



# The *Phytophthora infestans* population in Denmark, with a special focus on EU43 - a new genotype spreading in Europe

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- EU43 resistance against mandipropamid – sounding the alarm
- The evolution and spread of the EU43 genotype in Europe, 2018-2023, comparison between DK and NL
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## Risiko for resistens mod Revus

I flere forsøg ses der nu en vigende effekt af Revus mod skimmel i kartofler. Derfor anbefaler landskonsulent, at midlet indtil videre ikke anvendes, hvor der er udbredt skimmel.



Forsøgmæssigt er der anvendt ren Revus i forsøgsmarken i Arnborg. Den vigende effekt giver mistanke om resistensudvikling. Arkivfoto

## SEGES sounding the alarm

News from SEGES, 30 August 2022

**Reduced efficacy of Revus** (*a.i.* = mandipropamid).  
Observations from trials and commercial fields





## A new variant of the late blight pathogen *Phytophthora infestans* is threatening the potato production

The results of a study on late blight show 100% resistance to one of the most important fungicides in potato production. Researchers find the development of the new variant of late blight worrying in relation to future control in Danish fields.



Resistance has been found in late blight to one of the most widely used pesticides. This raises concerns among researchers from Aarhus University.

Photo Jens G. Hansen

6 January 2023 by [Camilla Bertram Galopich](#)

## Resistance to mandipropamid in EU\_43\_A1 reported

Press release by Aarhus University,  
6 Jan 2023

5 isolates tested – all resistant to  
mandipropamid

<https://agro.au.dk/en/current-news/news/show/artikel/kartoffelproduktionen-trues-af-stigende-resistens-hos-kartoffelskimmel-mod-kemiske-bekaempelsesmidler>

## The EU43 genotype of *Phytophthora infestans* displays resistance to mandipropamid

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### Abstract

Mandipropamid is an active ingredient in the carboxylic acid amide group of fungicides and plays a key role in current potato late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) management programmes. However, reports from Danish potato growers in 2022 suggested that mandipropamid had lost its efficacy. A study was therefore conducted to investigate the sensitivity of isolates collected from fields in which mandipropamid had been reported to be ineffective. Seventy-two isolates of *P. infestans* collected from potato fields in Denmark were genotyped using microsatellite markers, revealing a dominance of the clonal lineage EU43 and fewer isolates of EU41 and 'other' genetically distinct genotypes. Isolates belonging to the EU43 and EU41 lineages were selected, in addition to representative isolates of clones EU36 and EU37 from Scotland, and tested for sensitivity to mandipropamid at five concentrations ranging from 0.1 to 10 µg/mL on potato leaf discs (cultivar Maris Piper). The EU43 genotype infected leaf discs at all tested concentrations, and therefore no dose–response curve could be calculated. A dose response was observed for isolates of genotypes EU36, EU37 and EU41 with EC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.35 to 0.75 µg/mL. Field experiments confirmed resistance of tested isolates of genotype EU43 to mandipropamid, with no significant difference in the area under the disease curve between the untreated and mandipropamid treatments. Analysis of the Danish population of *P. infestans* showed that EU43 was widely distributed across the country. To our best knowledge, this is the first report of resistance to mandipropamid in *P. infestans*.

25 Isolates tested – all resistant to mandipropamid

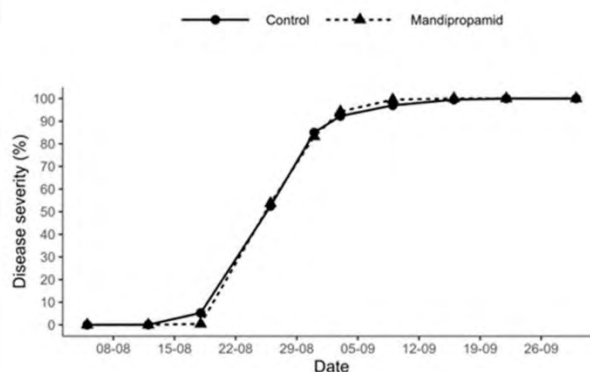
*Phytophthora infestans* was isolated from late blight lesions



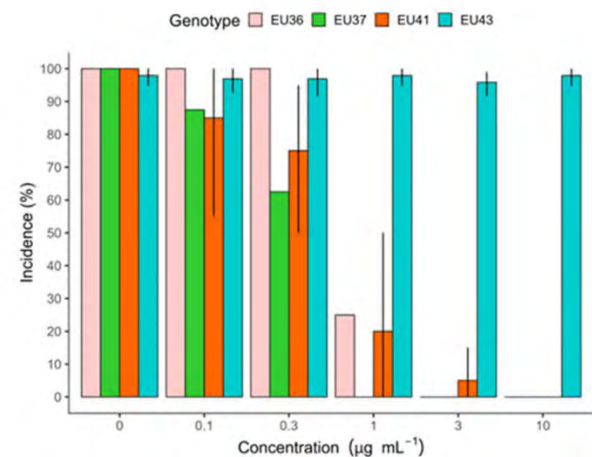
Isolates were tested for their sensitivity to mandipropamid



Field experiment with EU43



Disease development in the untreated control and mandipropamid treated plots



EU43 infected leaf discs at all concentrations of mandipropamid



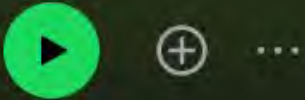


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## Episode Description

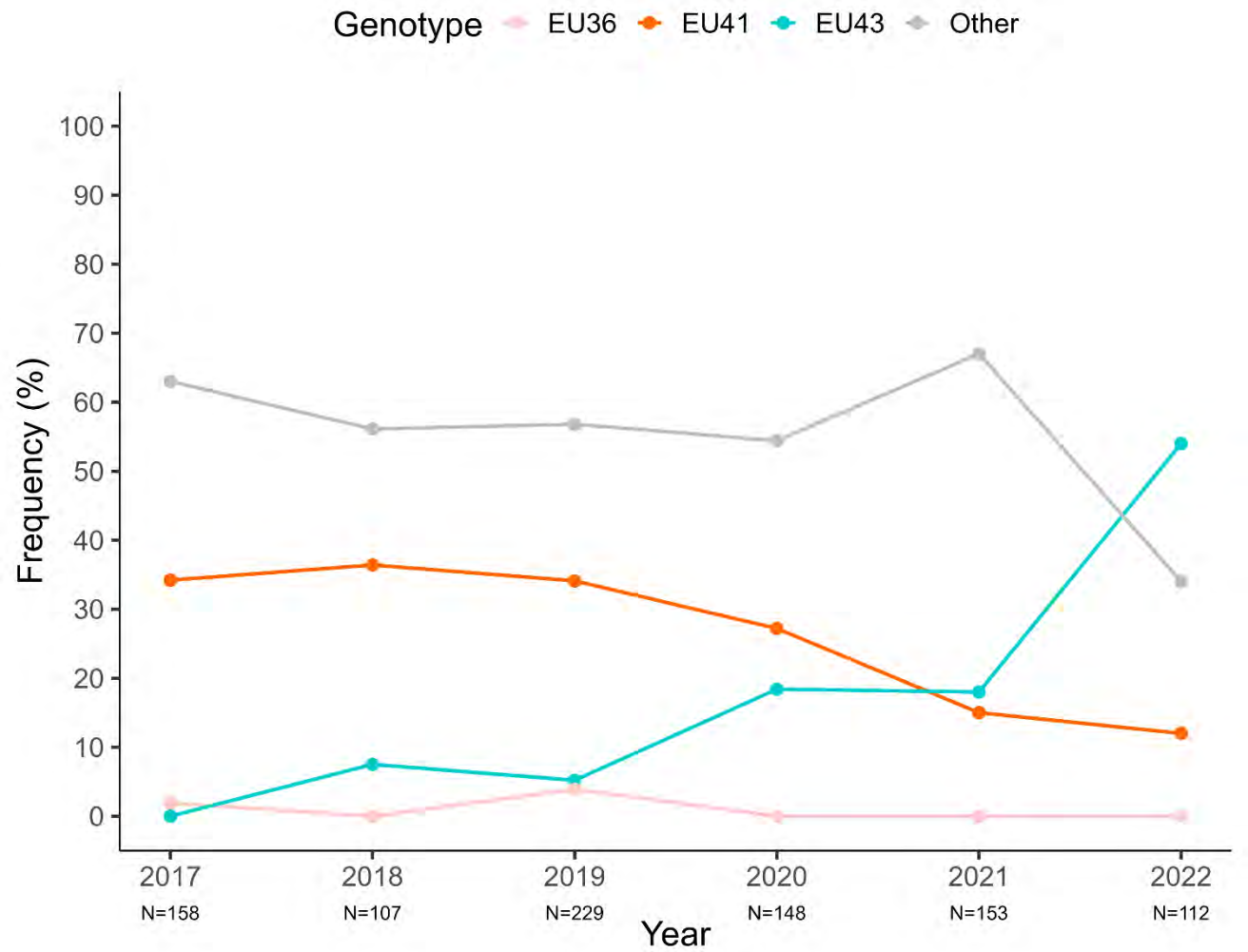
Vi har fulgt kartofflens rejse til Europa – fra lastrummet i et skib til at være en særdeles populær fødevare den dag i dag.

Men kartoflerne trues stadig af skimmelsvamp, som udviser stadig større aggressivitet og resistens imod vores svampemidler.

I dette afsnit af vores miniserie i to dele om hører vi om, hvordan vi kæmper for hele tiden kæmper for at være et skridt foran skimmelsvampen.

