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Trade between Switzerland and the EU

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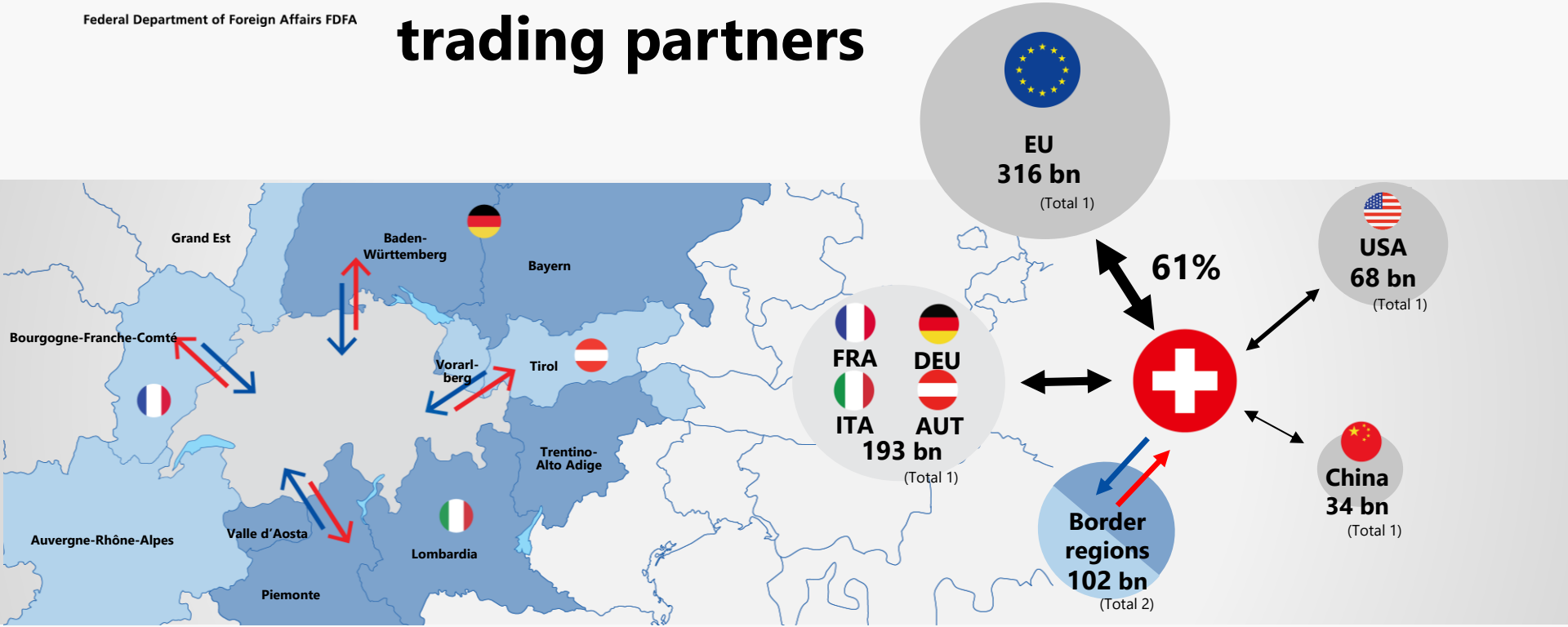
Switzerland's main trading partners



