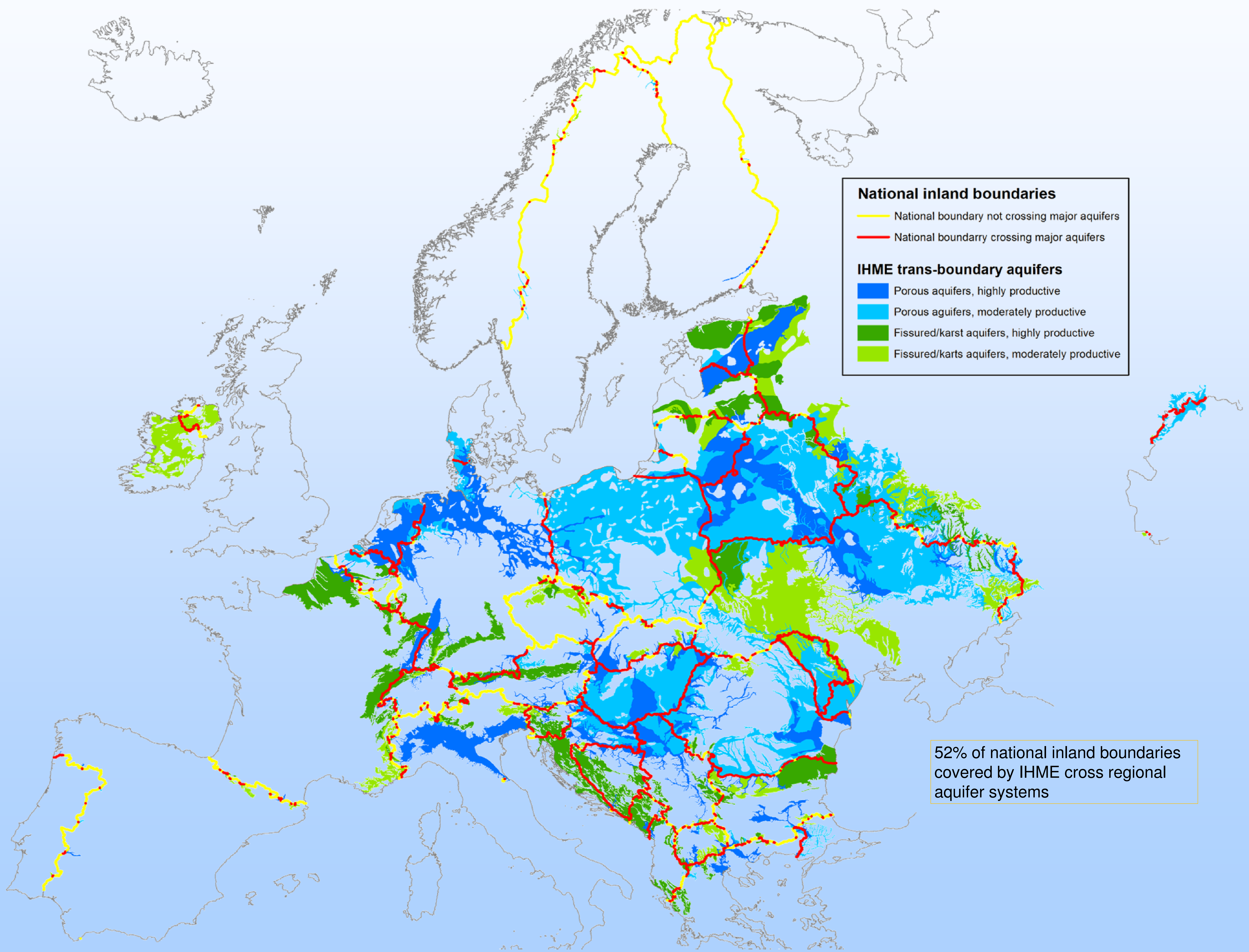


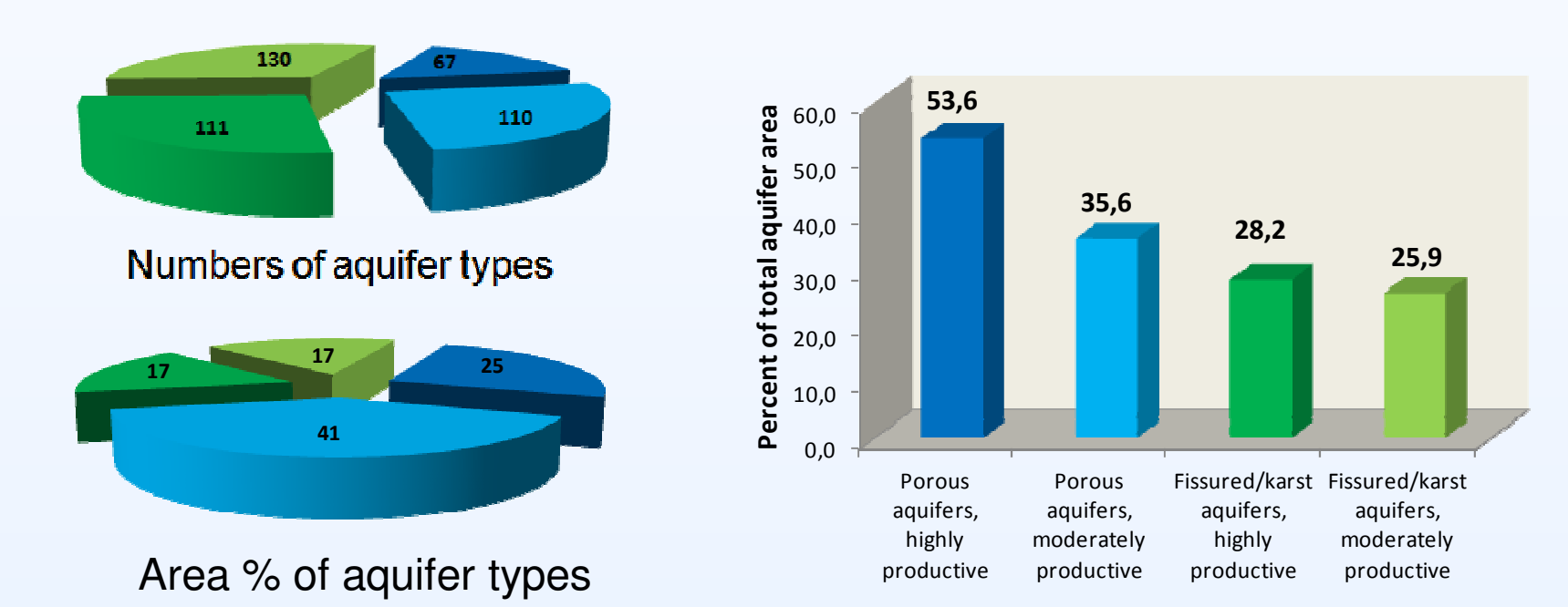
# Trans-Boundary Aquifer Systems in Europe deduced from IHME 