Podcast in June, 2023 – sounding the alarm for farmers

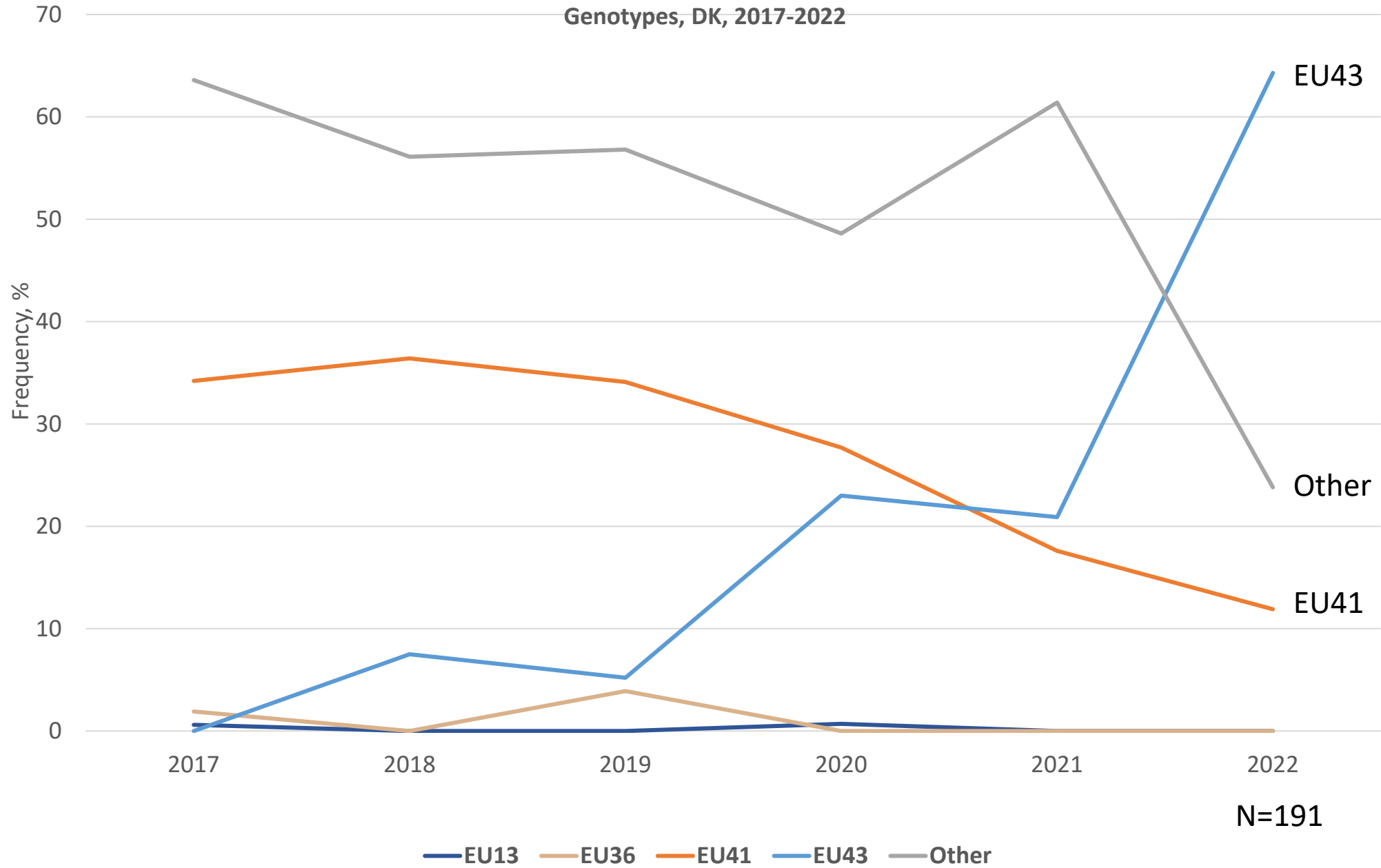
# The spatial and temporal distribution of EU43 in Denmark



N=112



Genotypes, DK, 2017-2022





2022

N=191

EU43=64%

Genotypes 



All



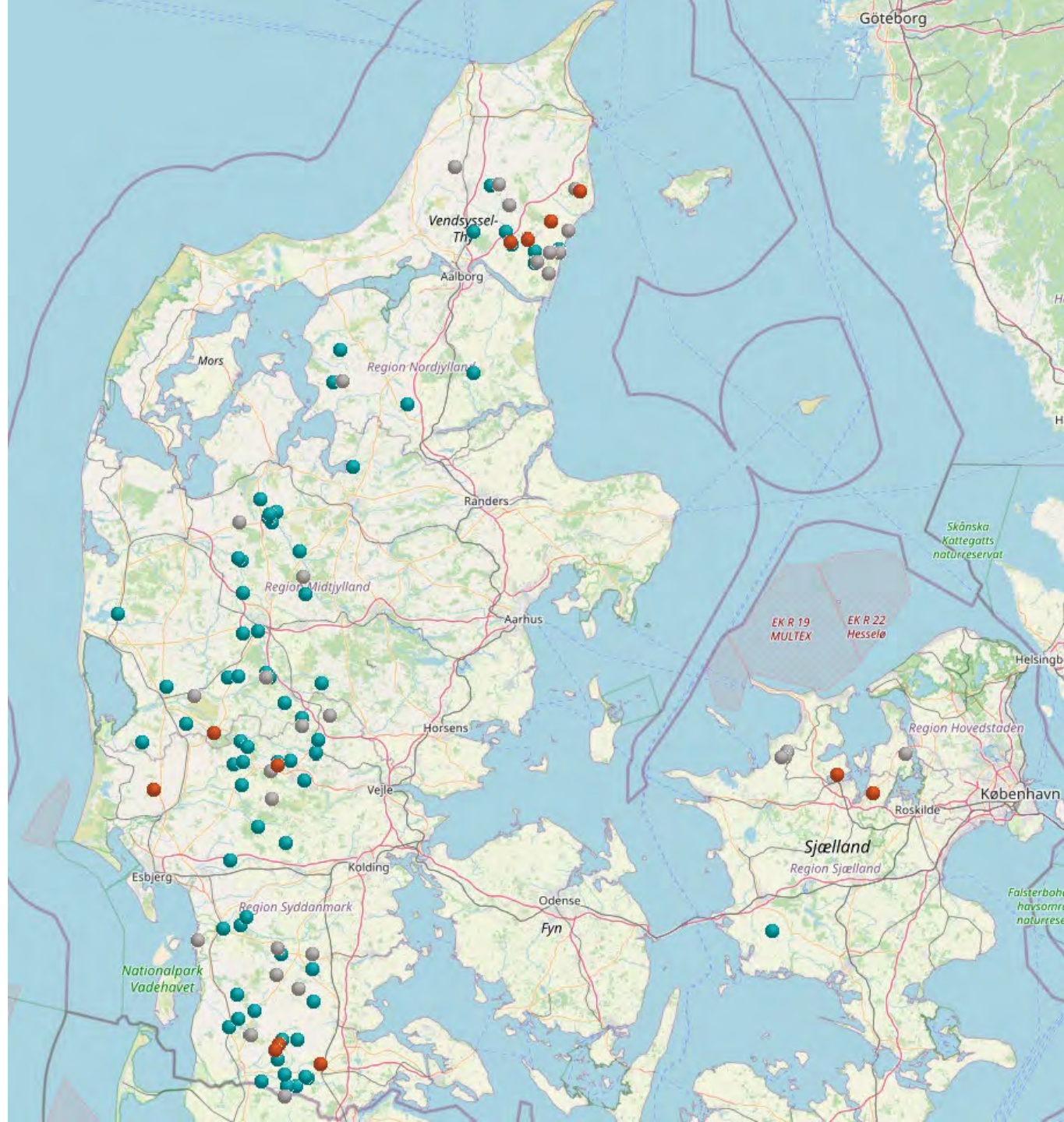
EU\_41\_A2



EU\_43\_A1



Other










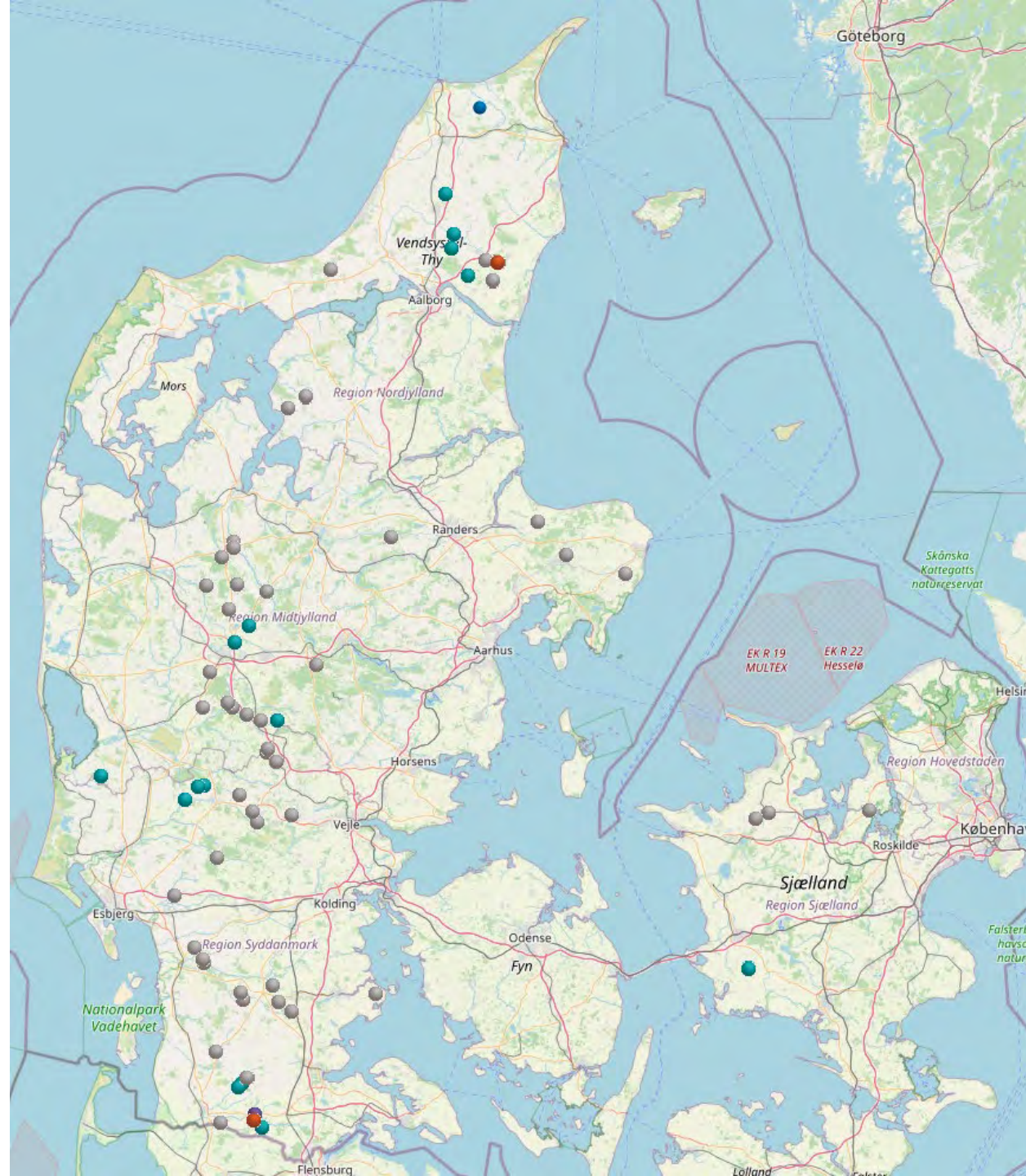
2023

N=113

EU43=24%

Genotypes 

- All
-  EU\_13\_A2
-  EU\_41\_A2
-  EU\_43\_A1
-  EU\_46\_A1
-  Other





# GENOTYPE

- Genotype map
- Genotype frequency map
- Genotype frequency chart
- Frequency rank
- World map
- World appearance

