



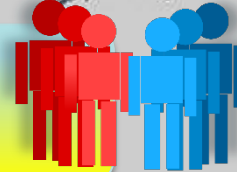
# **LDC participation in services exports**

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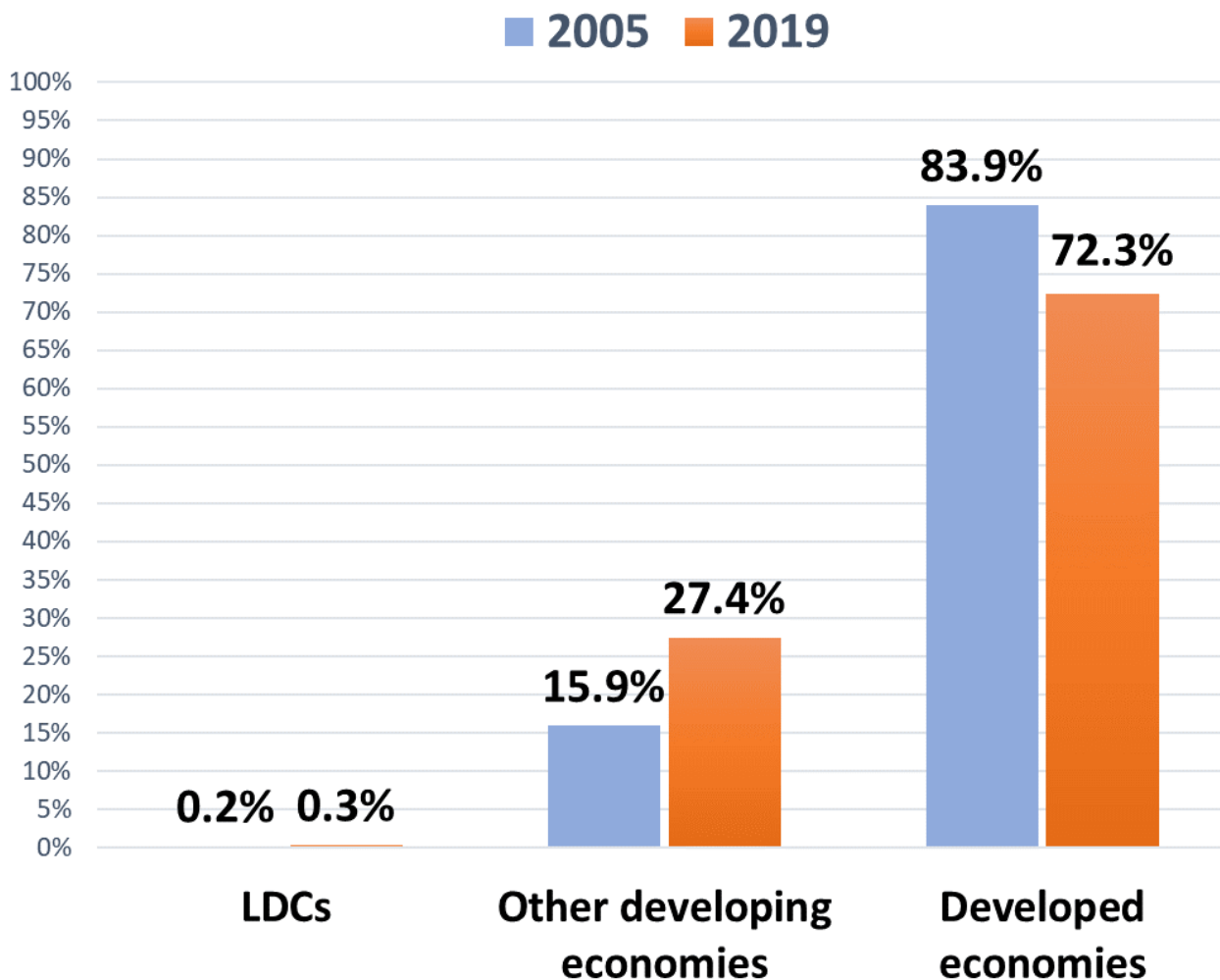
**LDCs: 46 countries** - Africa 33, Asia 9, Pacific 3, and Caribbean 1

