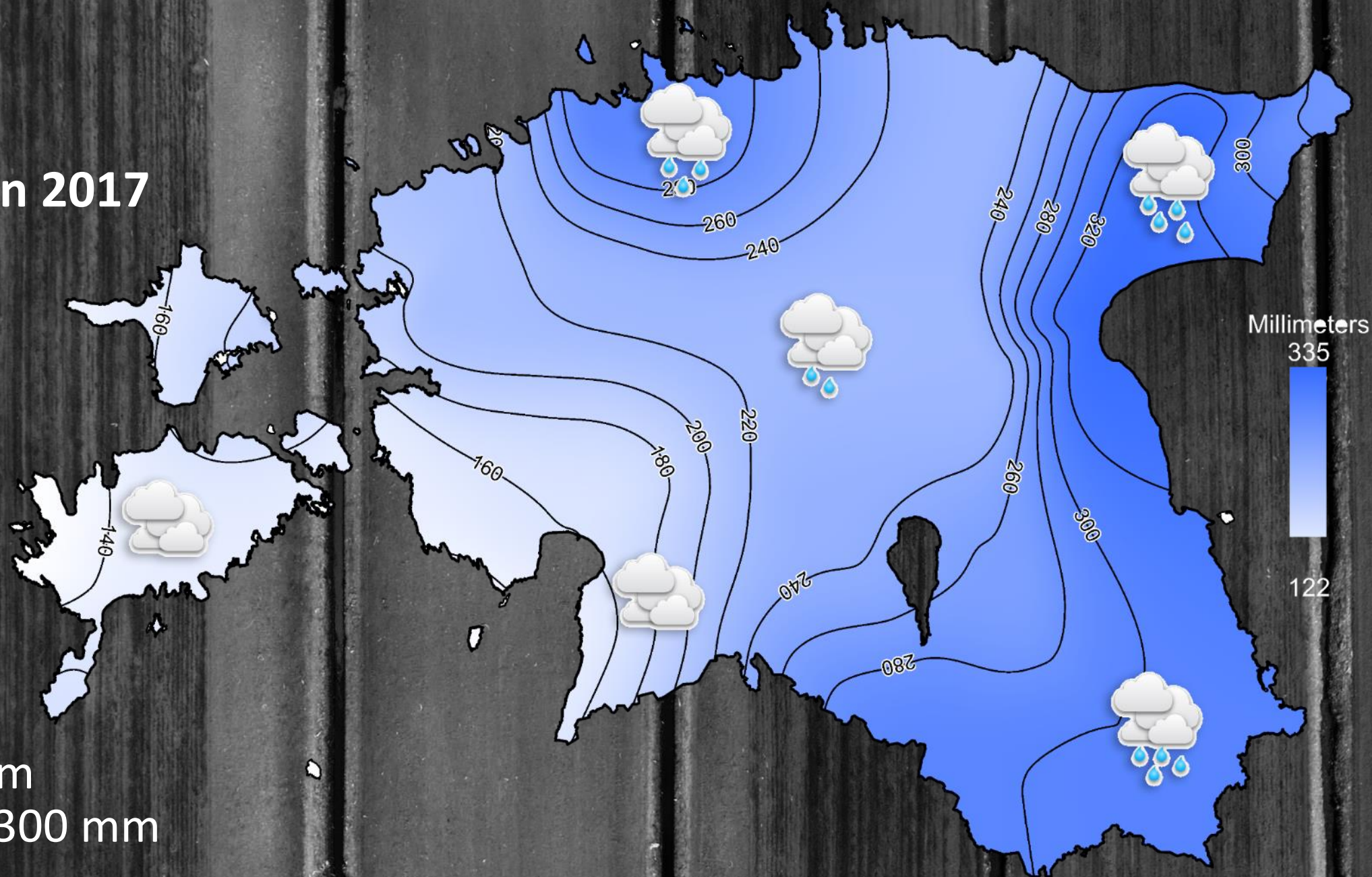
## Estonian Peat Association - 25

- 31 members / 22 producers
- ~20 000 ha under licenses
- Average annual production 750 thousand tons
- Mainly horticultural peat
- ~650 workers
- Annual turnover 85 – 90 million €