Year  
2023

Continent  
Europe

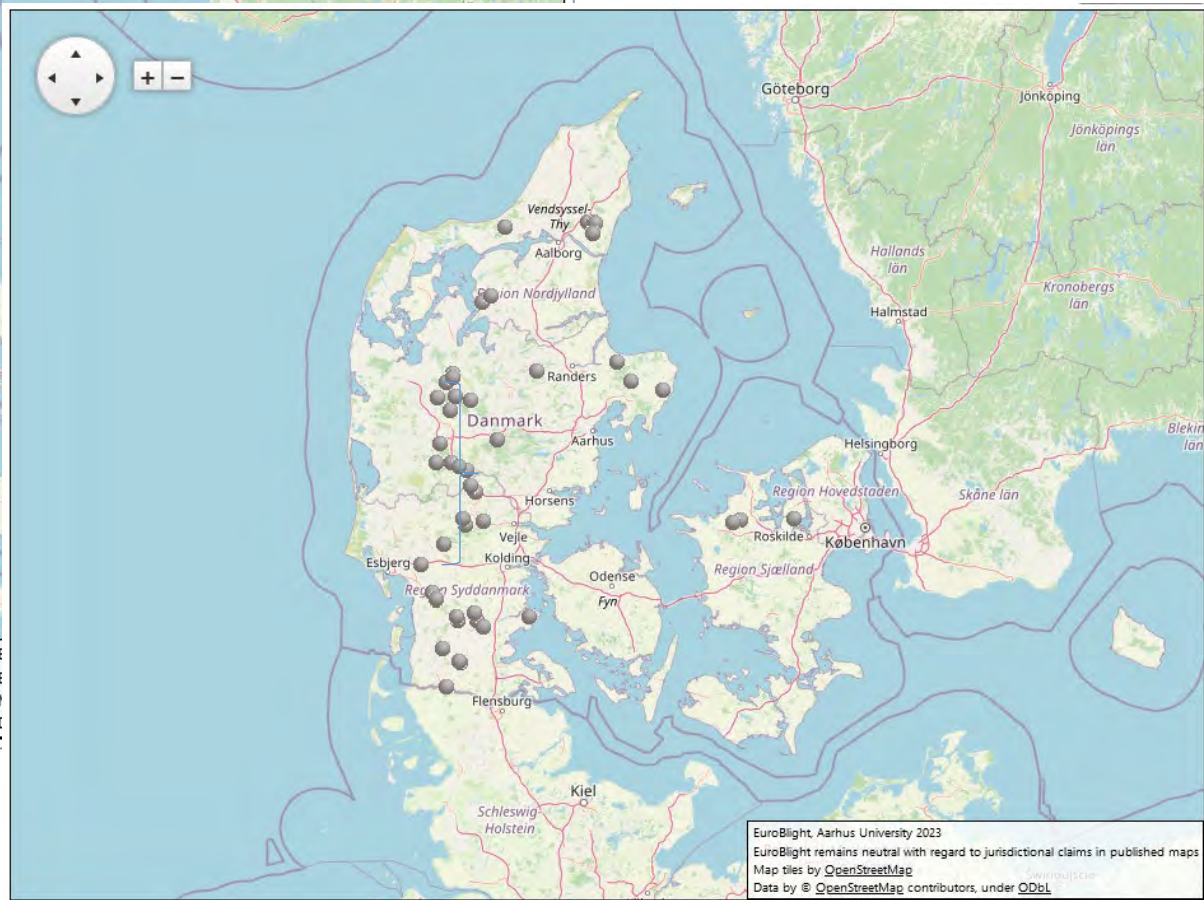
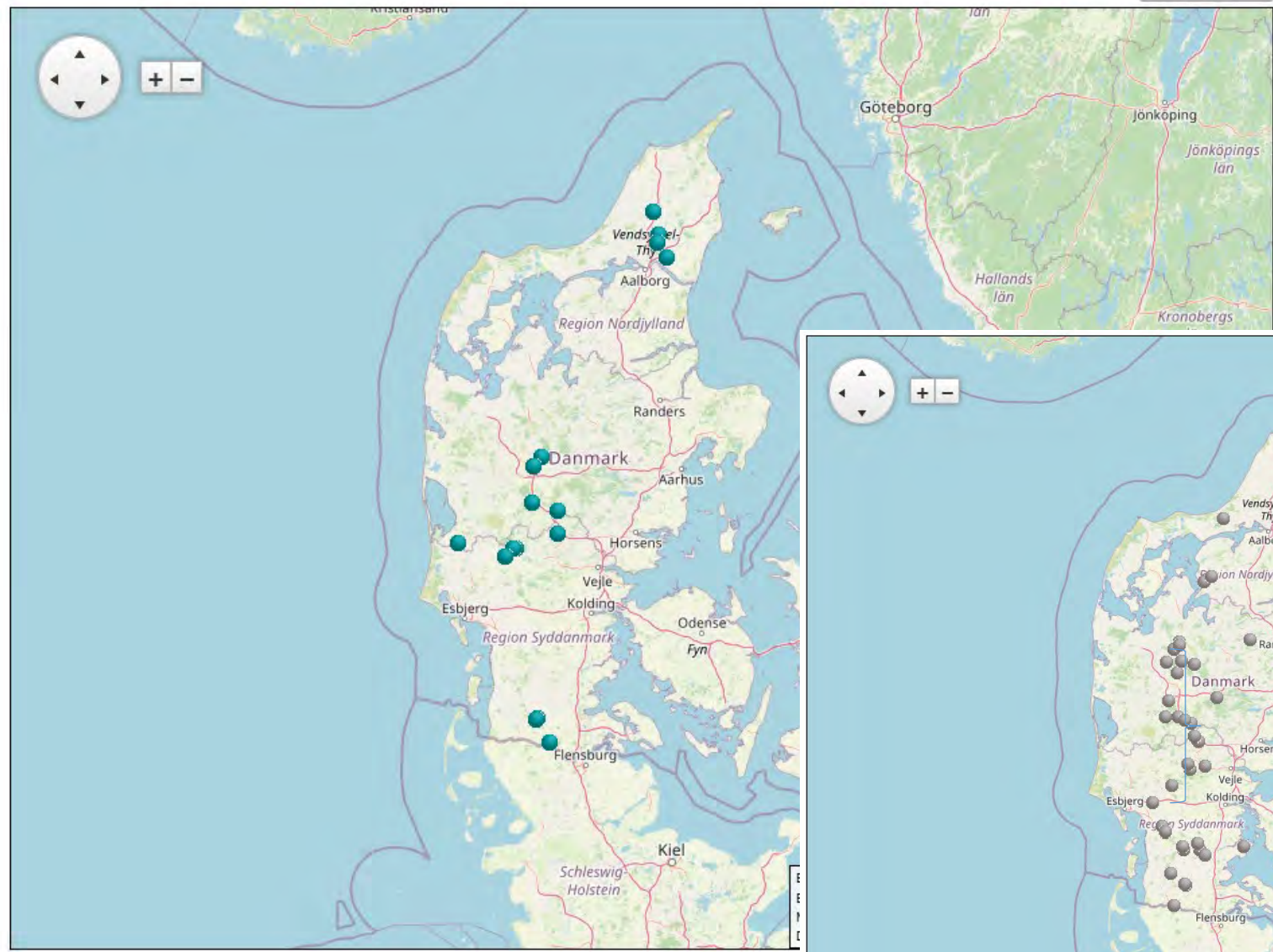
Country  
Denmark

Host  
 All  
 Potato

Genotypes ?  
 All  
 EU\_13\_A2  EU\_41\_A2  
 EU\_43\_A1  EU\_46\_A1  
 Other

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2023

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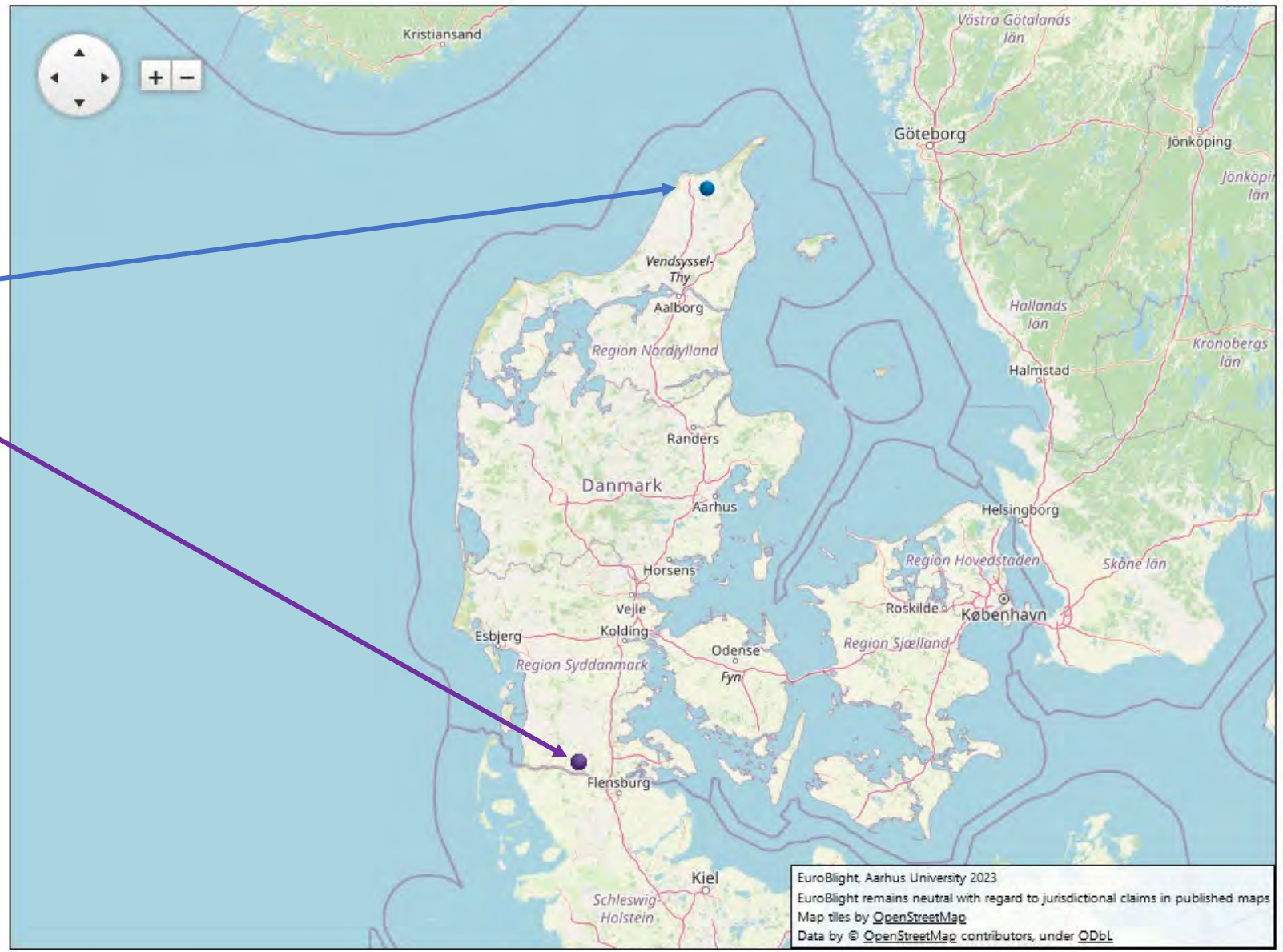
- All
- Potato