**1 billion** people



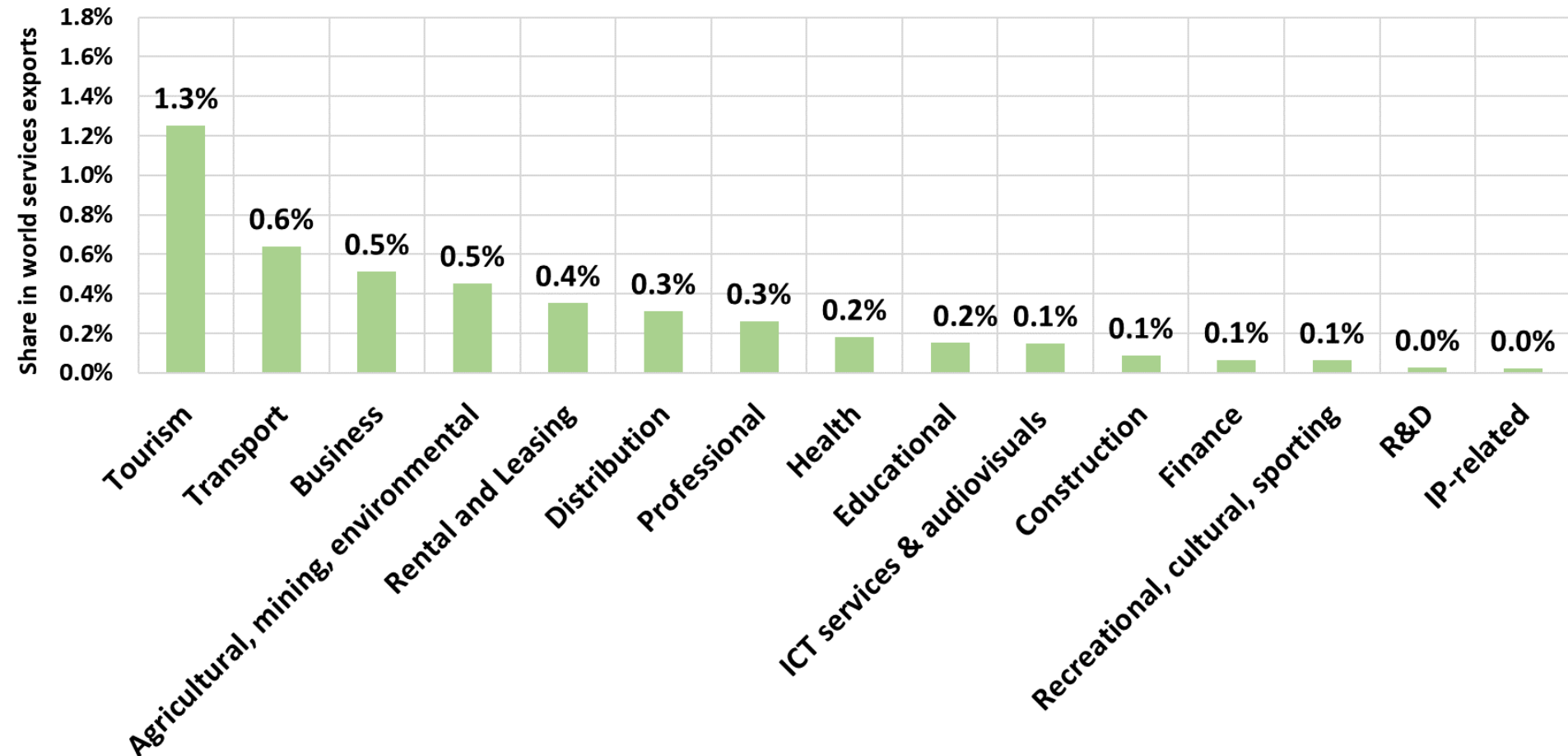
**0.3%**  
of world services  
exports

# LDC share in world services exports remains flat over the years