1500

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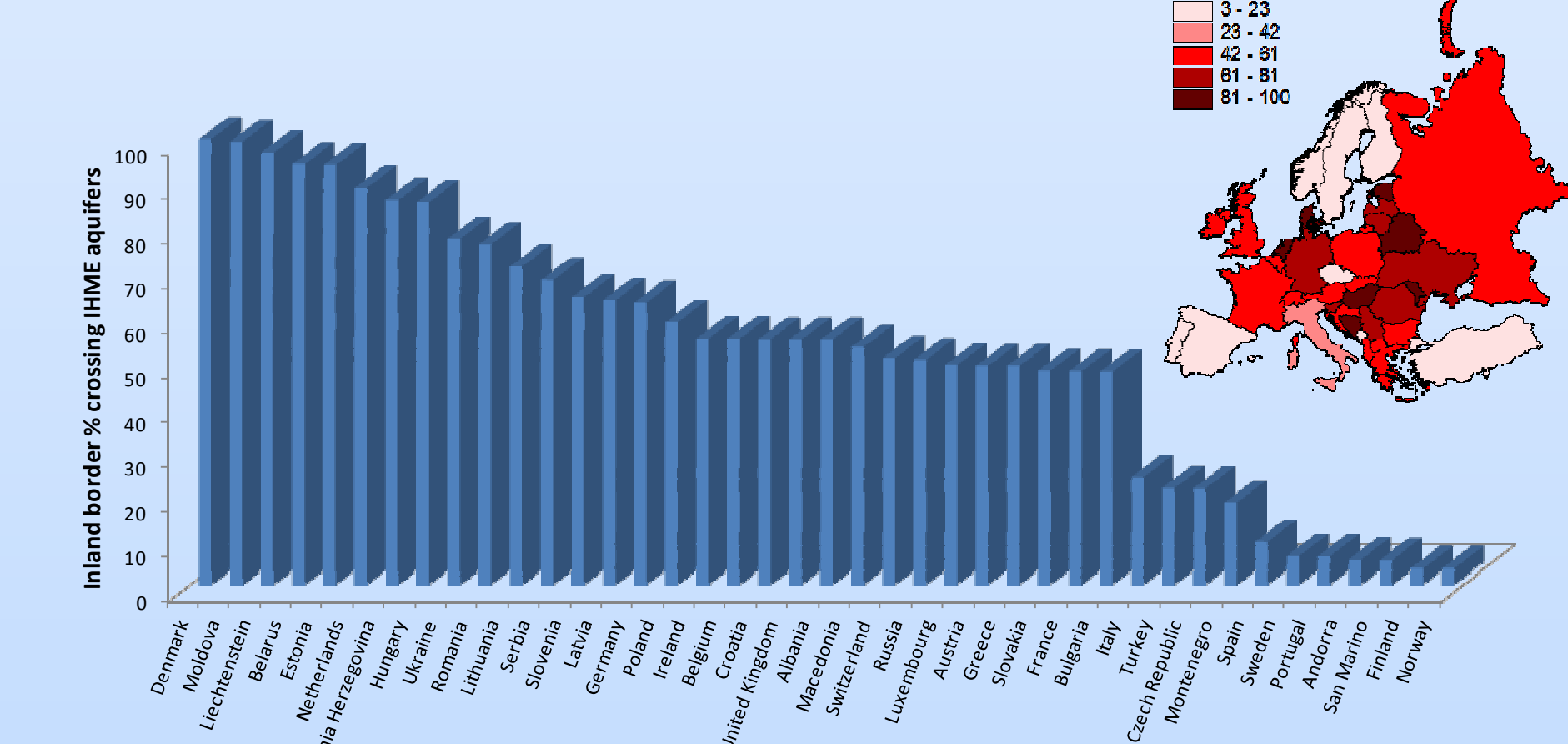
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