Genotypes

- All
- EU\_13\_A2
- EU\_41\_A2
- EU\_43\_A1
- EU\_46\_A1
- Other

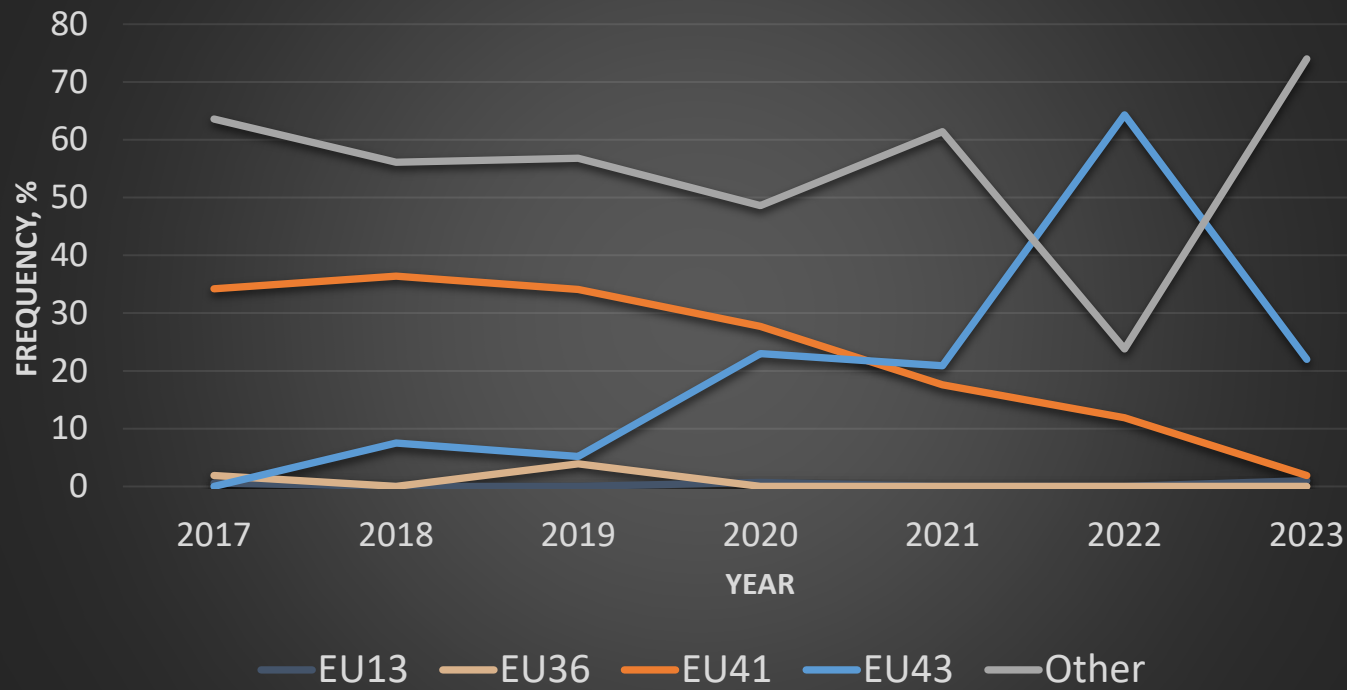
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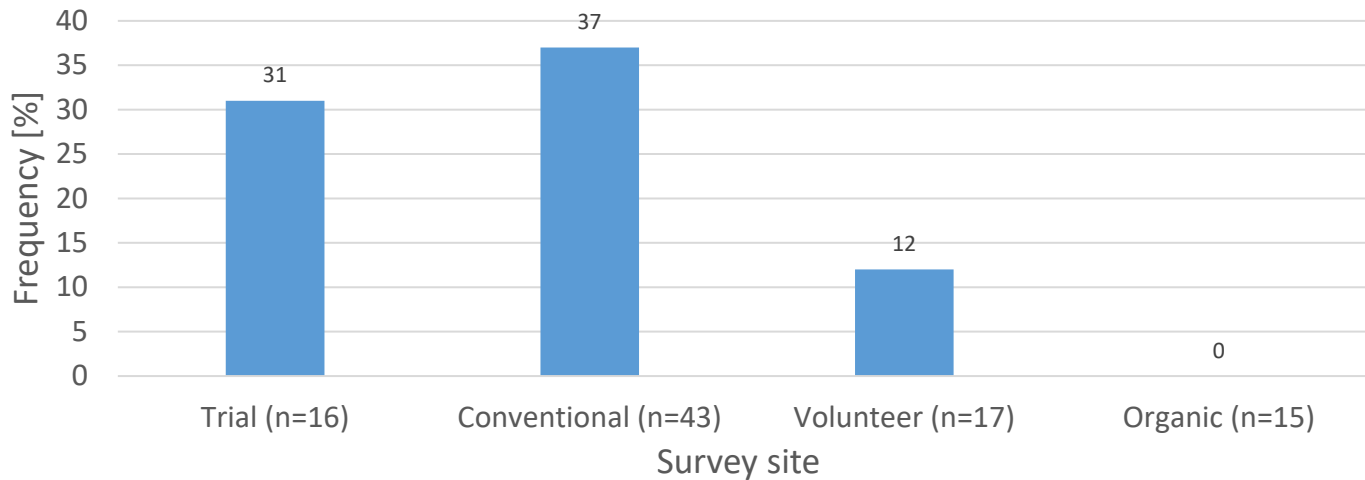
### Genotypes, DK, 2017-2023



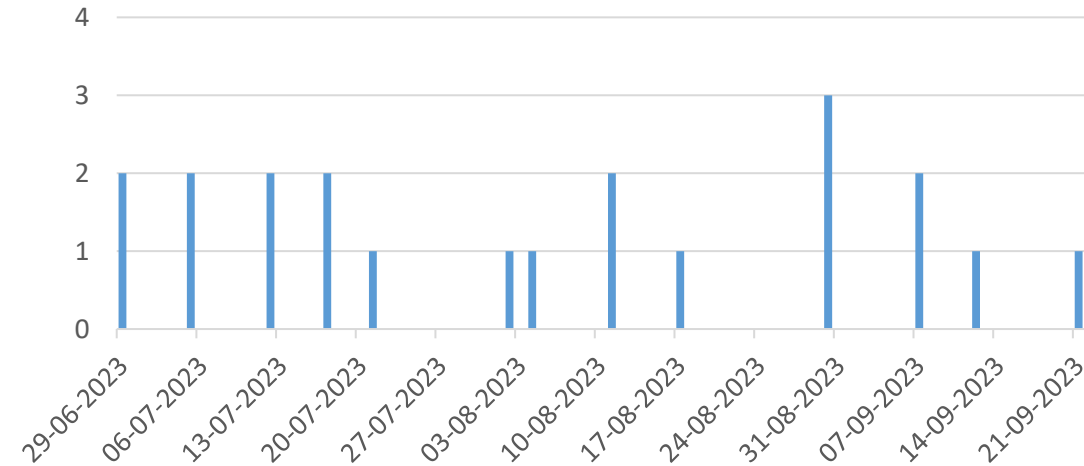
### Status 2023

EU43: from 64% in 2022 to 24% in 2023.  
 EU41: from 12 to 1% and  
 Others: from 24% to 73%

### Frequency of EU43 in different types of grown potato



### Seasonal recordings of EU43 isolates, 2023





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## Genotype frequency distribution

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Europe

Country

Denmark

Host

All

Potato

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Genotype legend ?

