

Availability of paper for recycling in Germany and the EU

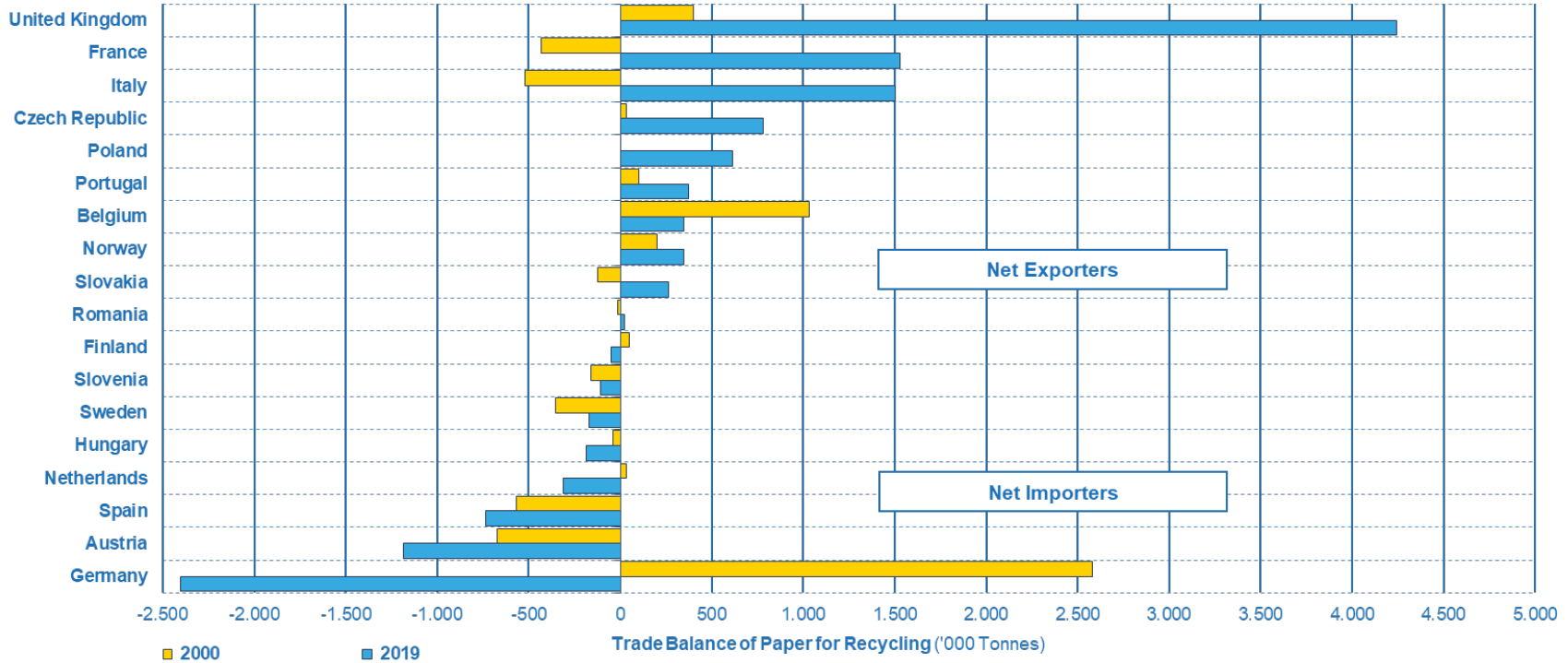
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- Paper for recycling is currently available in sufficient quantities in Europe
- According to estimates the volume of recovered paper in Europe in 2020 was around 58.7 million tons and consumption was around 54.5 million tons
- This resulted in a clear surplus of more than 4 million tons in Europe

Availability of paper for recycling today

- Availability varies greatly from country to country in Europe
- This leads to a European internal trade
- Germany, Austria and Spain import particularly large amounts

