

# Retail alliance, private labels and their impact on producers – experiences from the dairy sector

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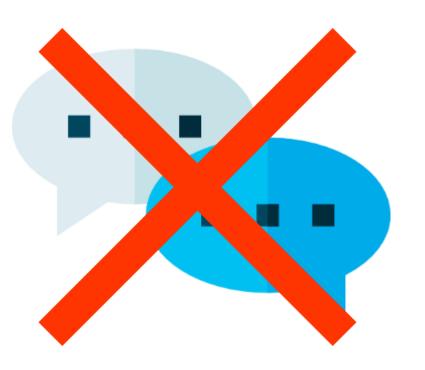
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#### **EDA Antitrust Statement**

- The caution statement has to be read at the start of each meeting.
- The aim of this is to serve as a reminder to all participants of the antitrust law requirements.

#### Antitrust caution statement:

Participants are reminded that they cannot and should not enter into any discussion or engage in any conduct that may amount to an infringement of any relevant competition law. In particular and by way of example, the participants will not disclose or discuss any commercially sensitive information on prices, on customers and or investments.

Message to new participants/partners or people taking part for the first time:

Please take note that taking part in the association is subject to having read and understood the antitrust guidelines of the association. If you have not yet done so, please do so now. All new members are requested to certify that they have read and understood the antitrust guidelines of the association and commit to comply with all applicable competition law rules.

The full papers – respectively the EDA and EWPA codes of conduct – have been sent to all participants before a meeting / handed out at the very beginning of a meeting. Signing the attendance sheet for a meeting is a declaration acknowledging an understanding of these rules.



### Retailer alliances & Private Labels

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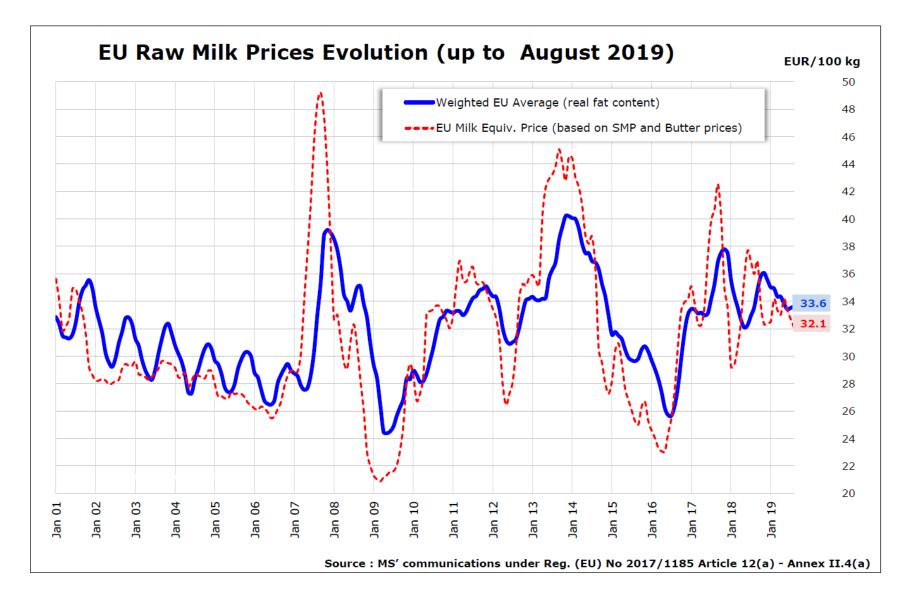


Article 39

#### (ex Article 33 TEC)

- 1. The objectives of the common agricultural policy shall be:
- (a) to increase agricultural productivity by promoting technical progress and by ensuring the rational development of agricultural production and the optimum utilisation of the factors of production, in particular labour;
- (b) thus to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, in particular by increasing the individual earnings of persons engaged in agriculture;
- (c) to stabilise markets;
- (d) to assure the availability of supplies;
- (e) to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices.
- 2. In working out the common agricultural policy and the special methods for its application, account shall be taken of:
- (a) the particular nature of agricultural activity, which results from the social structure of agriculture and from structural and natural disparities between the various agricultural regions;
- (b) the need to effect the appropriate adjustments by degrees;
- (c) the fact that in the Member States agriculture constitutes a sector closely linked with the economy as a whole.