EU\_13\_A2

EU\_36\_A2

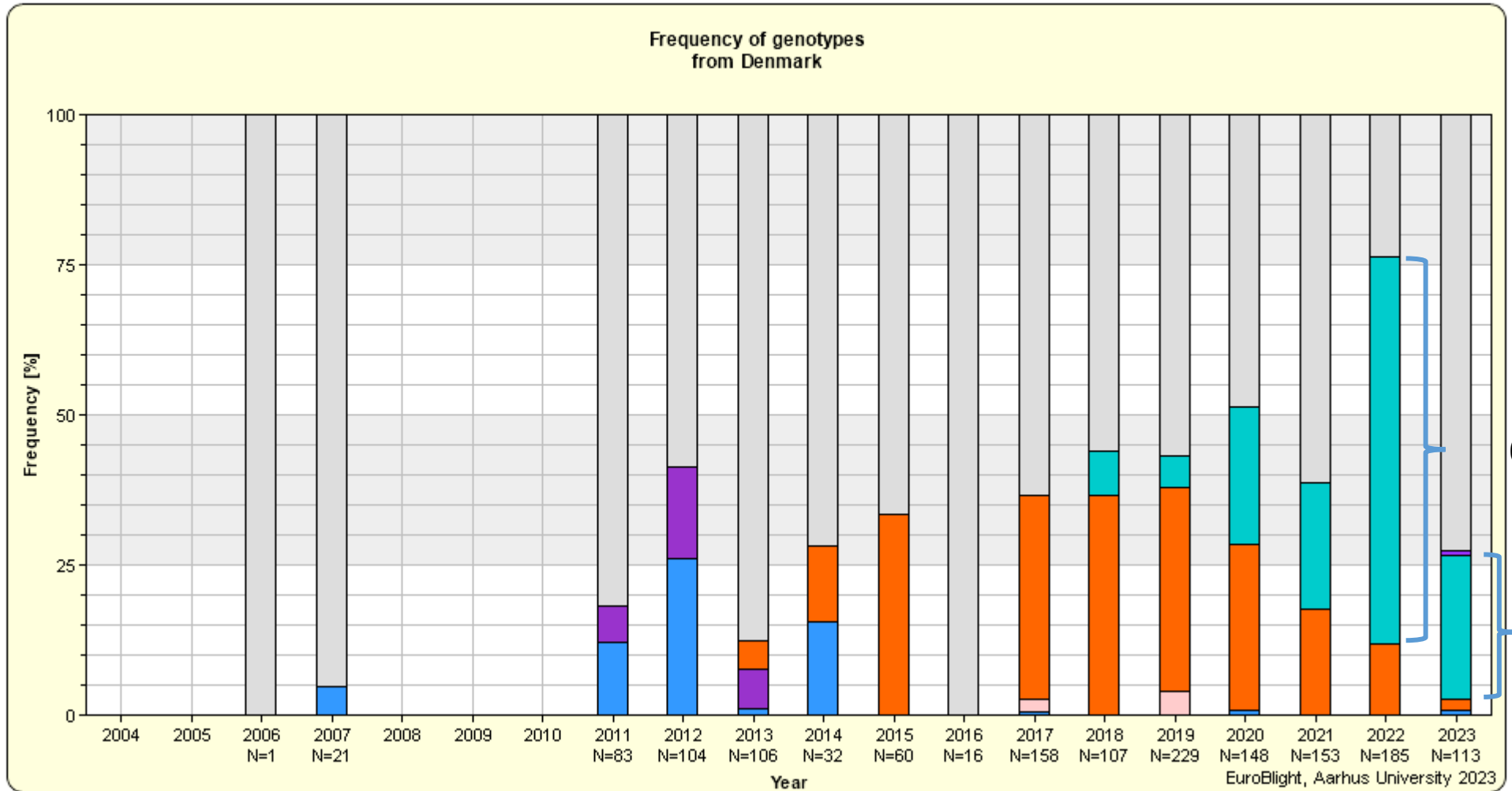
EU\_40\_A2

EU\_41\_A2

EU\_43\_A1

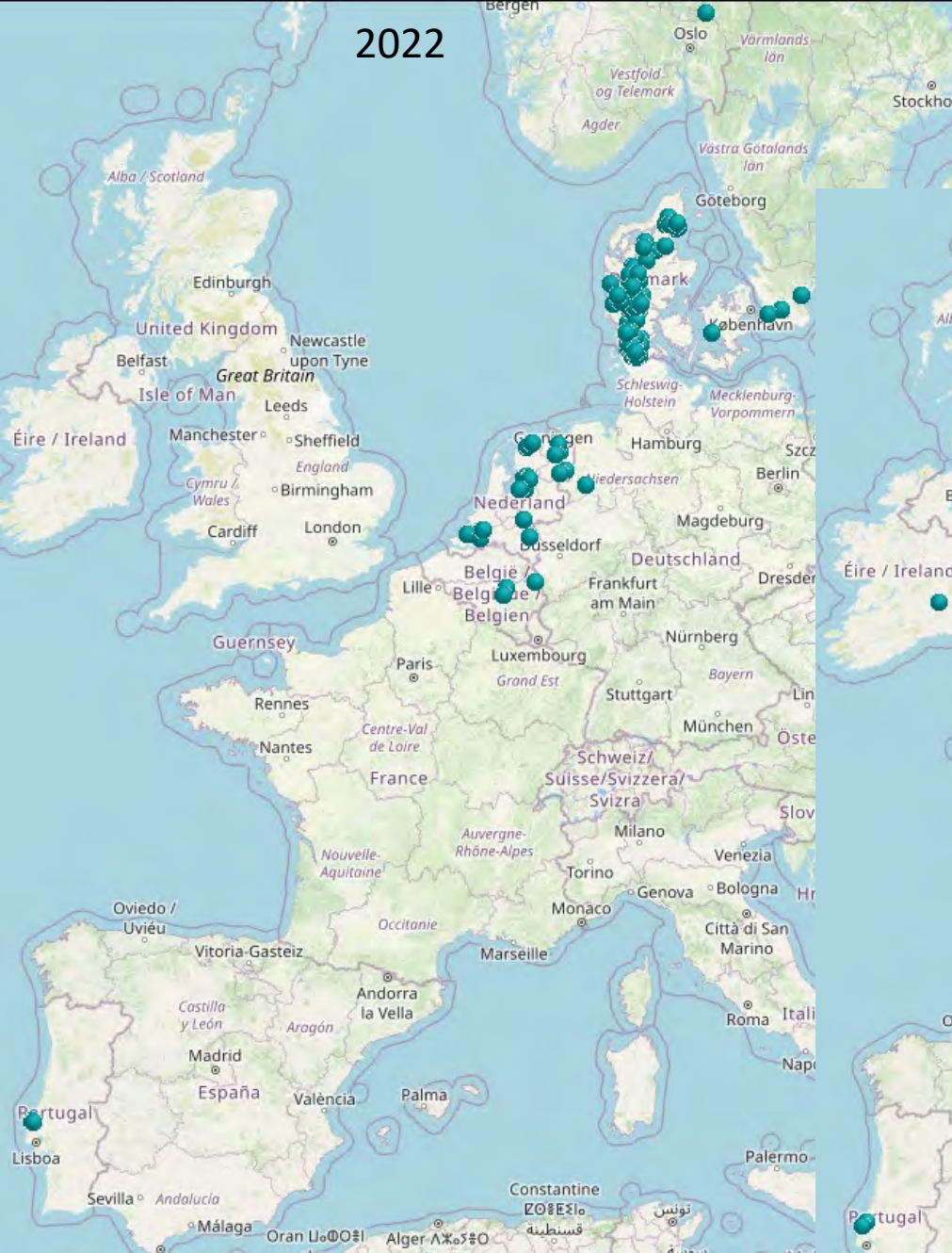
EU\_46\_A1

Other

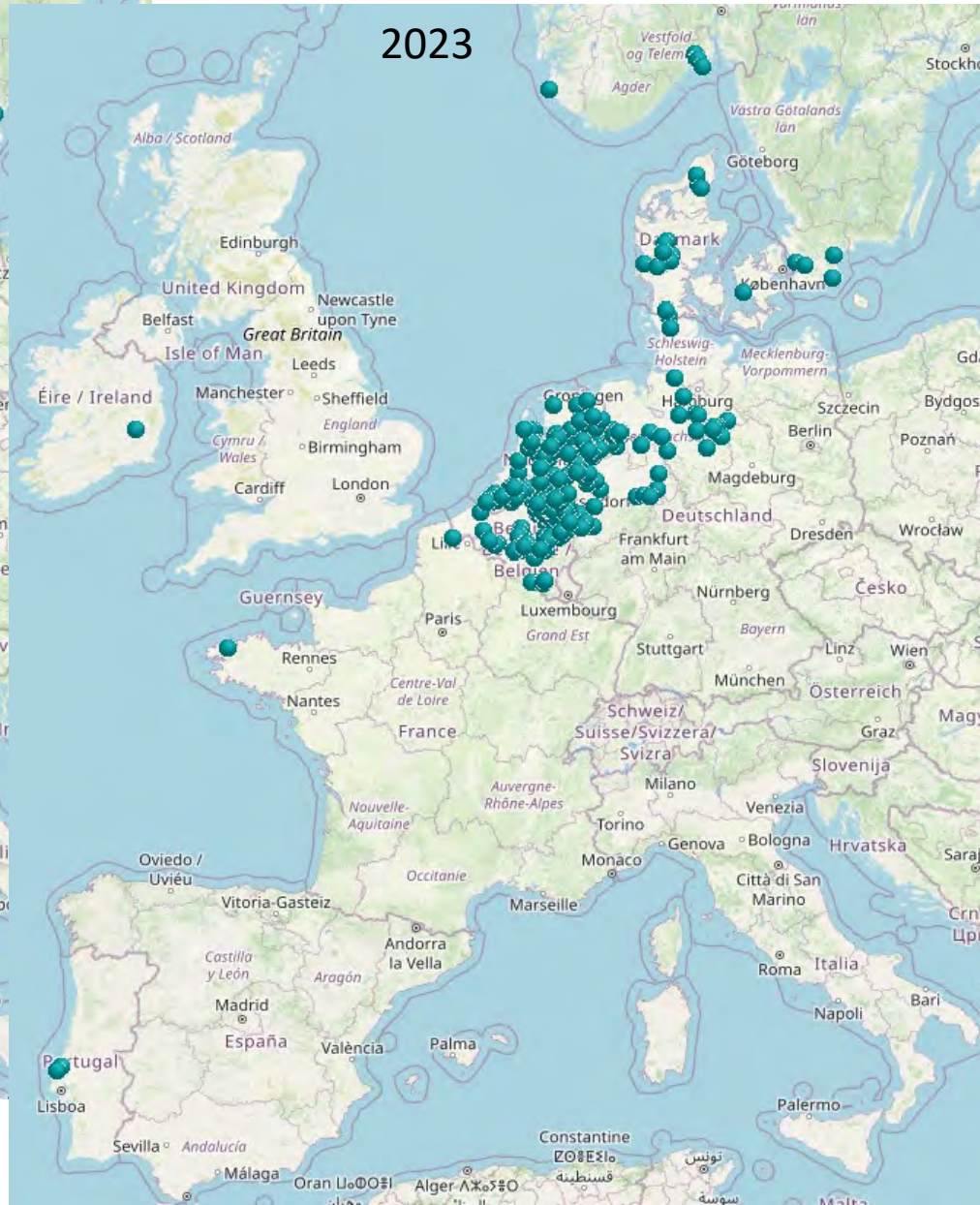


64%

24%



EU43 distribution in Europe



EU43 frequency shift from 2022 to 2023

- DK: from 64 to 24%
- NL: from 43 to 55%
- DE: from 7 to 52%

EU43 first time found in France and Ireland



Continent: Europe

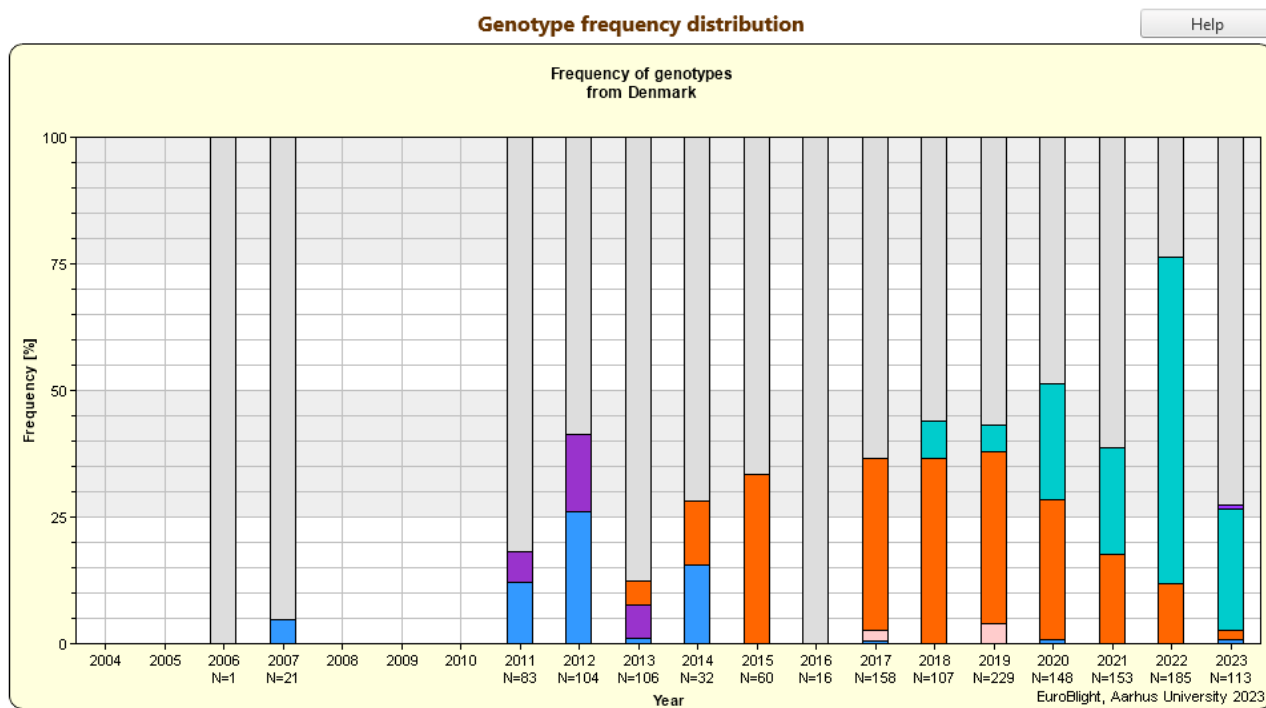
Country: Denmark

Host:  All  Potato

Genotype legend

- EU\_13\_A2
- EU\_36\_A2
- EU\_40\_A2
- EU\_41\_A2
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- EU\_46\_A1
- Other

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Continent: Europe

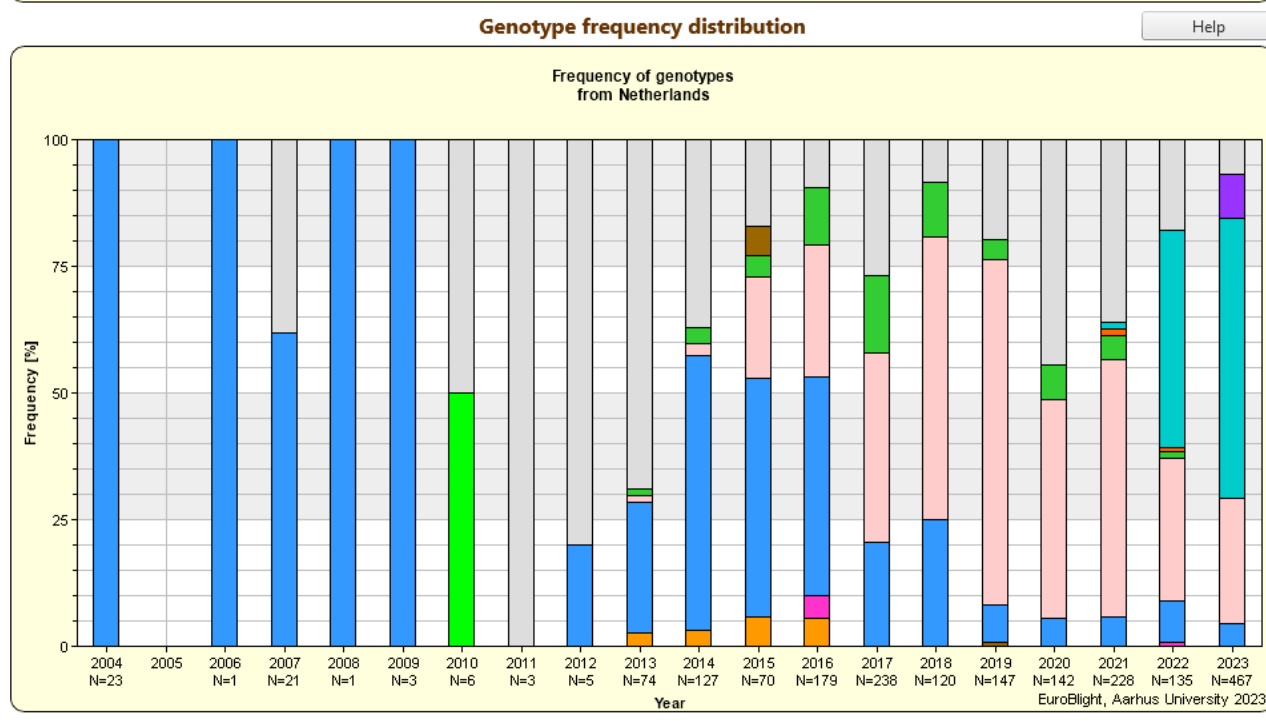
Country: Netherlands

Host:  All  N/A  Other  Potato  Tomato

Genotype legend

- EU\_1\_A1
- EU\_6\_A1
- EU\_12\_A1
- EU\_13\_A2
- EU\_33\_A2
- EU\_36\_A2
- EU\_37\_A2
- EU\_39\_A1
- EU\_41\_A2
- EU\_43\_A1
- EU\_46\_A1
- Other

Show



## Infection pressure

### Denmark

Other

### EU46

### EU43

### EU41 & EU13

1. Similar weather-based blight risk
2. But different late blight management strategy
3. Different organisation and communication

### The Netherlands

EU46

EU43

EU36

EU13

**Tabel 1.** General strategies for Starch potatoes

Nr.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Antal behand.	Mængde, l/ha	Pris, kr./kg-l	Omkostninger, kr./ha