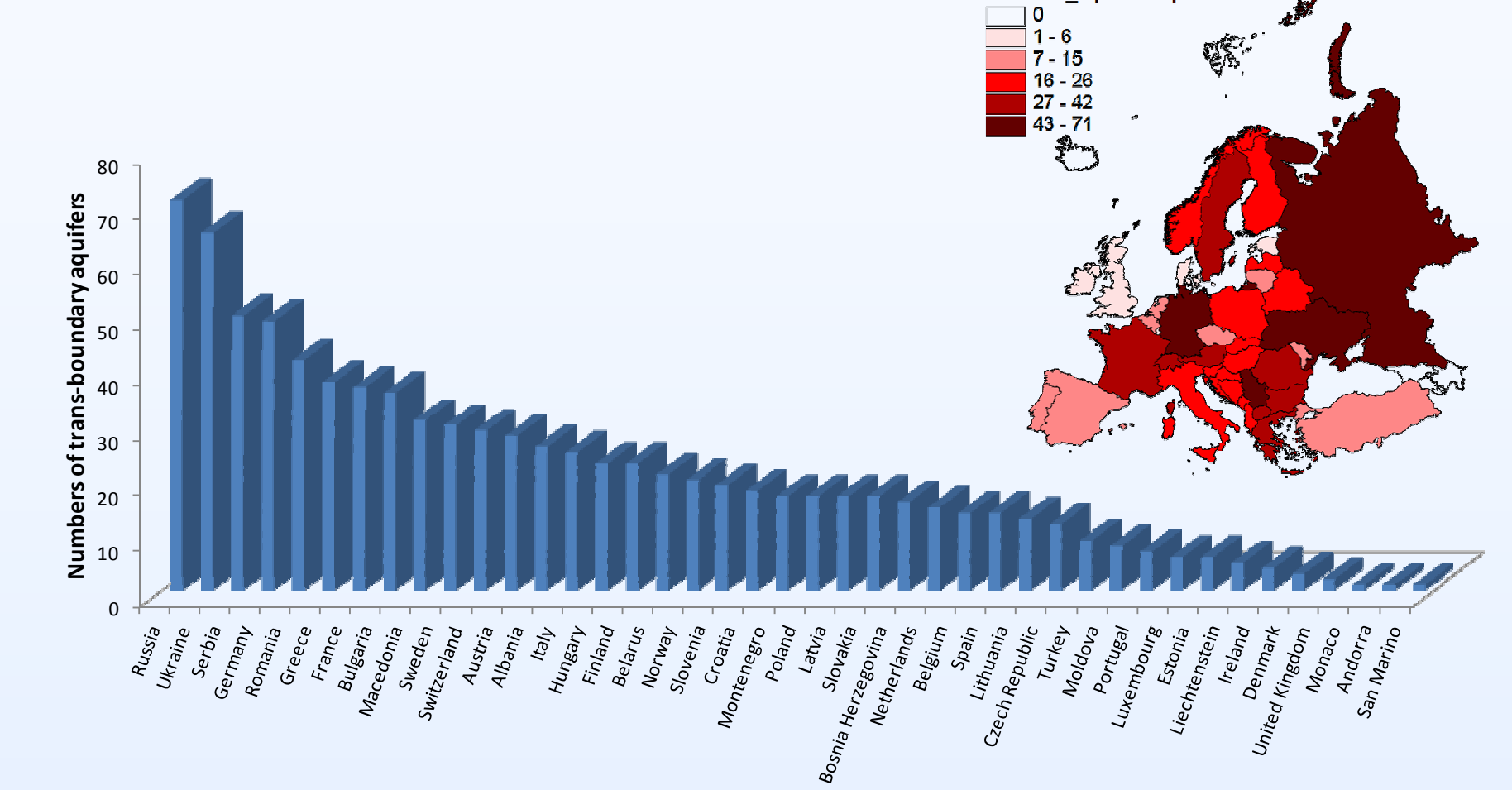
Regional continuous fissured/karst IHME aquifers crossing national inland boundaries are numerous but cover a comparably small bulk TBA area. > 50% of all regional highly productive porous IHME aquifers are crossing national inland borders.