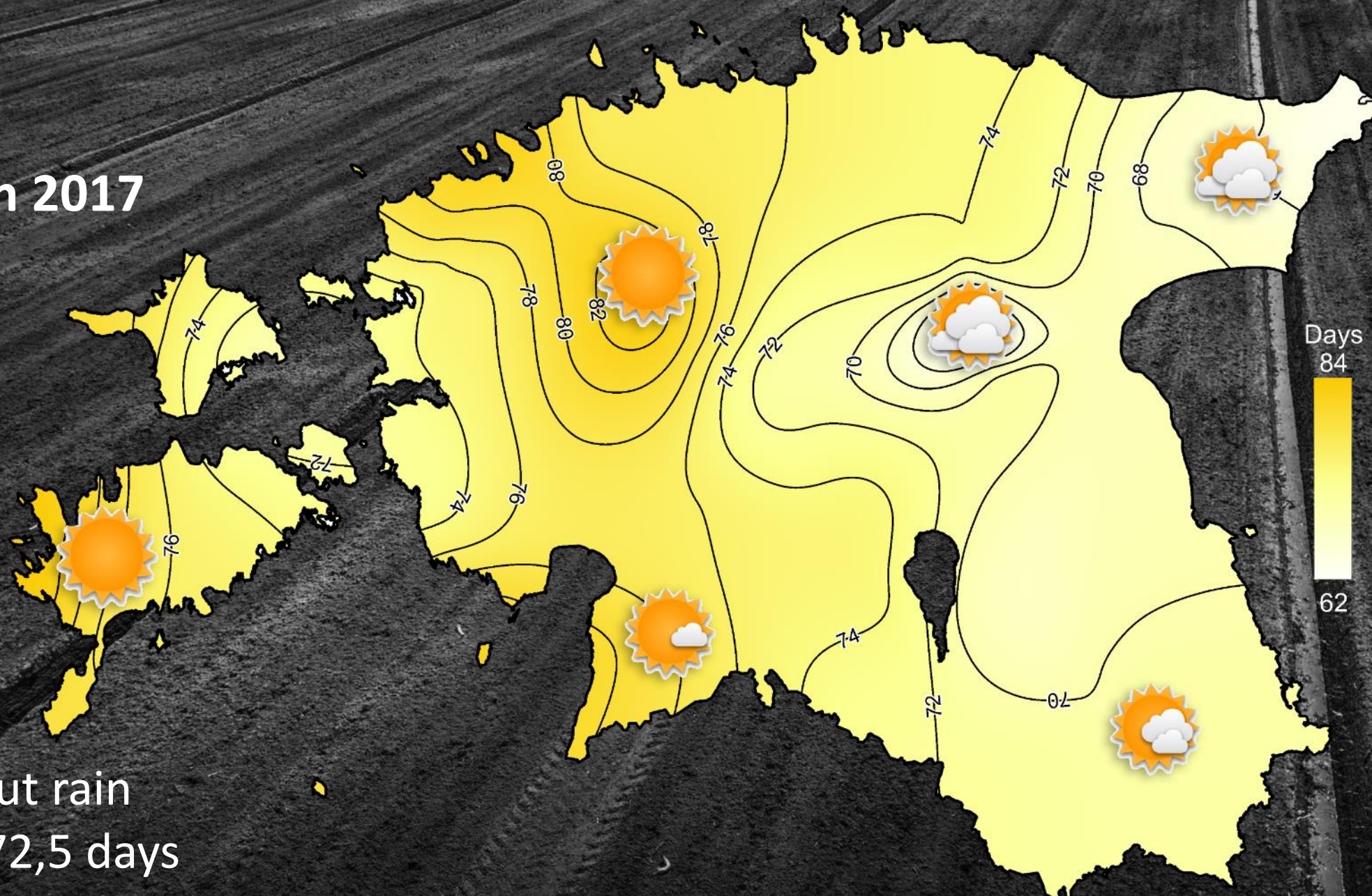
## Weather in 2017



Rainfall, mm  
Average – 300 mm



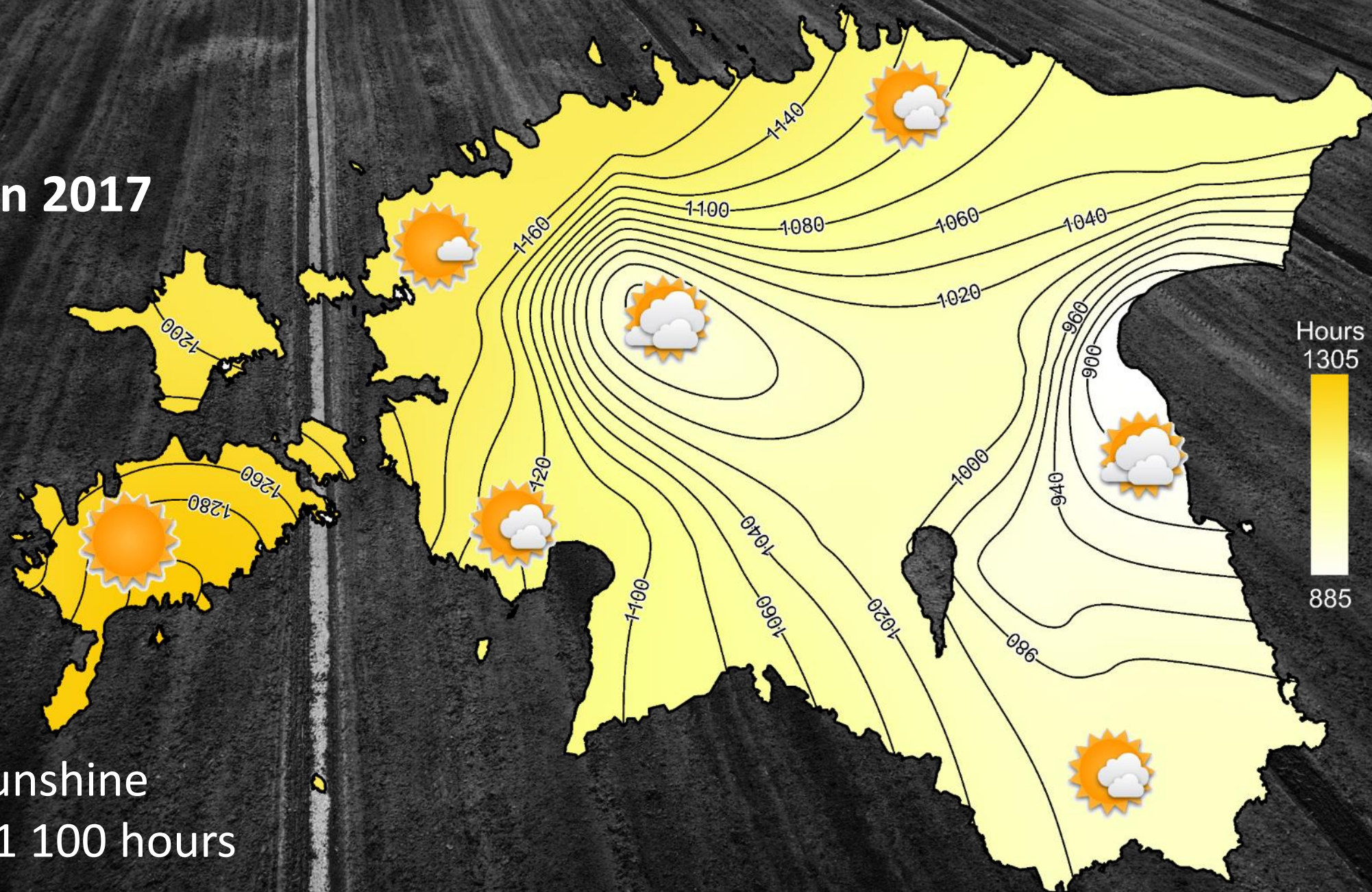
## Weather in 2017



Days without rain  
Average – 72,5 days



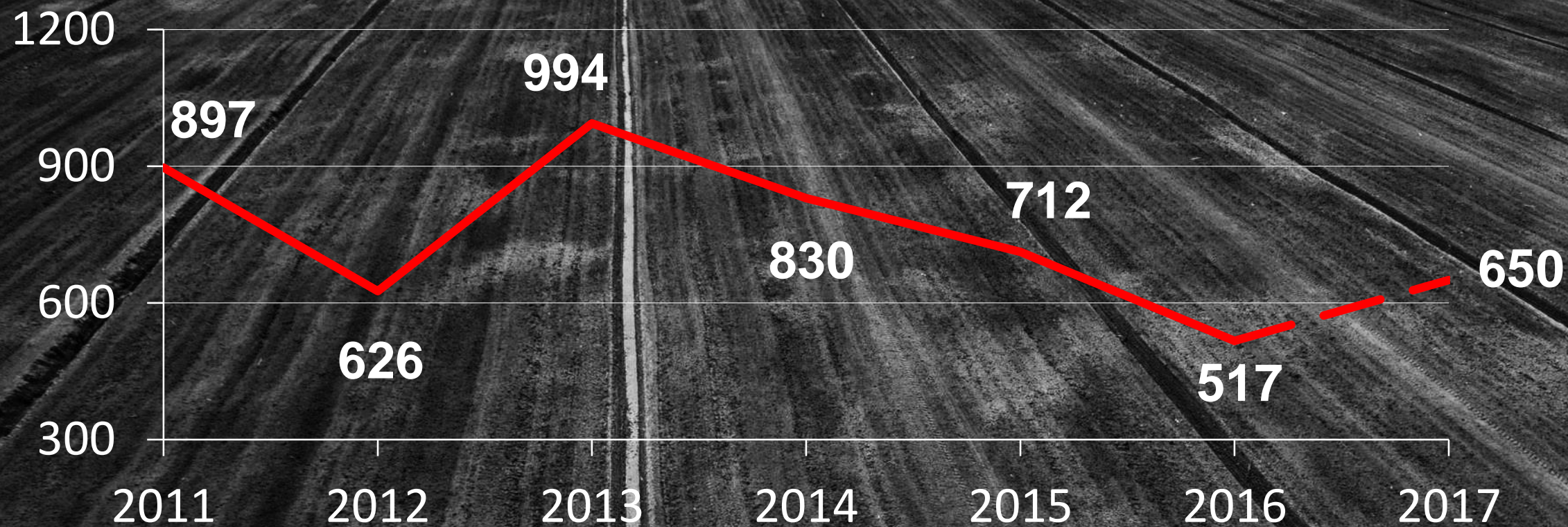
## Weather in 2017



Hours of sunshine  
Average – 1 100 hours



## Peat production 2011 - 2017, thousand tons





## Main keywords

- Stocks were empty at the beginning of the season
- Good mid season sales
- Production was challenging because of rain and wind
- Plan fulfilment of the plan - 50 – 100%
- Most companies produced a little more than in previous season



## Peat export 2012 - 2016

- 116 countries:

Europe – 88.3 %

Asia – 4.3 %

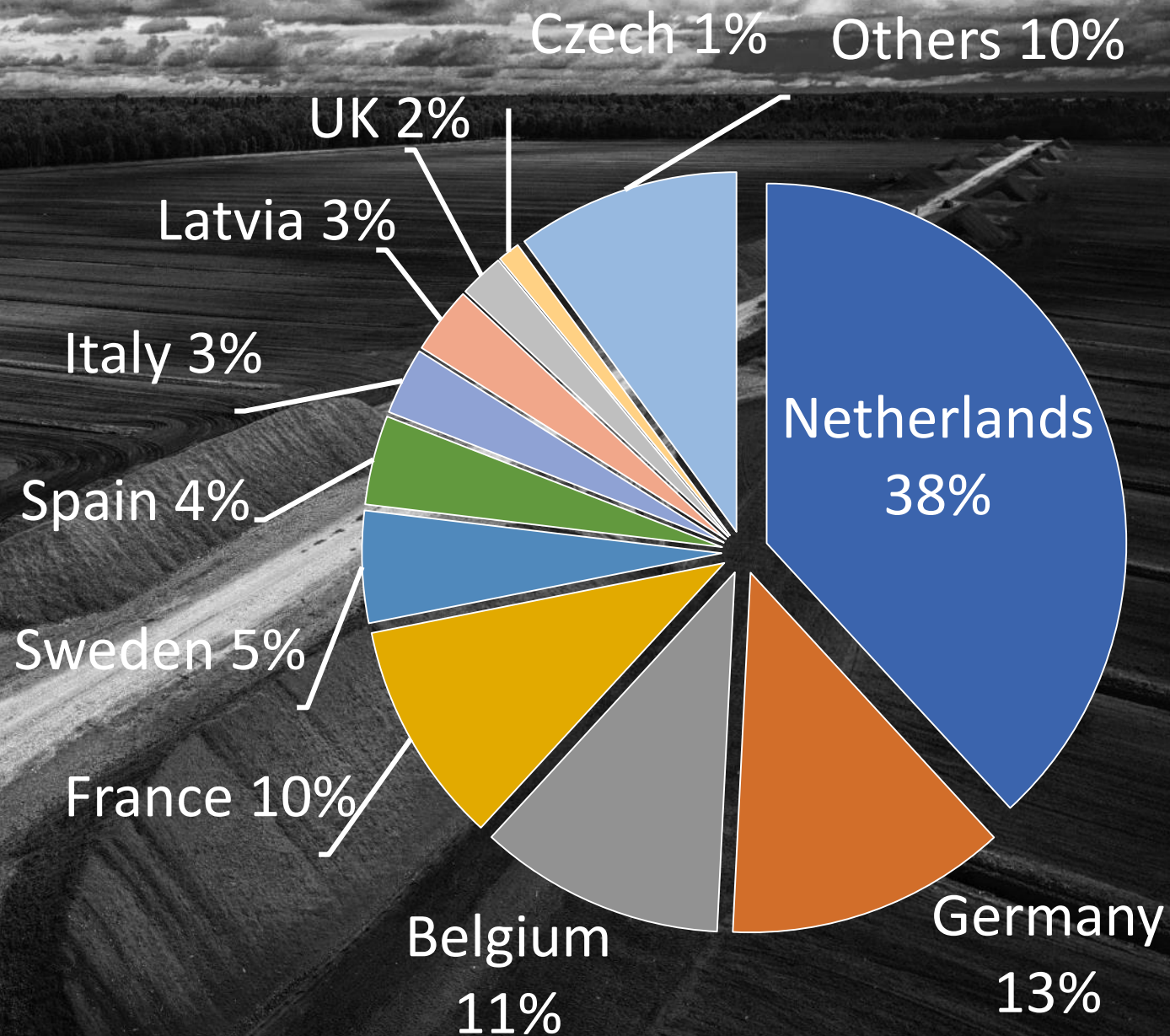
Near-East – 3.9 %

S-America – 1.8%

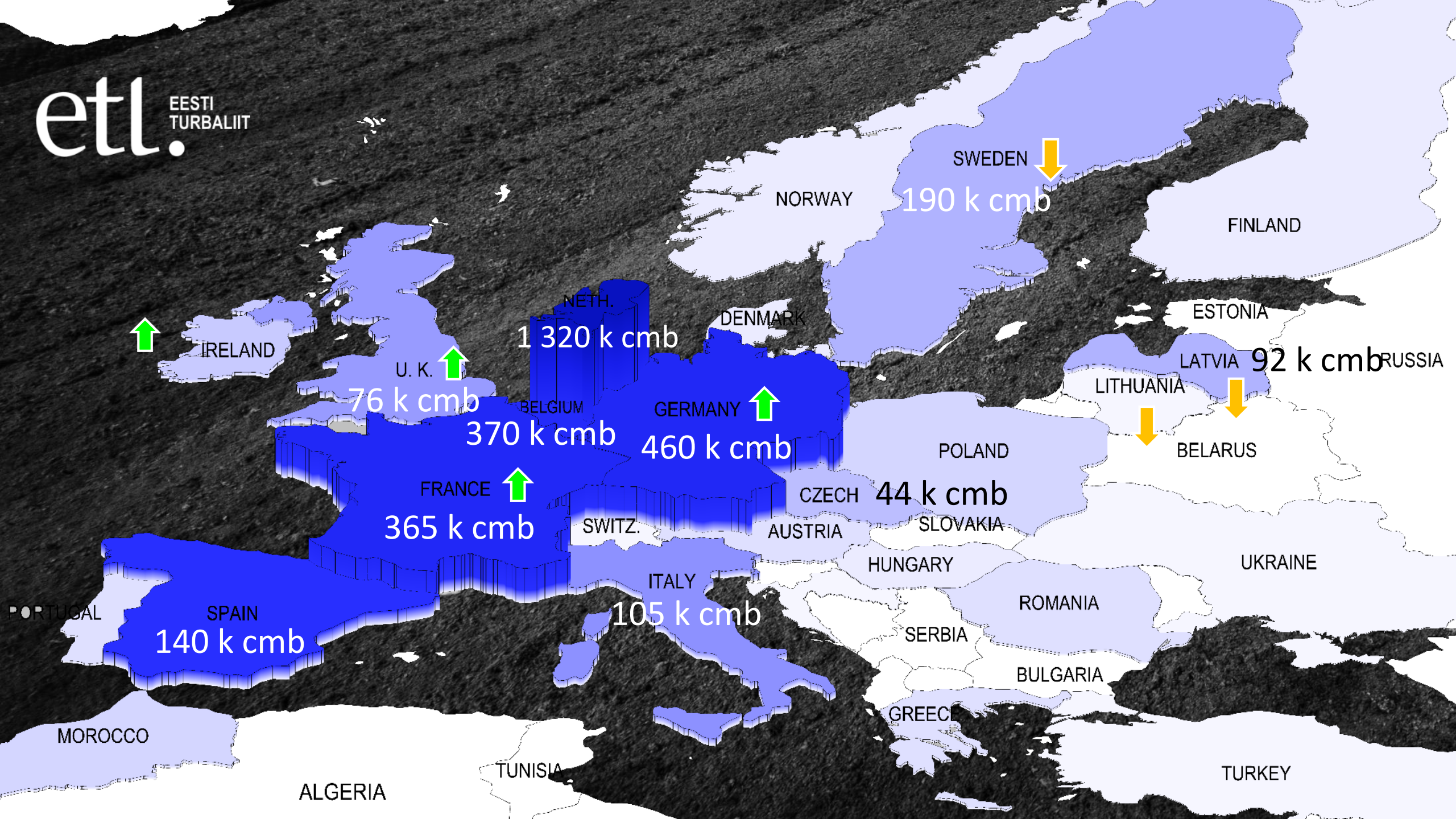