Uge	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37				
Dato	12-jun	19-jun	26-jun	03-jul	13-jul	13-jul	24-jul	31-jul	07-aug	14-aug	21-aug	28-aug	04-sep	Number Treatments	Amount l/ha	Cost / Kg - l	Total Cost / ha
Ranman Top/ Azuleo																	
Revus							0,6			0,6				2	1,2	325	390
Shirlan/Zignal/ Banjo	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4			0,4	0,4		0,4	0,4	0,4	10	4	528	2.112
Zorvec				0,15	0,15									2	0,3	1.457	437
Proxanil		2					2			2				3	6	239	1.434
Cymbal/Option	0,25		0,25					0,25	0,25		0,25	0,25		6	1,5	280	420
Amistar							0,5							1	0,5	235	118
														24			4.911 ~ 660 €
	Indledende blok			Zorvec blok			Proxanilblok				Afsluttende blok						

**Key issues**

Revus:  
Starch: 2 times, late season  
Ware: 0 times

Shirlan:  
Starch: 10 times  
Ware: 7 times

Danger! It puts pressure on other active ingredients, especially fluazinam

Gradual loss in sensitivity found earlier for EU33 and EU37 (not on/off)

Avoid! Revus and then Zorvec



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Continent

Europe

Year

- All
- 2023  2022
- 2021  2020
- 2019  2018
- 2017  2016
- 2015  2014
- 2013  2012
- 2011  2010
- 2009  2008
- 2007  2006
- 2005  2004

Host

- All
- N/A  Other
- Potato  Tomato

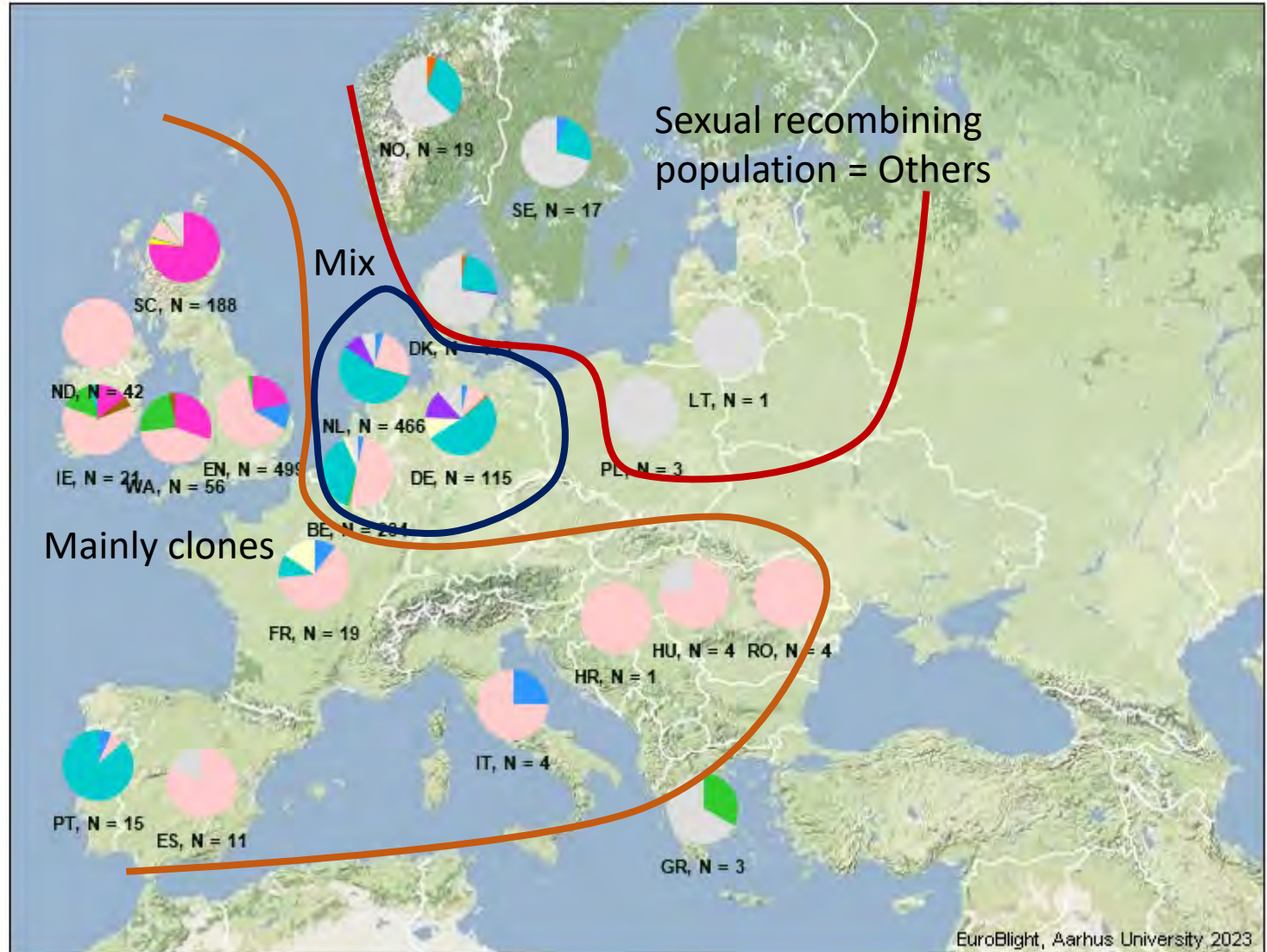
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Genotype legend ?