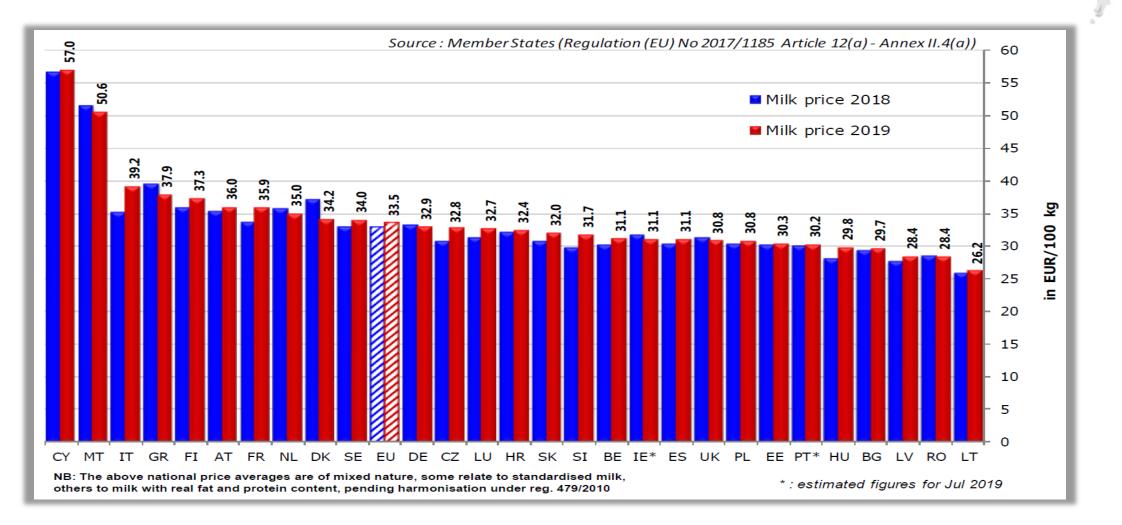


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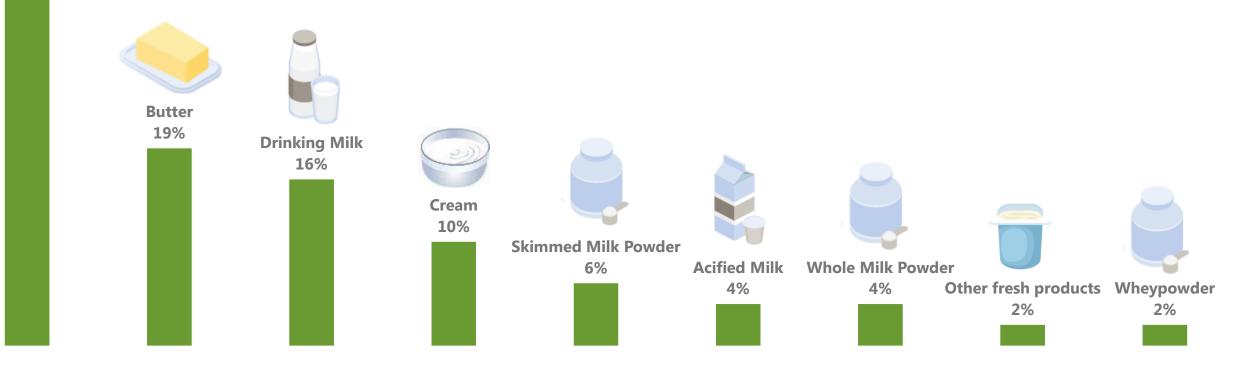
EU milk prices