Africa – 1.2%

N-America – 0.3%

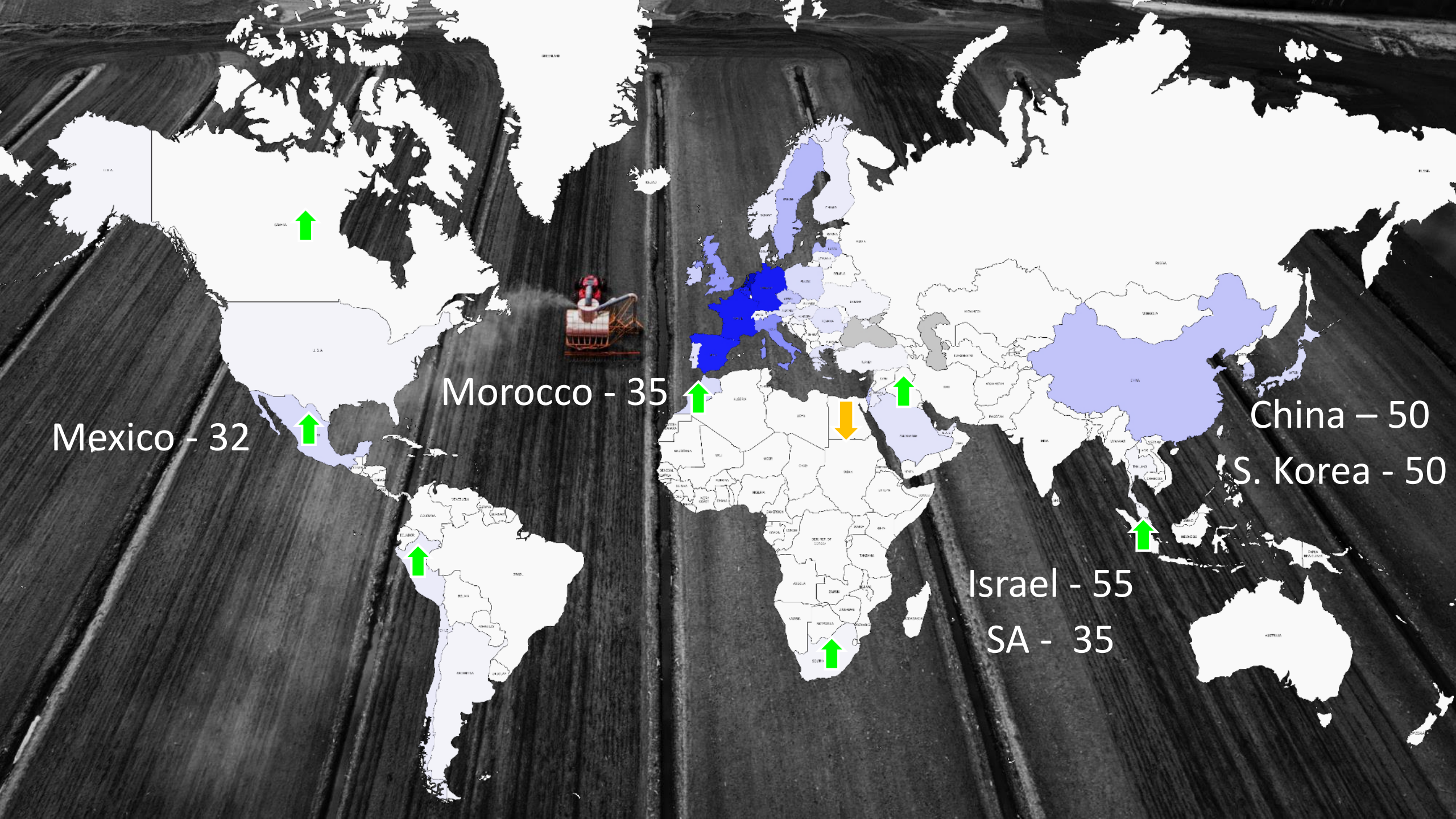
Australasia - 0.1%











Mexico - 32

Morocco - 35

China - 50

S. Korea - 50