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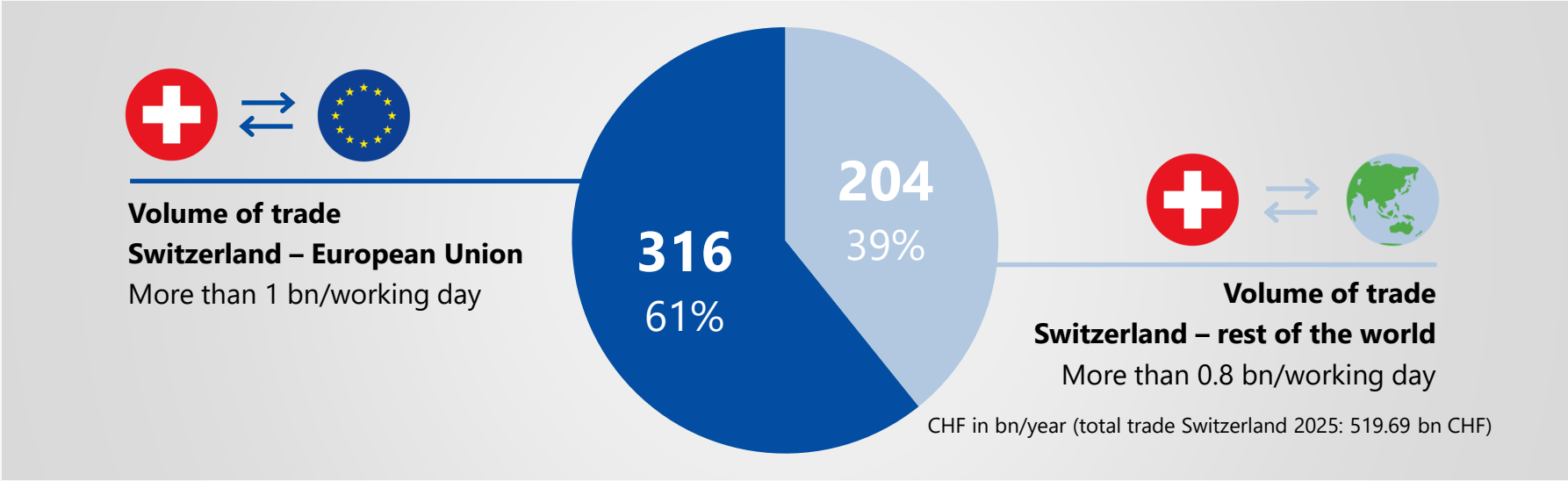
The EU: Switzerland's most important partner



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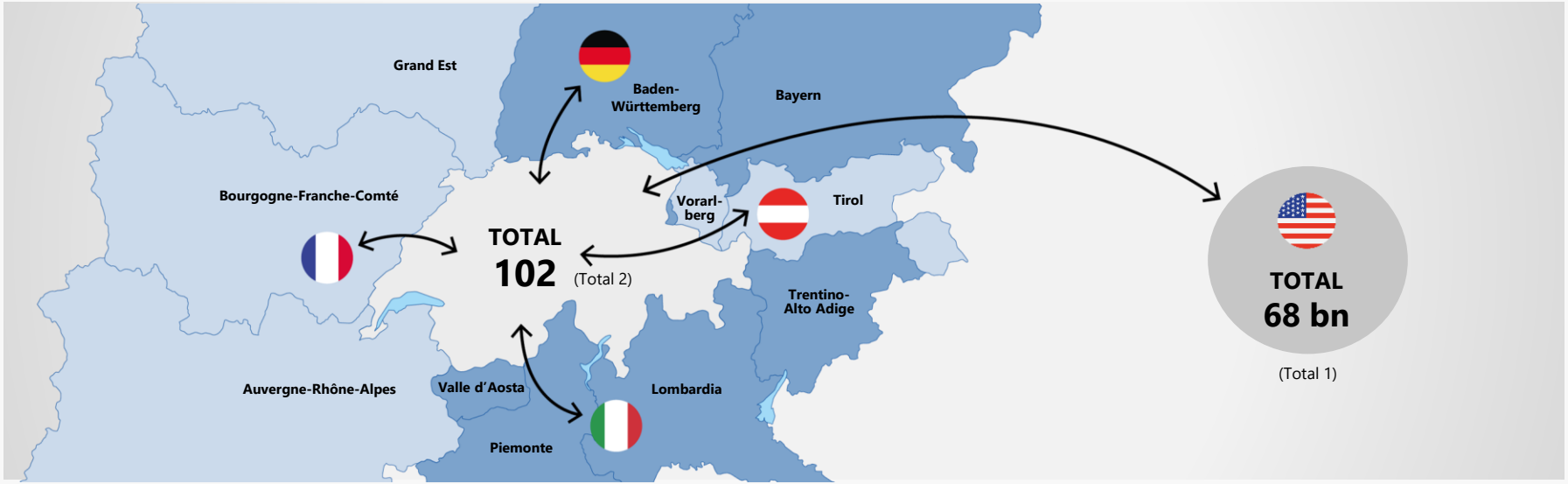
Extensive trade with border regions