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## Genotype frequency distribution

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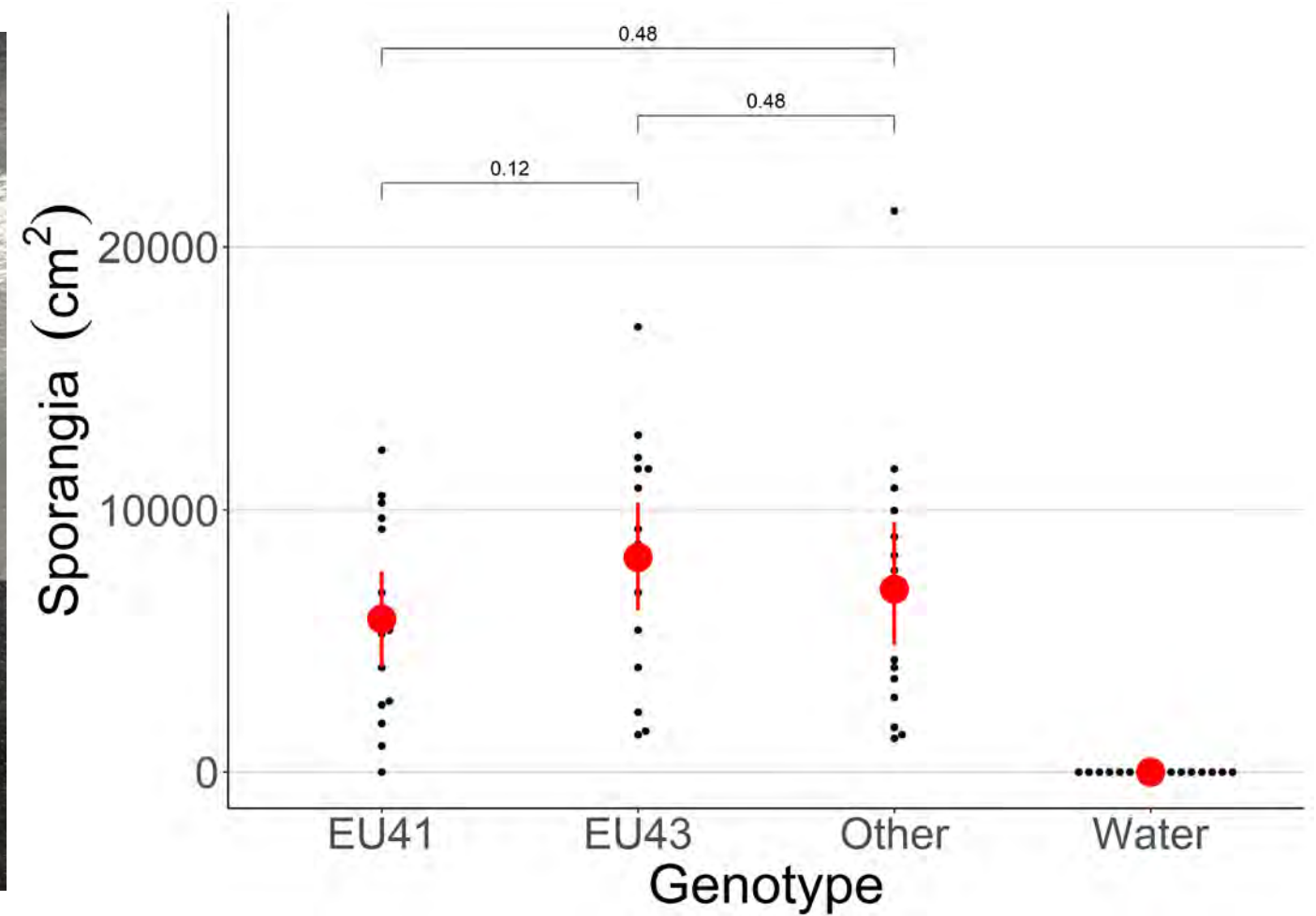
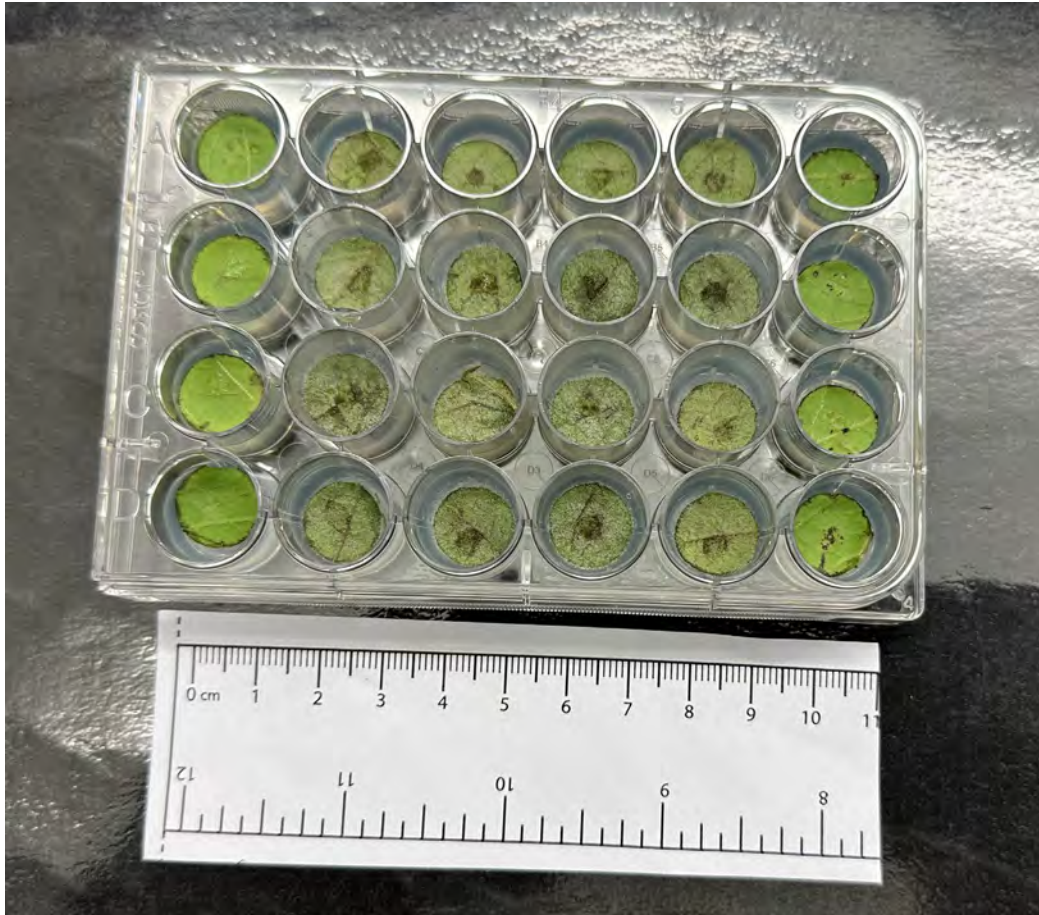


# Sampling of late blight infected leaves

- >100 samples from different types of potato e.g. farmers fields and field trials
- 120 isolates have been isolated and purified in the lab
- 20 isolates tested for:
  - Sporulation capacity
  - Sensitivity against fungicides
    - Cymoxanil (Cymbal )
    - Oxathiapiprolin (fx Zorvec Enicade)
    - Mandipropamid (fx Revus)
    - Propamocarb (fx Sporax)
    - Fluazinam ( fx Shirlan)