Israel - 55

SA - 35



## Achievements and future challenges

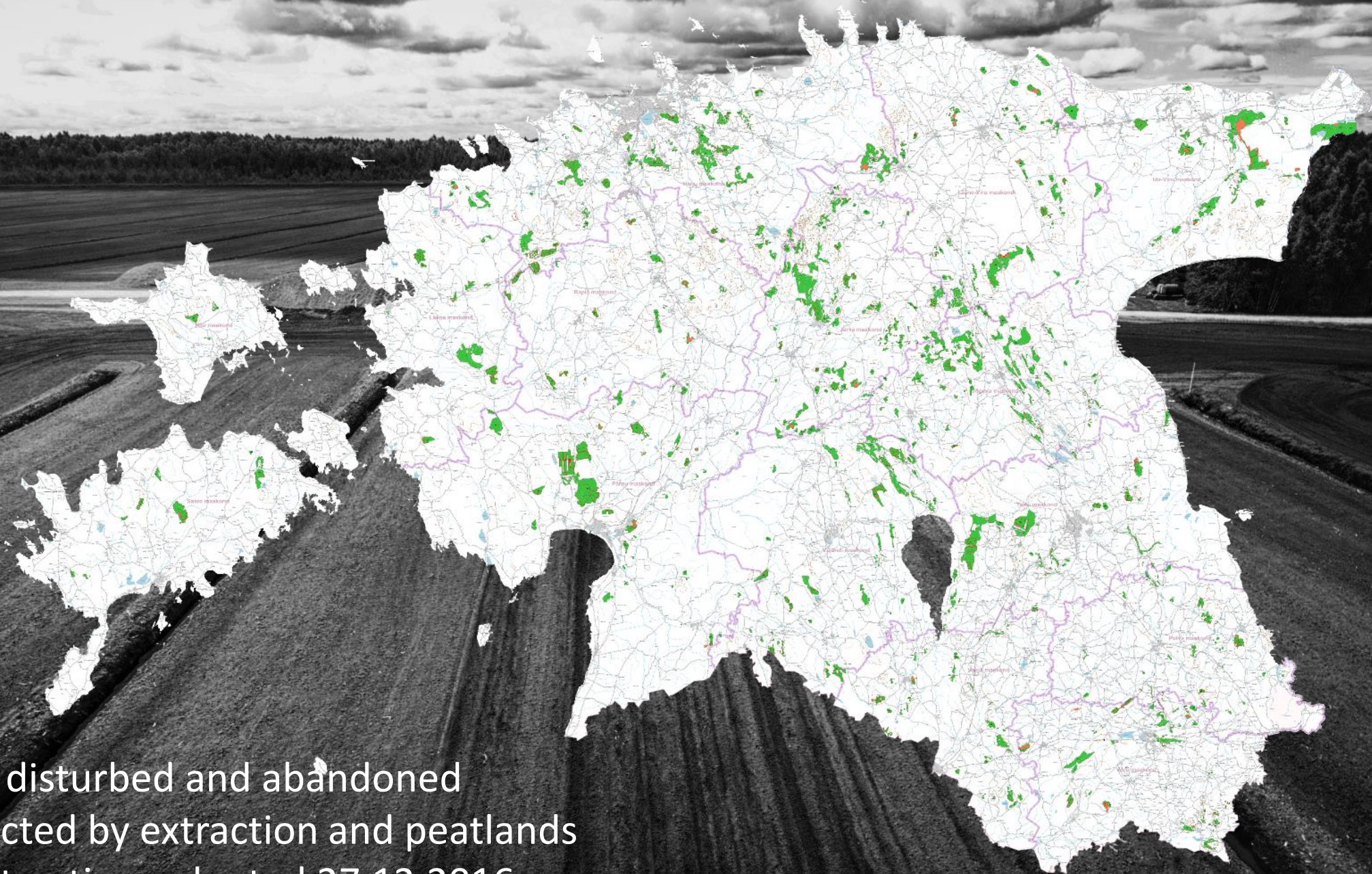
- New Earth's Crust Act
- Increase of the quota to 2 850 thousand t
- Adoption of list of already disturbed and abandoned peatlands affected by extraction and peatlands suitable for extraction