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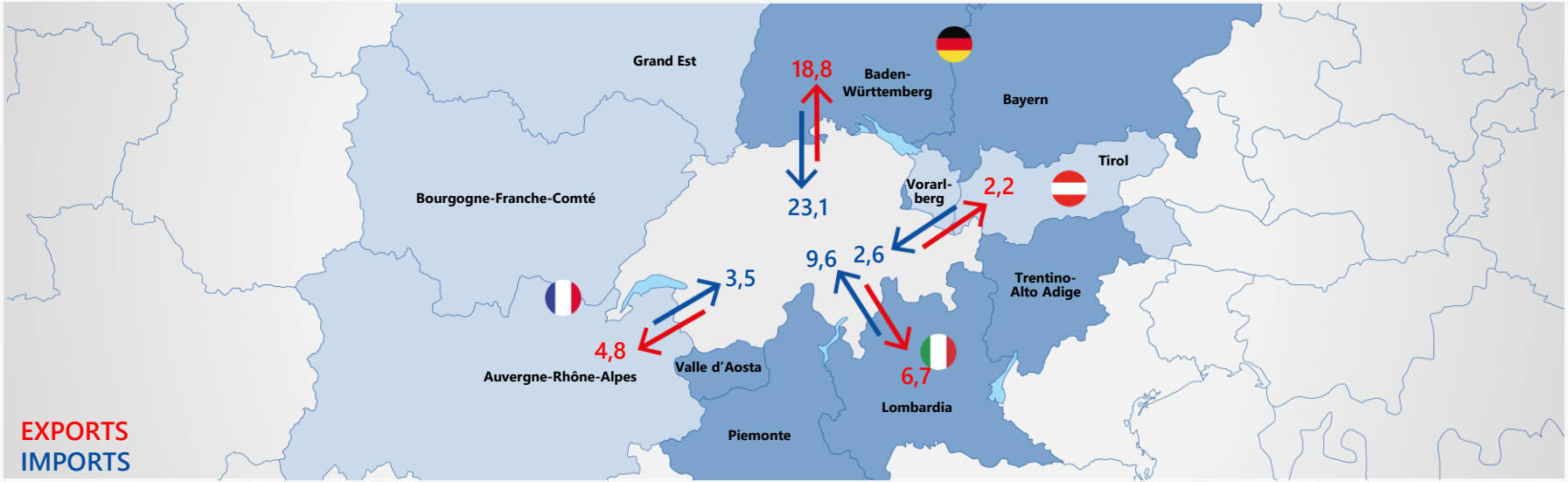