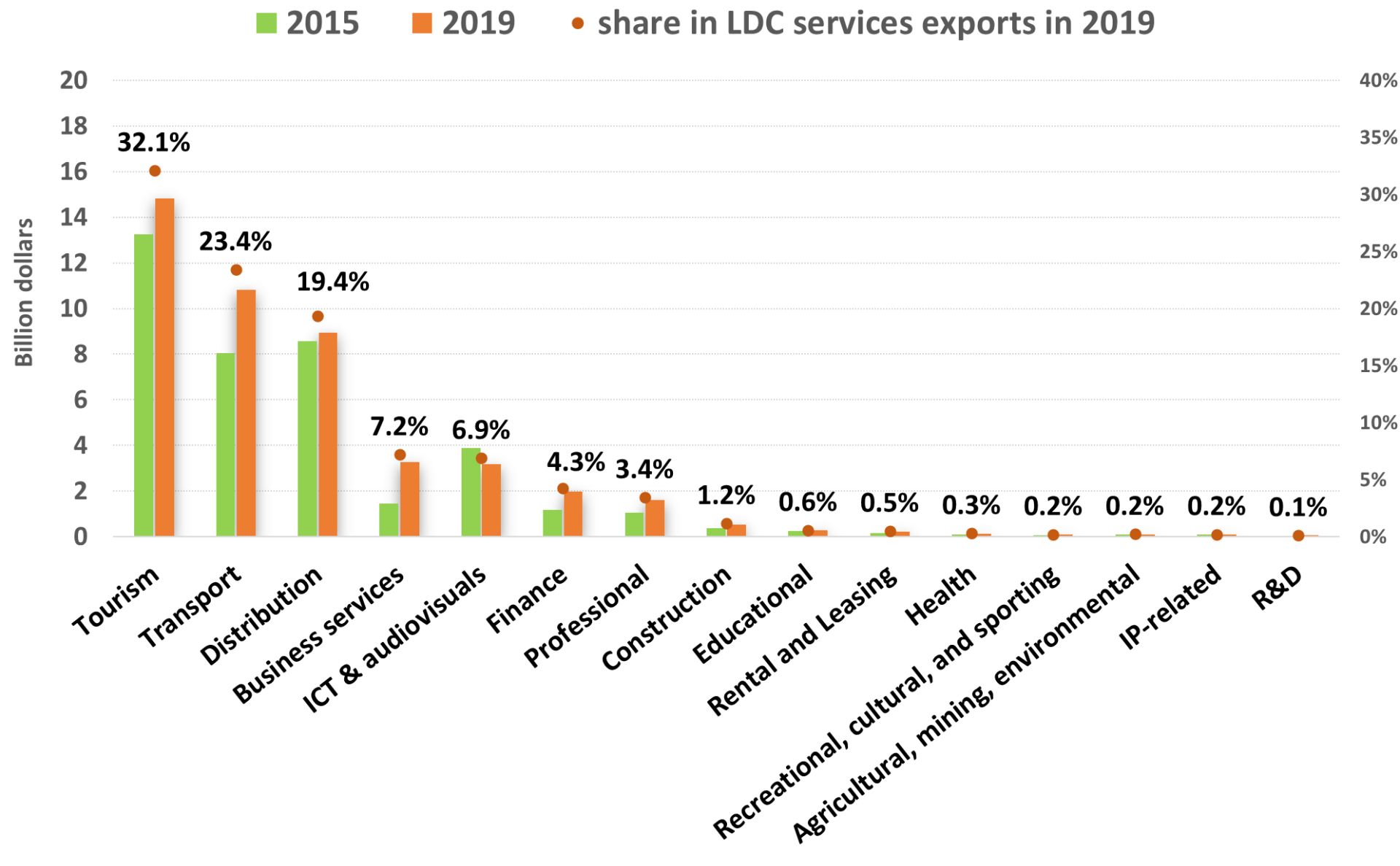
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# In 2019, LDC participation in global exports was well below 1% in most services sectors