145 000 ha  
266 sites

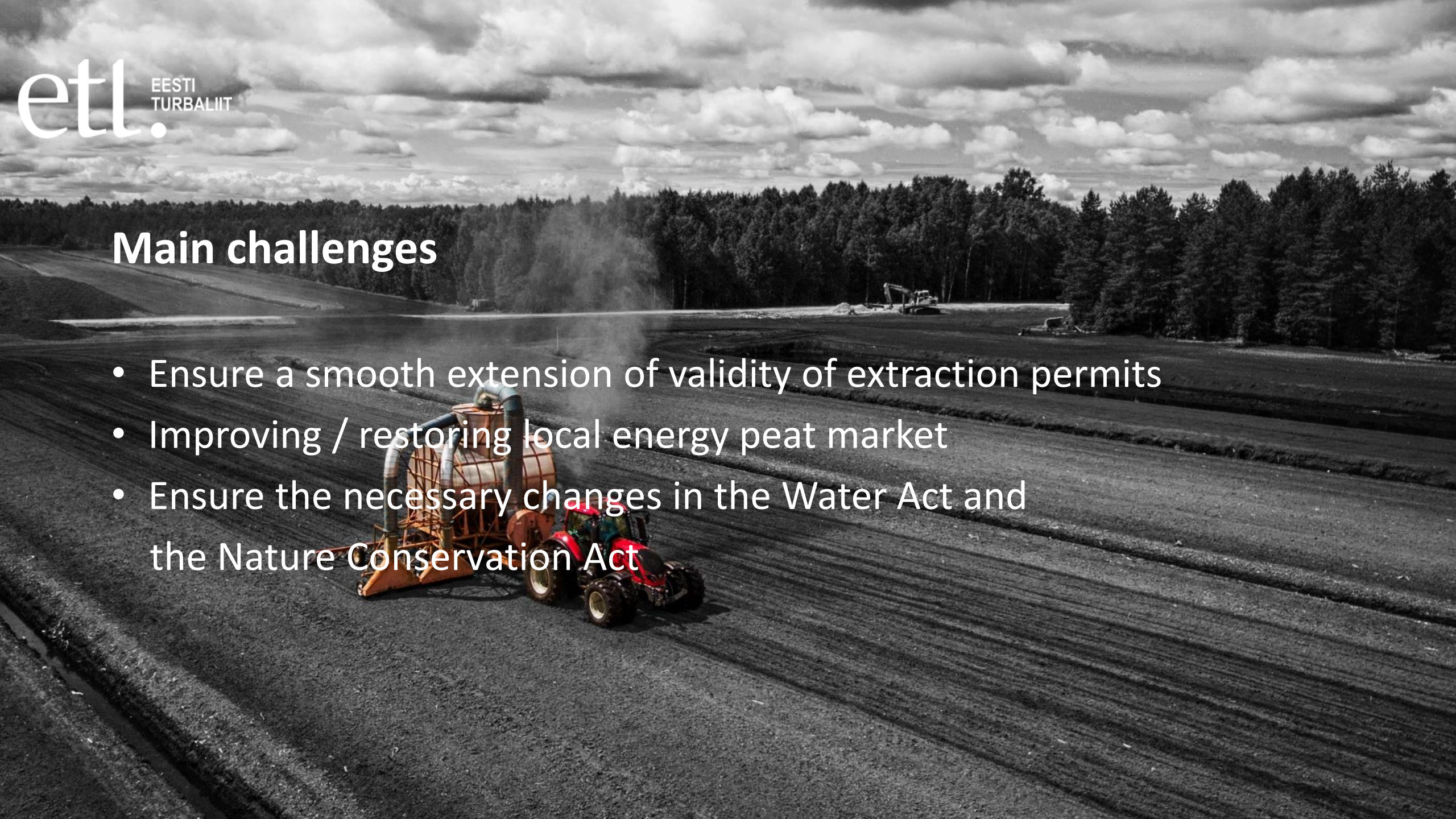
List of already disturbed and abandoned  
peatlands affected by extraction and peatlands  
suitable for extraction, adopted 27.12.2016





## Main challenges

- Ensure a smooth extension of validity of extraction permits
- Improving / restoring local energy peat market
- Ensure the necessary changes in the Water Act and the Nature Conservation Act





## Peatland Congress 2020

- June 14 – 20, 2020, Tallinn Estonia
- Nordea Concert hall and Artis cinema
- 800 delegates
- Special program for industry, students and public audience
- Interesting tours and social events





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