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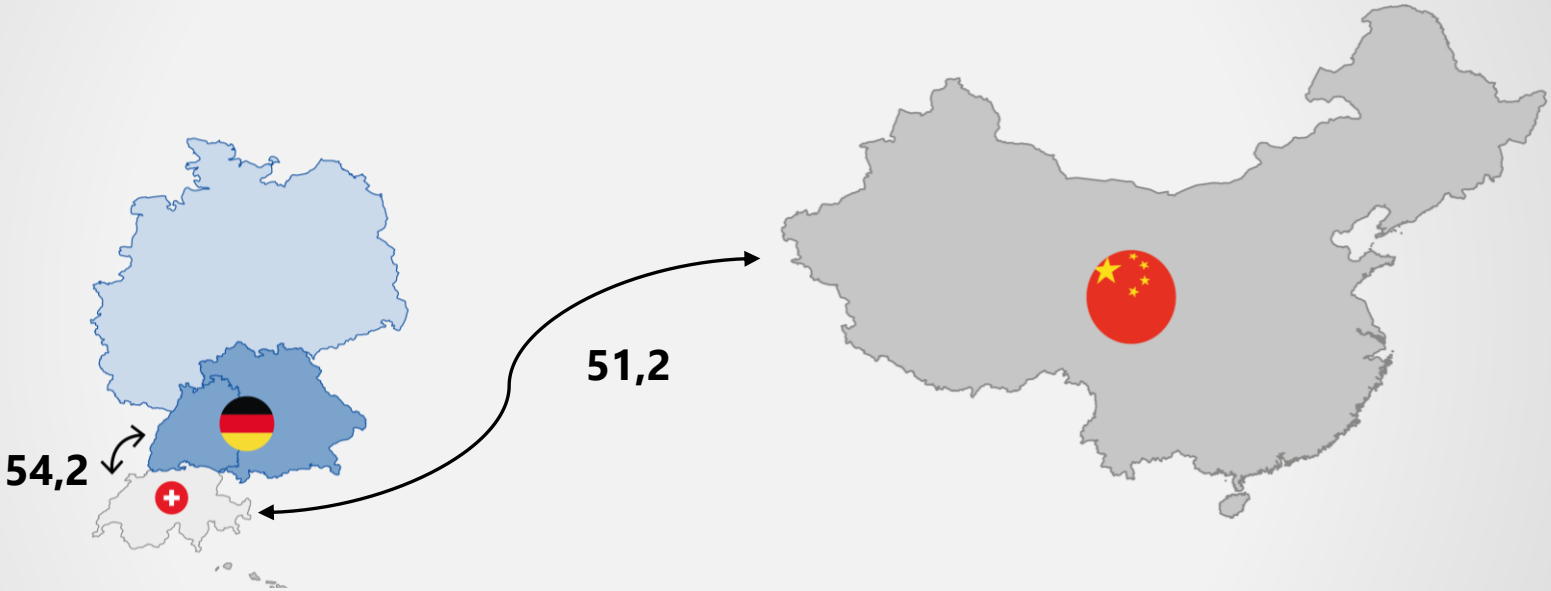
Trade with German border regions



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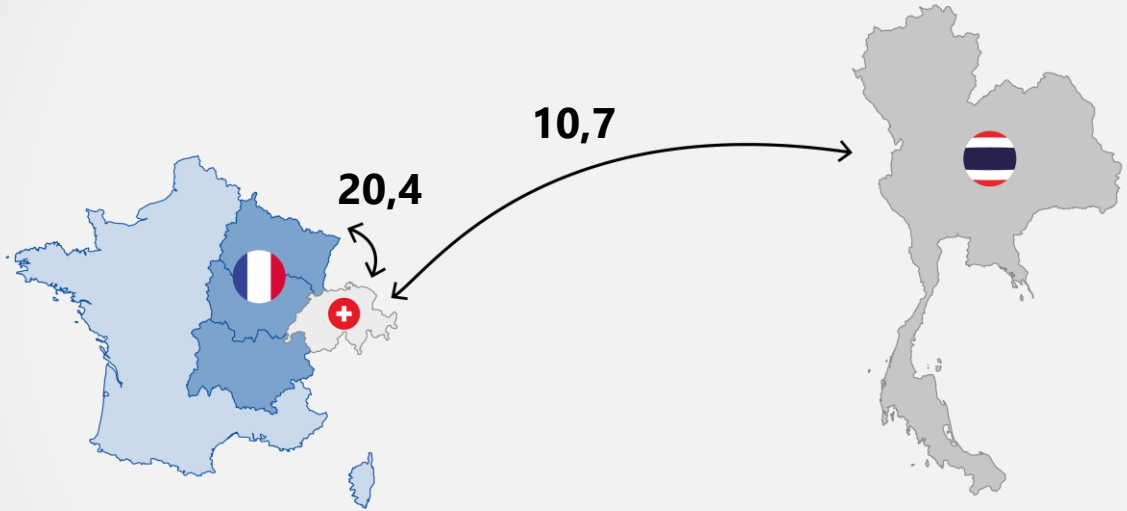
Trade with French border regions