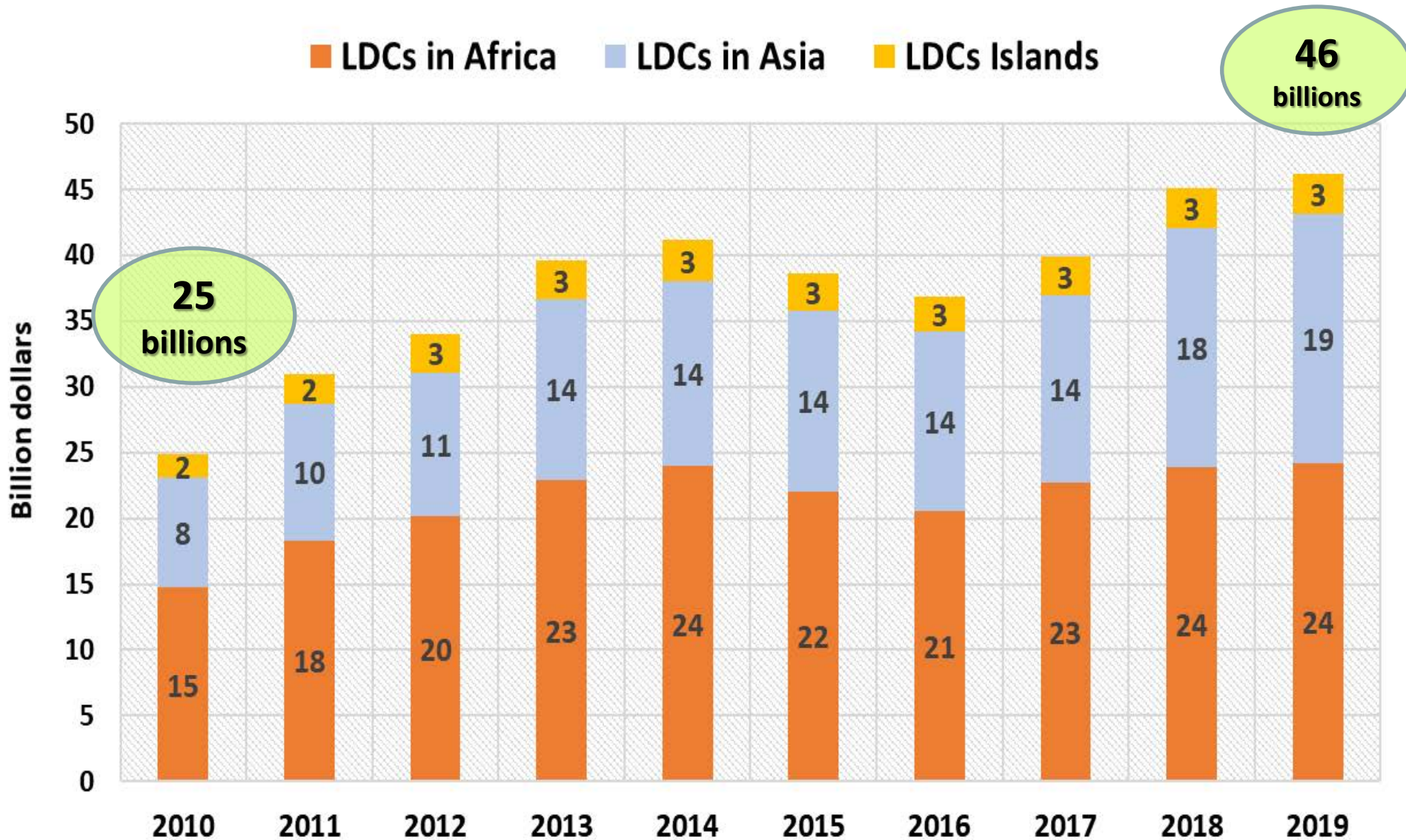
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# Tourism, transport and distribution the largest sectors, business and professional services increased most