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Cheese 37%



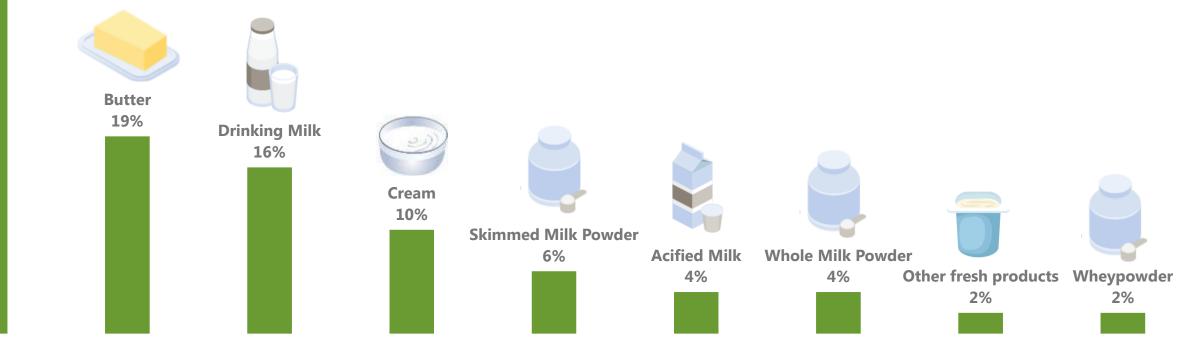


Cheese

37%

► 72% consumer products

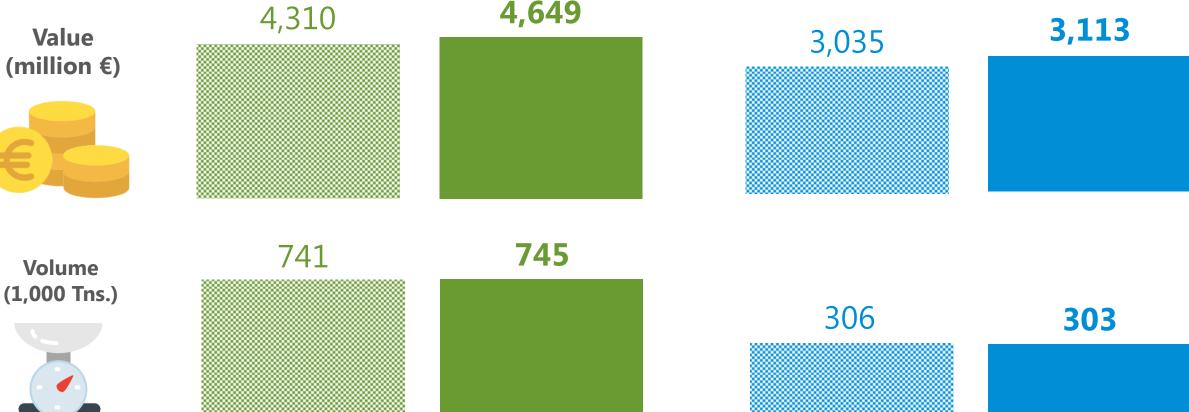
→ 28% further processing and HORECA



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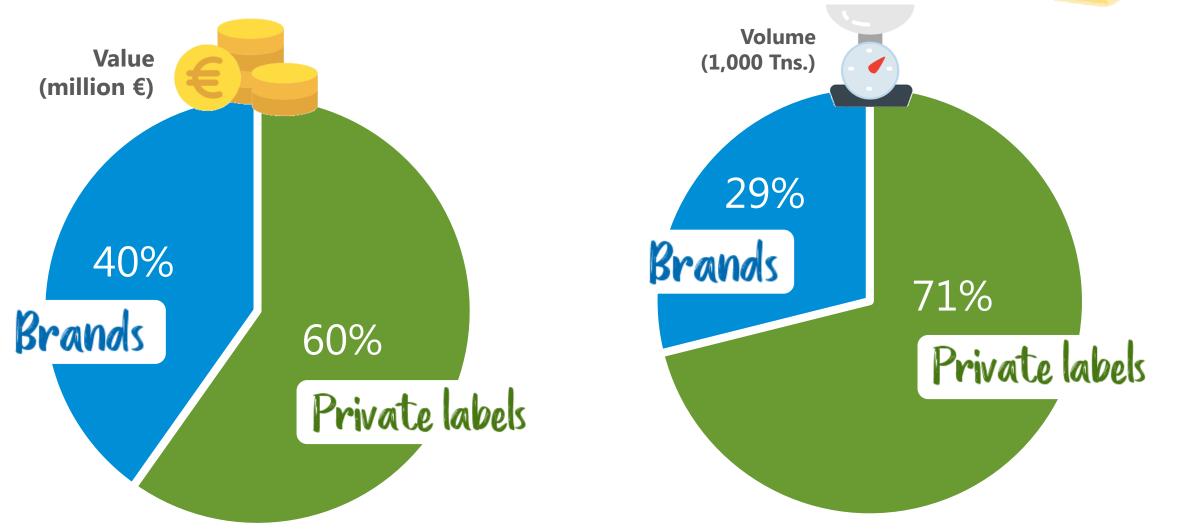