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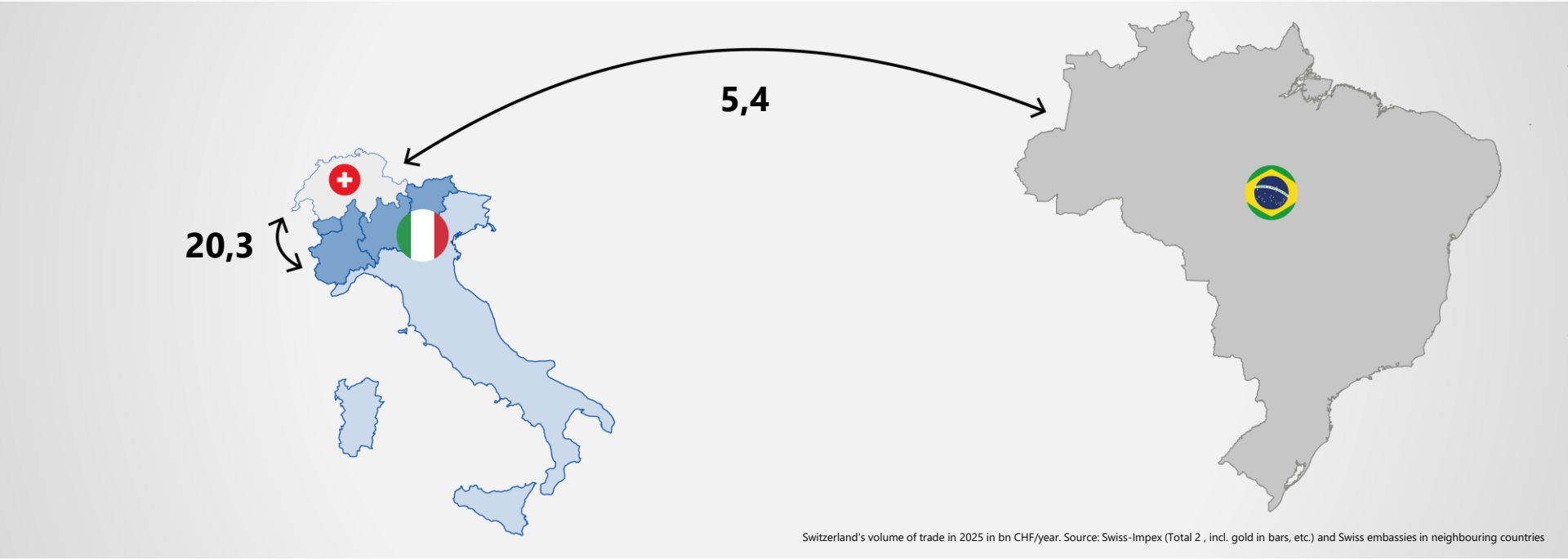
Trade with Italian border regions