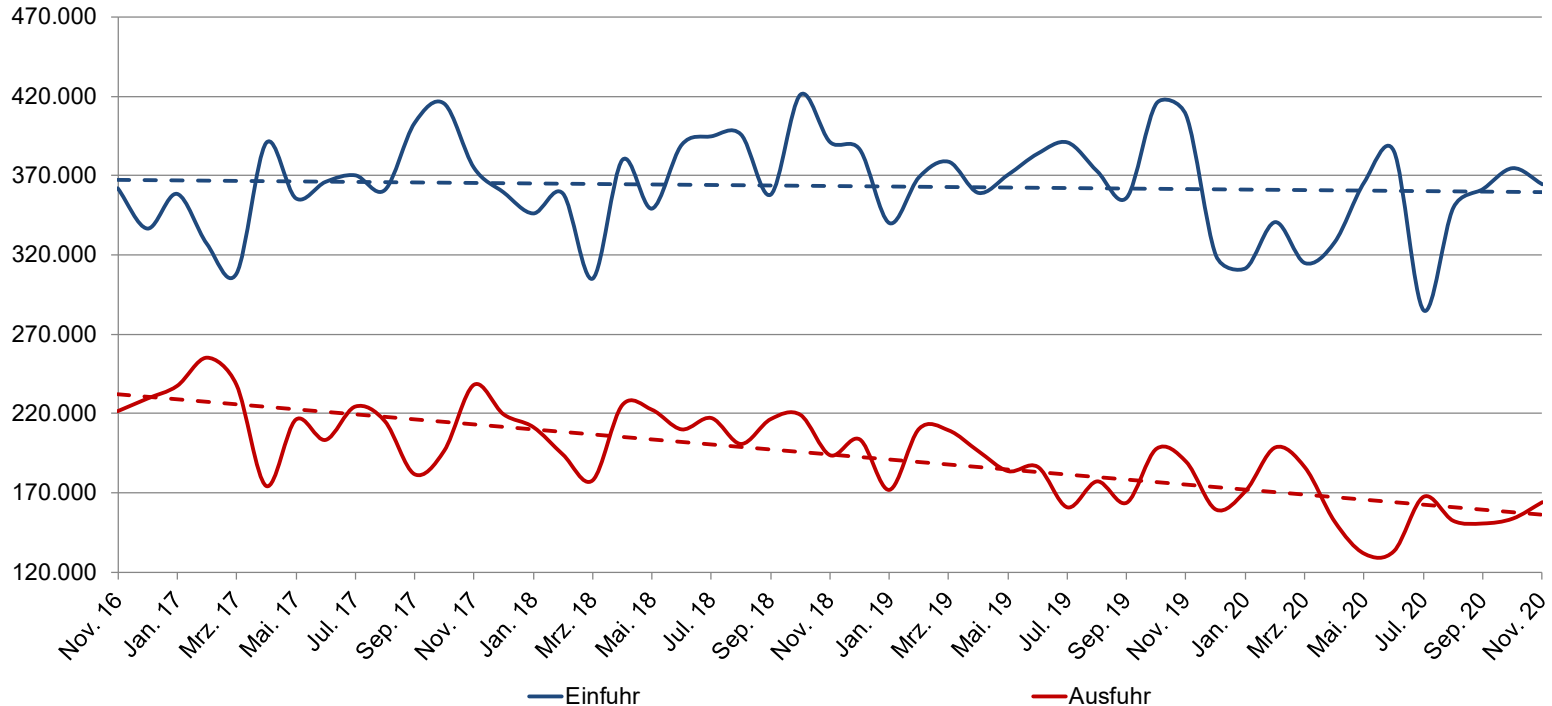
Net Trade of Paper for Recycling by Country in 2020 and 2019



- There is a severe shortfall in Germany
- The response rate is high, but demand has risen sharply in recent years
- This leads to a net import that has increased to 2.5 million tons annually in the past few years has risen

Import / Export of Paper for Recycling

(in tons)



Availability of paper for recycling today

- The trend is likely to continue
- In 2019 and 2020 capacities in the graphic area of around 3.8 million tons were closed in Europe
- But in the same period, capacities of more than 5.6 million tons were added in the packaging paper area

Challenge - Availability of paper for recycling tomorrow

- The relationship will therefore face challenges in the years to come
- The share of paper for recovery as a raw material in paper production will grow in Germany and worldwide
- As a result, consumption will continue to rise

Challenge - Availability of paper for recycling tomorrow

- This will also have an impact on the availability in Europe, with the effect that the previous surplus of recovered paper in the European market will decrease in the coming years
- In order to actively counteract this, the circular economy of paper must be actively strengthened

- Further develop seamless and high-quality municipal paper for recycling collection throughout Europe
- Municipalities must help and support the long-term securing of raw materials and the achievement of ambitious recycling quotas („**Improve capture at the source**“)

- Sorters and suppliers must provide paper for recycling of the right quality so that it is also available for paper production (“**Increase sorting**”)
- Imports of raw materials to Germany must be secured and facilitated with a view to securing raw materials (“**Strengthen the internal market**”)

Thank you for your attention



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