➤ Subdivision of large regional IHME aquifer systems for trans-boundary assessments necessary

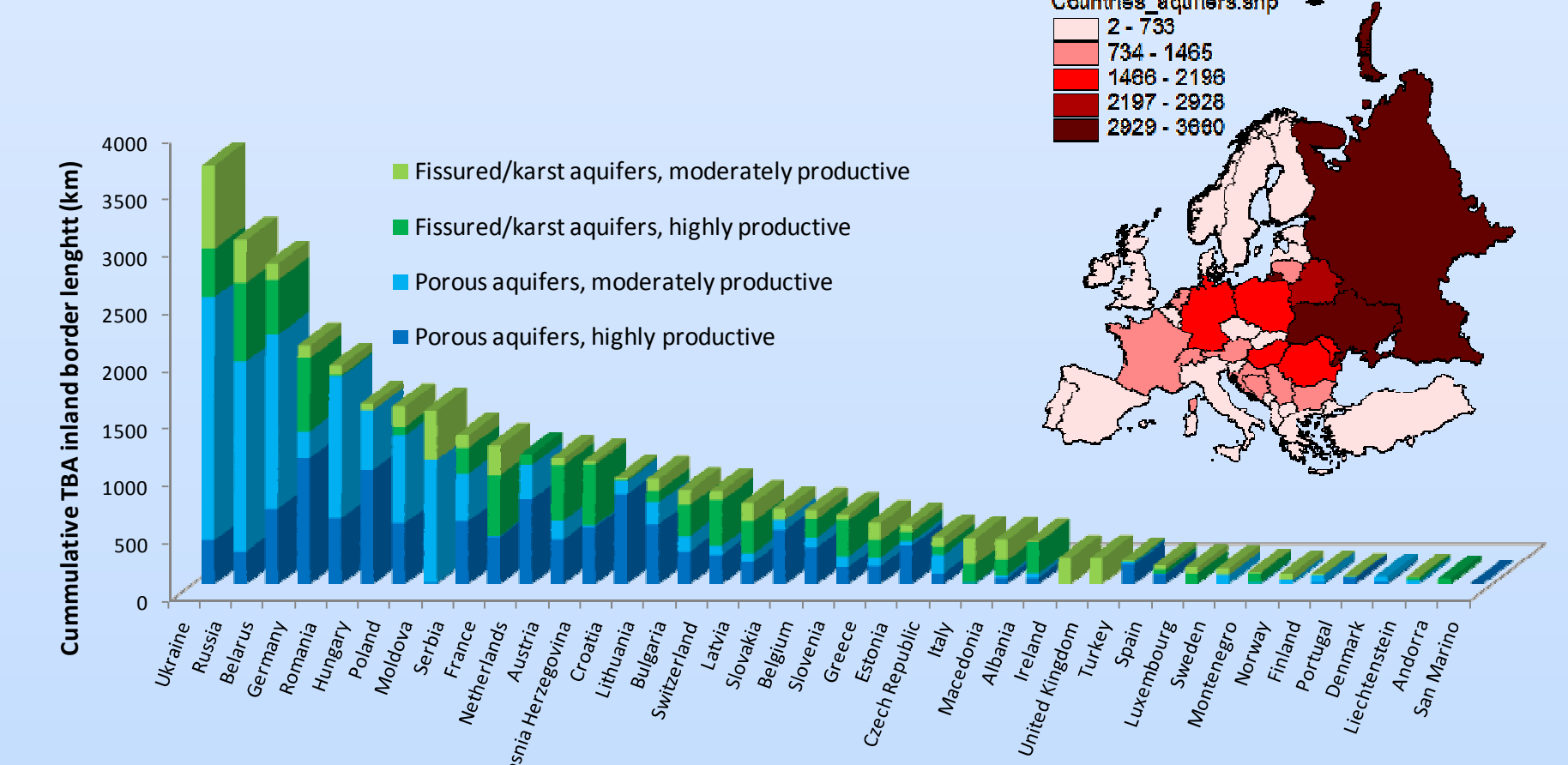
### Basic border statistics: Percentages of national inland boundaries crossing IHME aquifers



### Basic country statistics: Numbers of trans-boundary aquifers



### Basic border statistics: National inland border lengths occupied by specific aquifer types



### Some observations

- IHME 1500 can support a synoptic spatial delineation of trans-boundary aquifer systems across Europe and can serve for the identification of priority regions
- For a better geographic assessment, boundary conditions on typology-specific aquifer sizes and border separations have to be formulated
- Additional IHME information (lithology, GW divides, isolines, springs etc.) can allow for a more specific characterization of trans-boundary aquifers
- More detailed spatial assessment of IHME-derived trans-boundary aquifers can be conducted when aquifer-specific background information on transmissivities and storage coefficients are available
- A complete assessment of IHME TBA at the given analysis scale would require information on the stress conditions and vulnerabilities of specific aquifers