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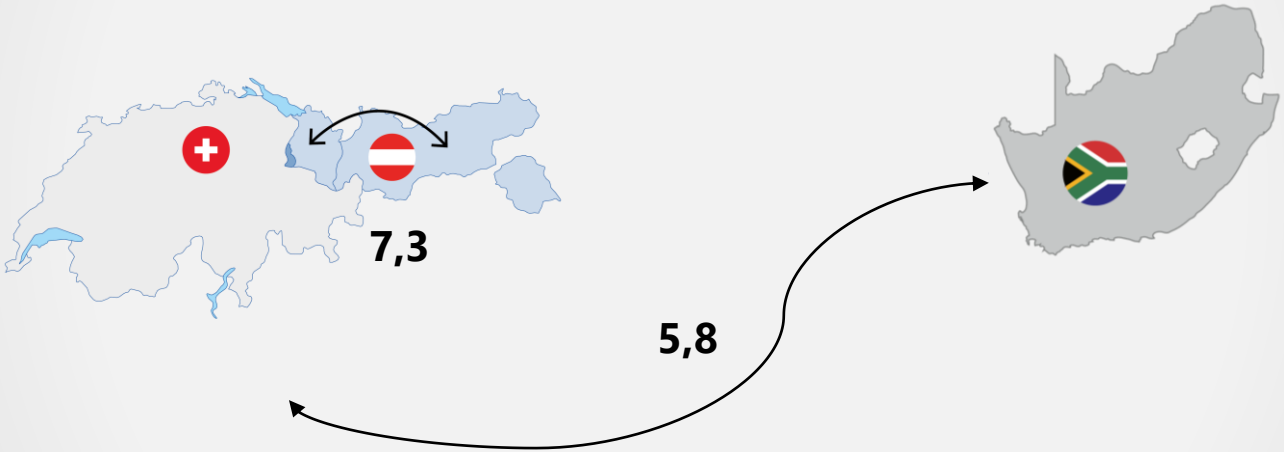
Trade with the Austrian border regions



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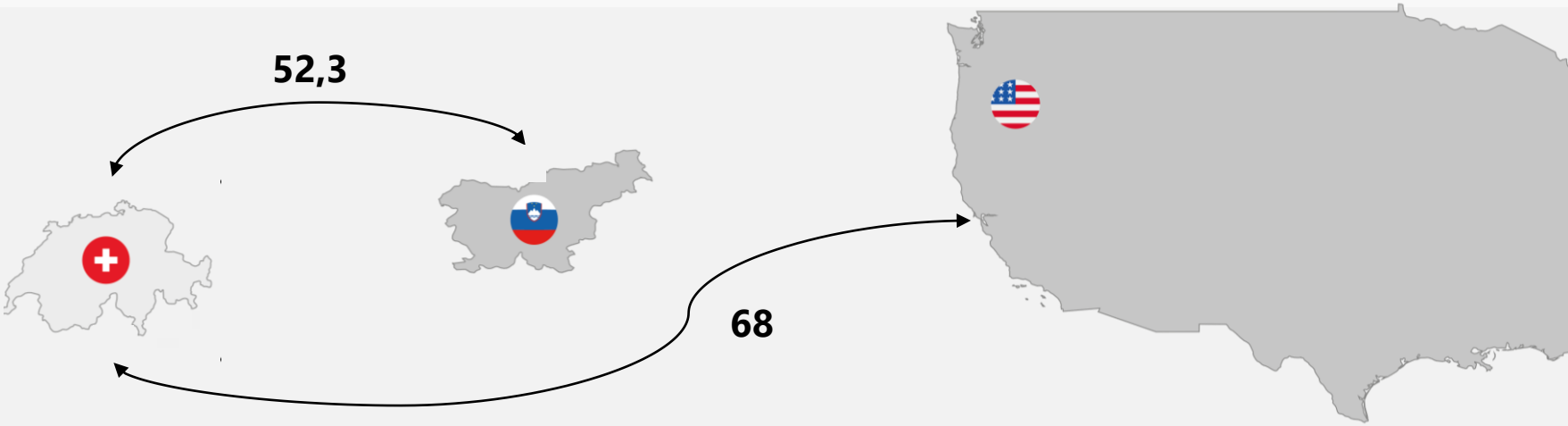
Trade with Slovenia