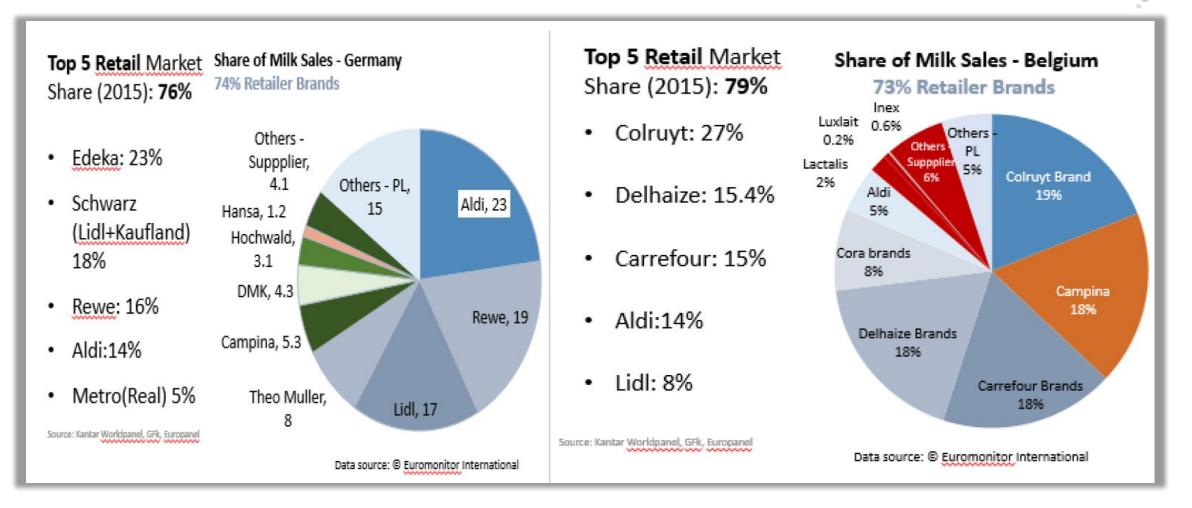






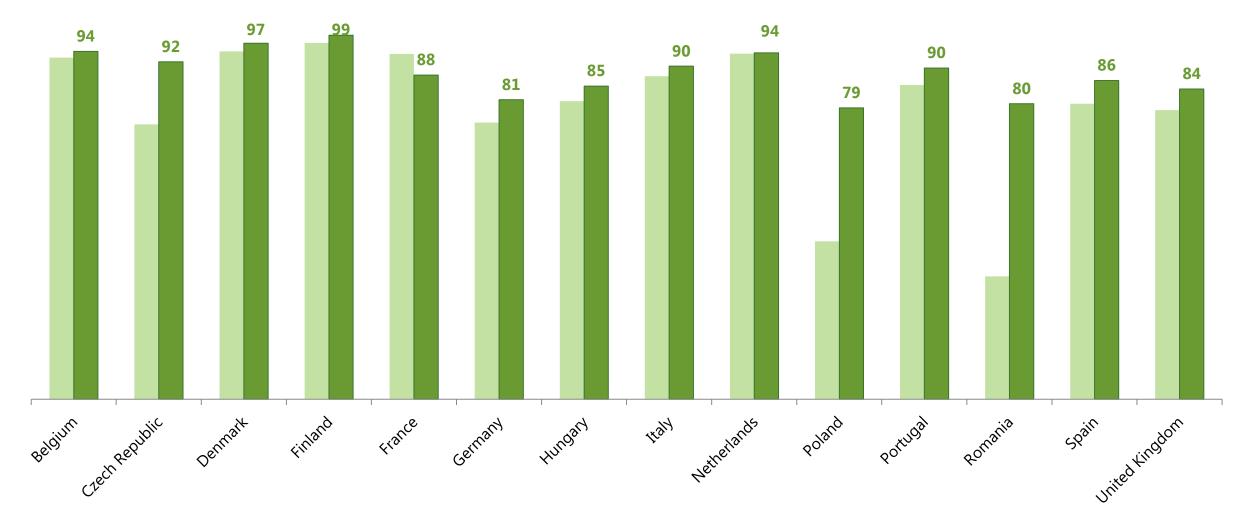
# Drinking milk

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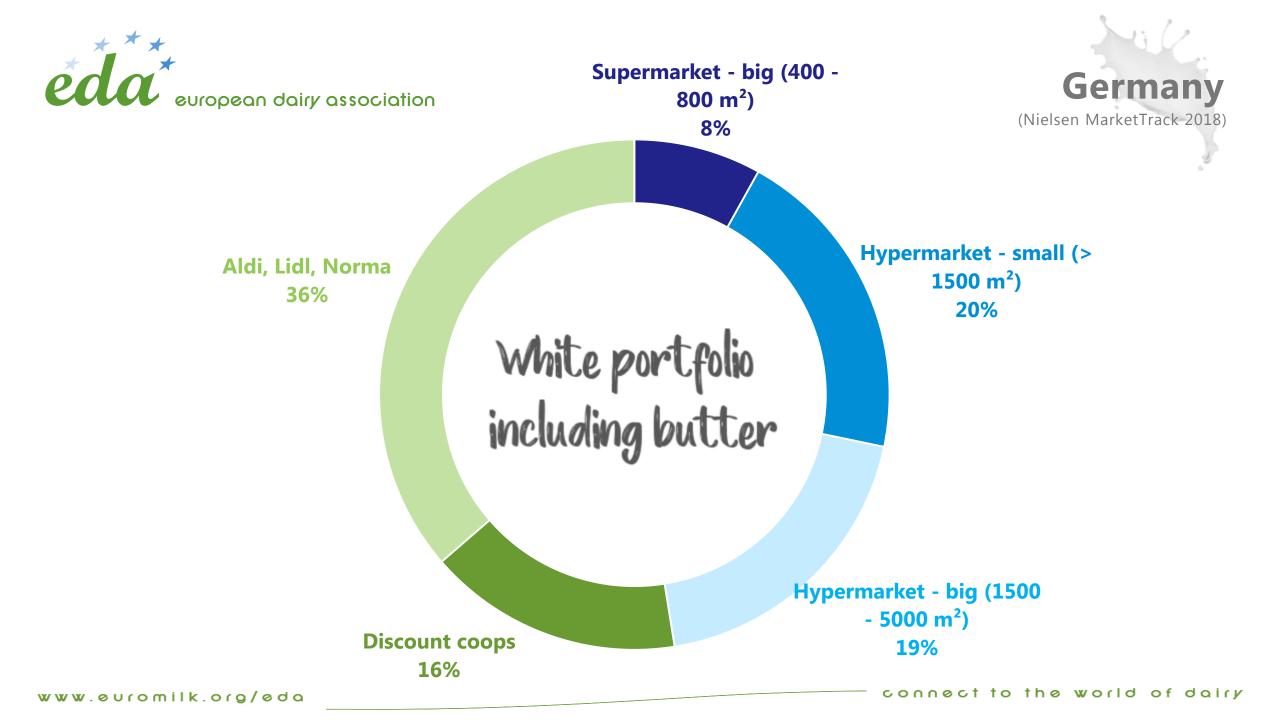


