Cement imports to the European Union – recent trends

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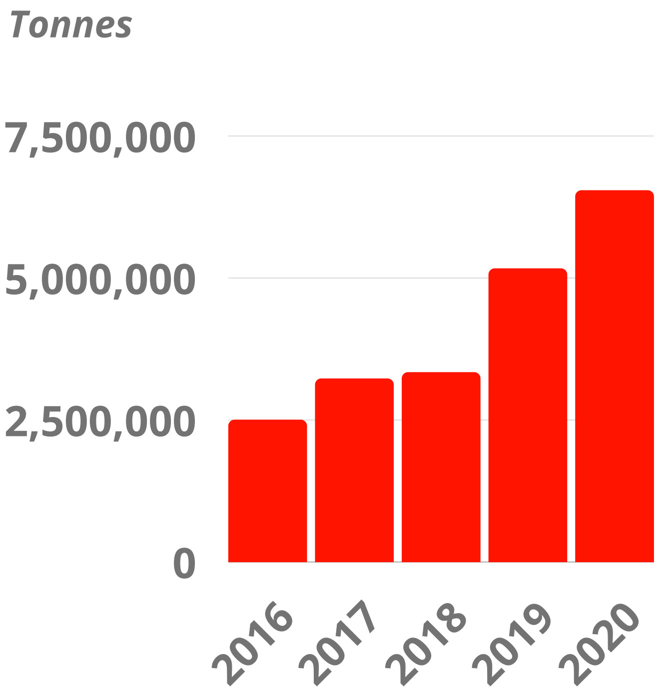


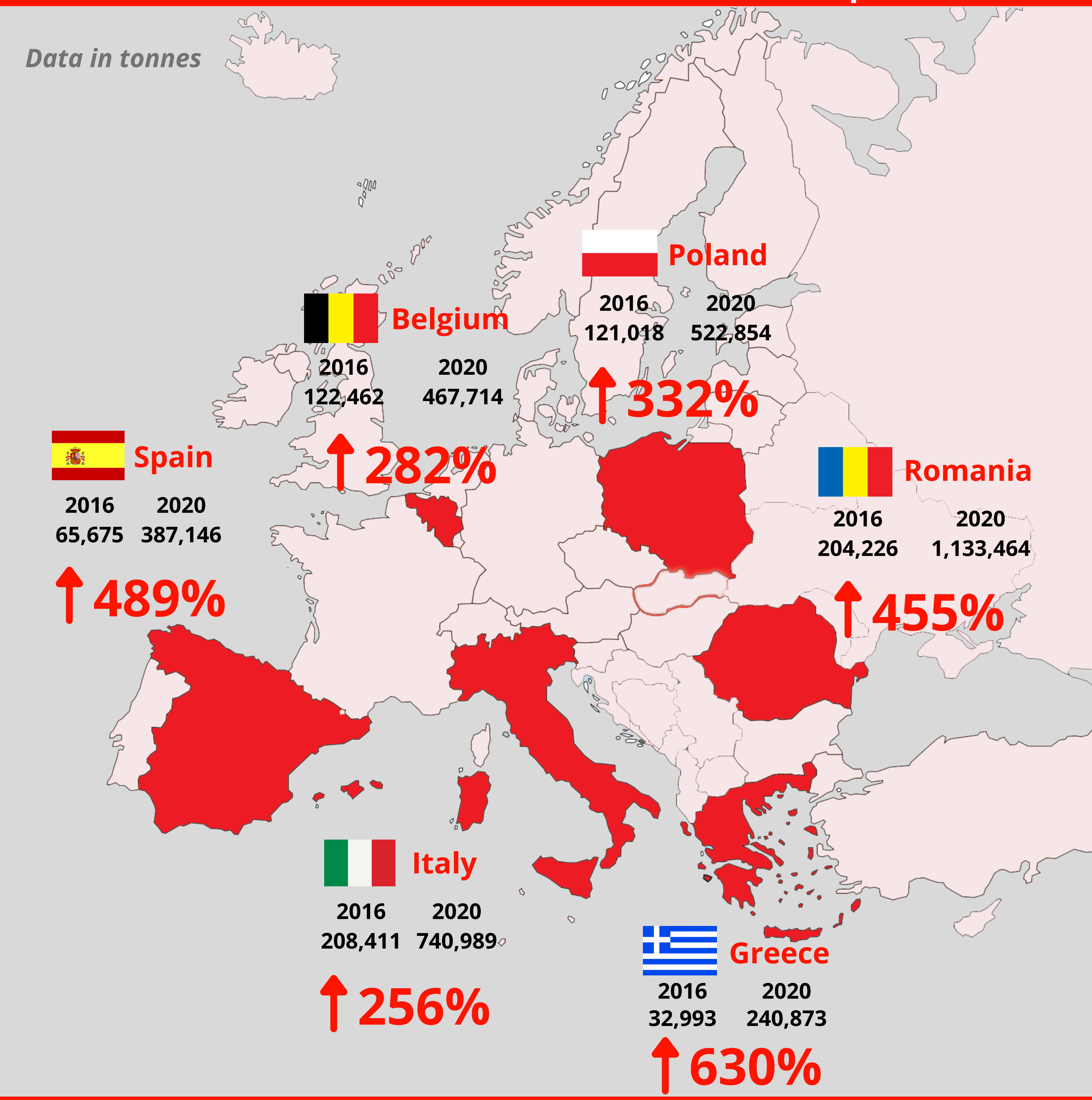
Despite EU ETS Free allocation, EU cement **imports from non-EU** countries have increased by **160%** over the past five years.

In 2020 alone, EU cement imports have increased by **25%**.

Imports are particularly strong in countries exposed to international trade routes.

Source: Eurostat

Focus on selected EU countries' cement imports



Emerging import trends and prospects

Significant **increase of capacity** at the EU's doorstep (70 million tonnes of integrated new capacity between 2018-2025) with low capacity utilisation (40-60%)

New "business models" emerging through the import of CO2-intensive clinker into grinding installations based in the EU

Given cement's CO2 intensity, **cements imports** are likely to continue raising exponentially alongside ETS prices, unless measures are put in place to **level the playing field** between EU and non-EU producers