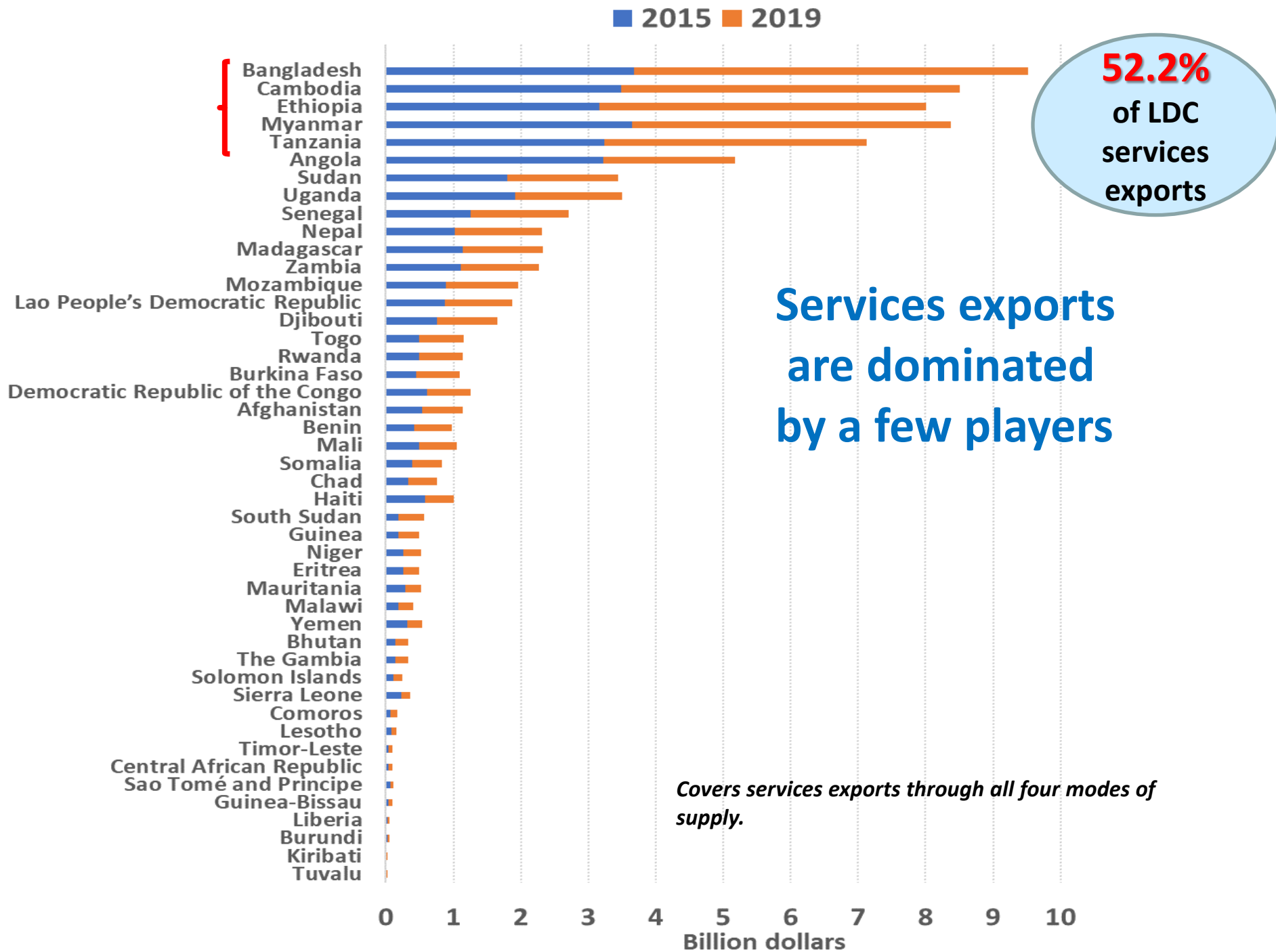




# Services exports grew rapidly in Asian LDCs



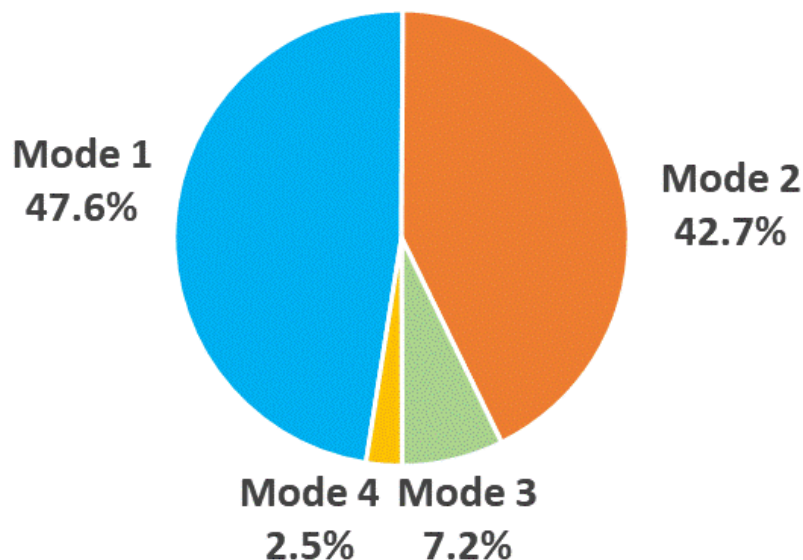
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