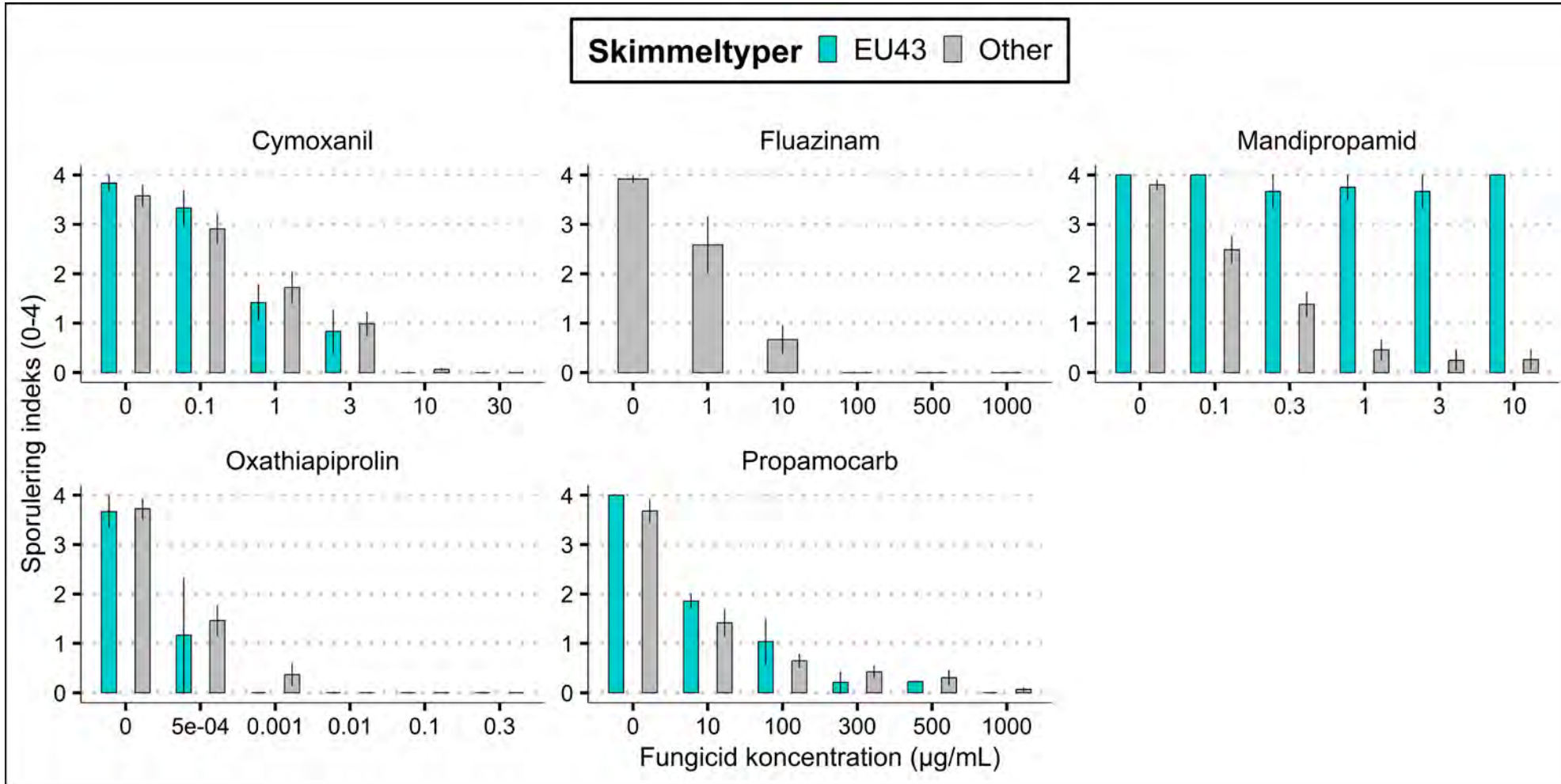


# Sporangia production of EU43, EU41, and other genotypes



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/  
1  
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2

Except EU43 and mandipropamid, there all tested isolates were sensitive to the fungicides

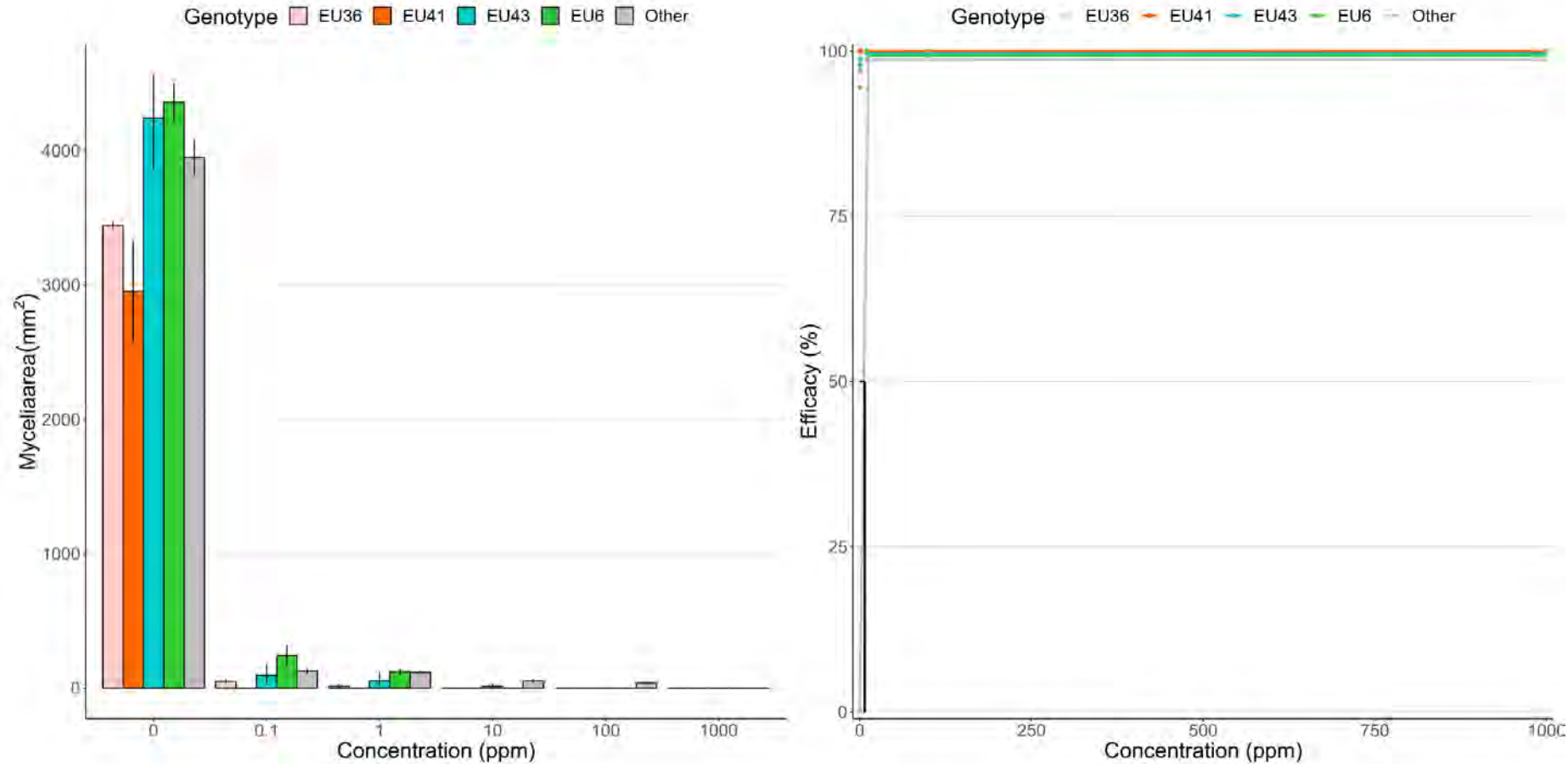


Number of isolates:  
EU43 = 3  
Other = 17



# 2022 Danish isolates were also very sensitive to fluazinam

EC50 < 0.2 ppm for all tested genotypes



Danish isolates are very sensitive, with EC50 values way below field rates (ppm)!

Produkt	Aktivstof	Markniveau (ppm)	EC50 fra testede isolater (ppm)	Skimmeltype r
Cymbal WG	Cymoxanil	375	0,59 (0,00013)	EU43
			0,91 (0,0007)	Other
Sporax	Propamocarb	3369	9,1 (0.00041)	EU43
			6,1 (0.00047)	Other
Shirlan Ultra	Fluazinam	667	1,8 0 (0.00021)	Other
Revus	Mandipropamid	500	0,165 (0.000071)	Other
			NA	EU43
Zorvec	Oxathiapiprolin	50	0,000256 (0.00000009)	EU43
			0,000287 (0.00000009)	Other



# Conclusions

## What we find

1. The proportion of EU43 decreased from appr 64 % in 2022 to 24% in 2023.
2. EU43 found all through the season – evenly distributed
3. All EU43 tested in 2023 were resistant to mandipropamid but sensitive to oxathiapiprolin, cymoxanil and propamocarb
4. Results on sensitivity to fluazinam is inconclusive due to few isolates tested, but the tested isolates so far were all sensitive

## What we do

1. AU will test more isolates and investigate other phenotypic traits that can co-explain the spread of EU43 and other clones
2. Several projects dig into the problem e.g. “Proactive **F**ungicide **R**esistance **A**voidance **S**trategies in potato – Potato FRAS” (2023-2026). Also a key issue at the forthcoming EuroBlight workshop 13-16 May 2024 in the Netherlands.

## **Fungicide Resistance Avoidance Strategies – IPM ➡ ICM - Recommendations**

1. Include DIVERSIFICATION (use different and more resistant cultivars, mix in field (strips) and landscape)
2. SANITATION (no dumps, more years between potatoes, control of volunteers, use healthy seed)
3. ECOSOL: test if biologicals can be used (in low risk periods) in combination with traditional fungicides
4. COLLABORATE and share data with Nordic and European colleagues – link up with EuroBlight, include the Europe perspective and make data and tools FAIR to obtain faster and more robust conclusions





Thank you for your attention



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Thanks to all  
who helped in  
sampling of  
isolates

And many  
partners



Title of ongoing “Potato diseases” projects	Level	Period
Development of proactive fungicide resistance avoidance strategies in potato (Acronym: <b>Potato-FRAS</b> ) - MST	DK	2023-2026
Sustainability and resilience in organic potatoes ( <b>SROPP</b> ) – ICROFS/GUDP	DK / PhD	2023-2026
IPM bekæmpelse af kartoffelskimmel IV	DK	2023
<b>Ecosol</b> - Eco-friendly solutions for the integrated management of late and early blight of potatoes	EU	2021-24
<b>EuroBlight</b> – A potato late blight network for Europe	EU	2007 -
Potato Early Dying complex – importance and implications	DK / PhD	2021-24
<b>N'TOP</b> - Northern tubers of potato	NKJ	2021-23
Late Blight epidemiology and control in Iceland	IS	2022-2023



## Integrated Crop Management and late blight

- Use a diverse set of more resistant varieties
- Keep plants healthy and strong (water, nutrients, healthy soils)
- More focus on prevention strategies and reduction of primary inoculum sources: e.g. crop rotation, healthy seed, eradicate dumps and volunteer plants & diversify e.g. by strip cultivation and more diverse use of varieties
- Use fungicide resistance avoidance strategies
- Include pathogen information and host resistance information in control strategies and weather based DSSs
- Monitor the stability of host resistance in time and space
- Monitor the pathogen population in time and space
- Use resistance inducers, biological control agents and low impact fungicides to protect R-genes and horizontal resistance in new and more resistant varieties
- Information and training / regulation and control

**Integrated Farming systems  
(Animals + Crops)**

**Integrated  
Crop Management (ICM)**

**IPM / IWM / INM  
(focuses on Pest and  
Diseases, Weeds and  
Nutrient management)**

**Systems approach, include  
time and space aspects**

**Crops and livestock**