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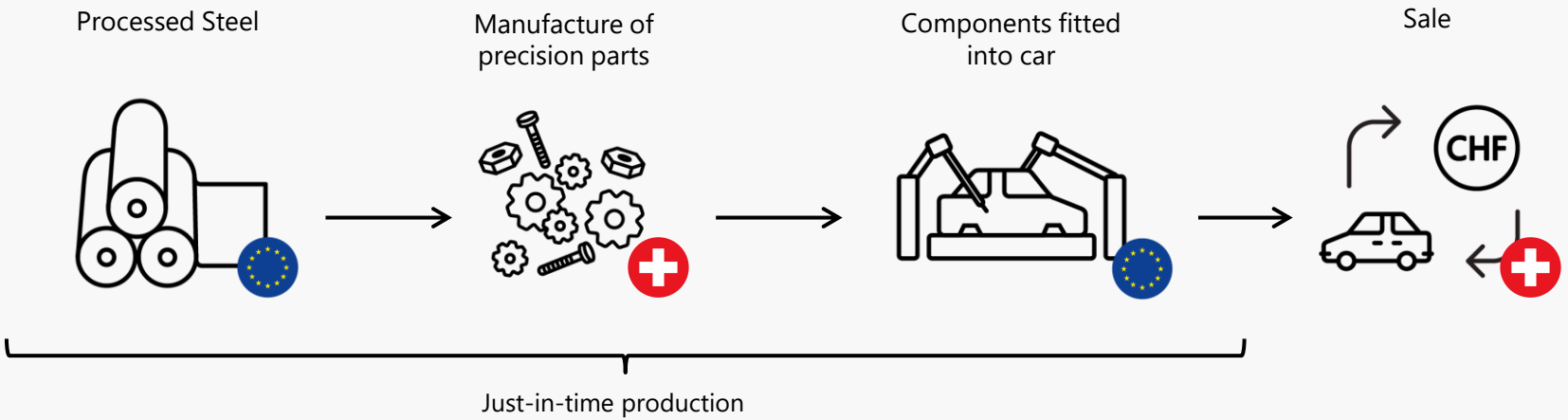
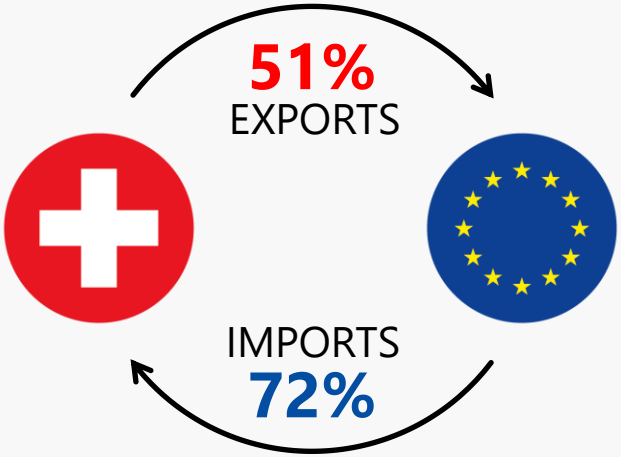
Automobile value chain



Swiss and EU industries: closely linked



Chemical and pharmaceutical products

EXPORTS **53%** IMPORTS **82%**

Precision tools, watches, clocks and jewellery

EXPORTS **32%** IMPORTS **61%**

Machinery, devices, electronics

EXPORTS **54%** IMPORTS **58%**

Exports and imports in 2025 in % of total trade. Source: Swiss-Impex (Total 1)

Switzerland–EU: a win-win relationship

Trade
Switzerland was the EU's fourth largest trading partner in 2025, after the US, China, and the UK (third in services)

Infrastructure
New Rail Link through the Alps (NRLA)
With the NEAT, Switzerland is providing one of the most important transport infrastructures for transporting goods within Europe.

Mobility
About 472'500 Swiss citizens live in the EU and around 1.5 million EU citizens live in Switzerland.

Around 400'000 cross-border commuters work in Switzerland

Swiss investments in the EU
Approx. CHF 630 billion invested in the EU (2025)

Switzerland is the third biggest investor in the EU after the US and the UK.

Emerging and future technologies
Switzerland supplies important components for the development of future technologies such as high-performance computers.

2025, Sources: Federal Statistical Office, Swiss-Impex

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