## No real alternative channels beyond Modern Grocery Retailers - share in % drinking milk distribution (2004-2012)

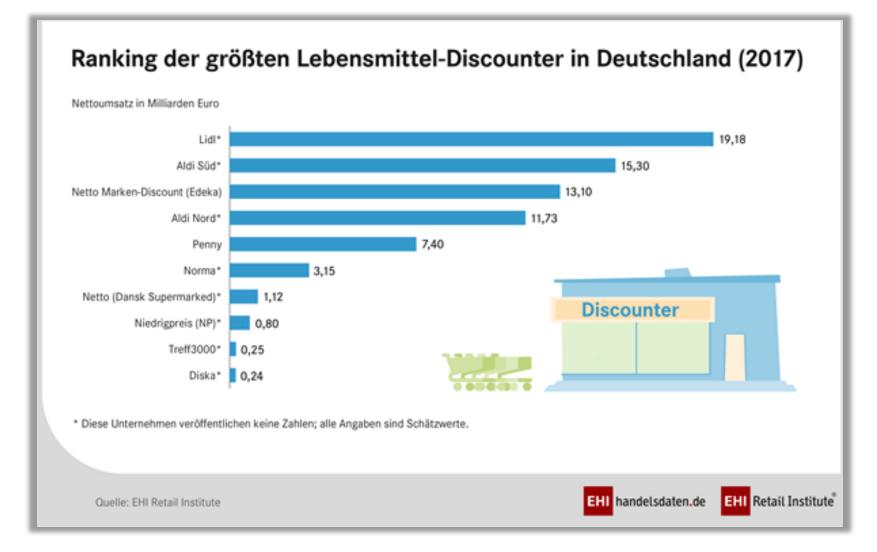


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