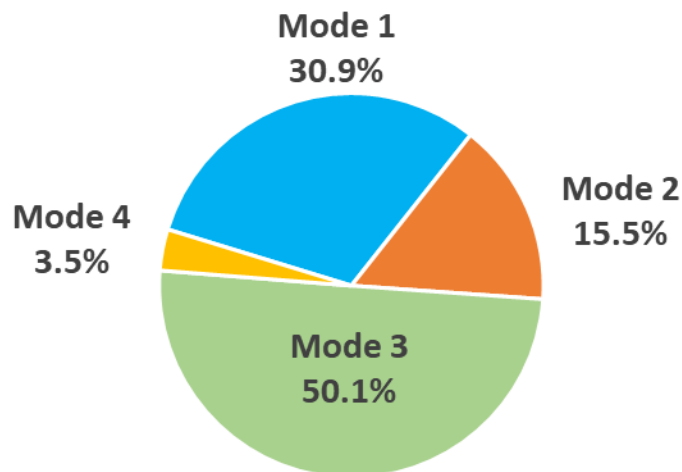
# LDC services exports by mode of supply

**2019**

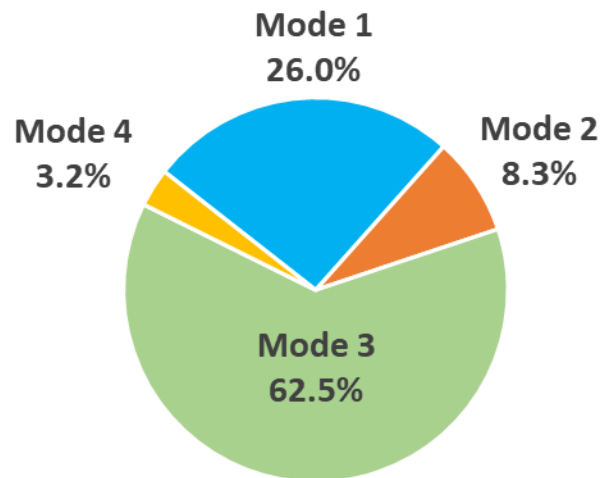
## LDCs



## Other developing economies

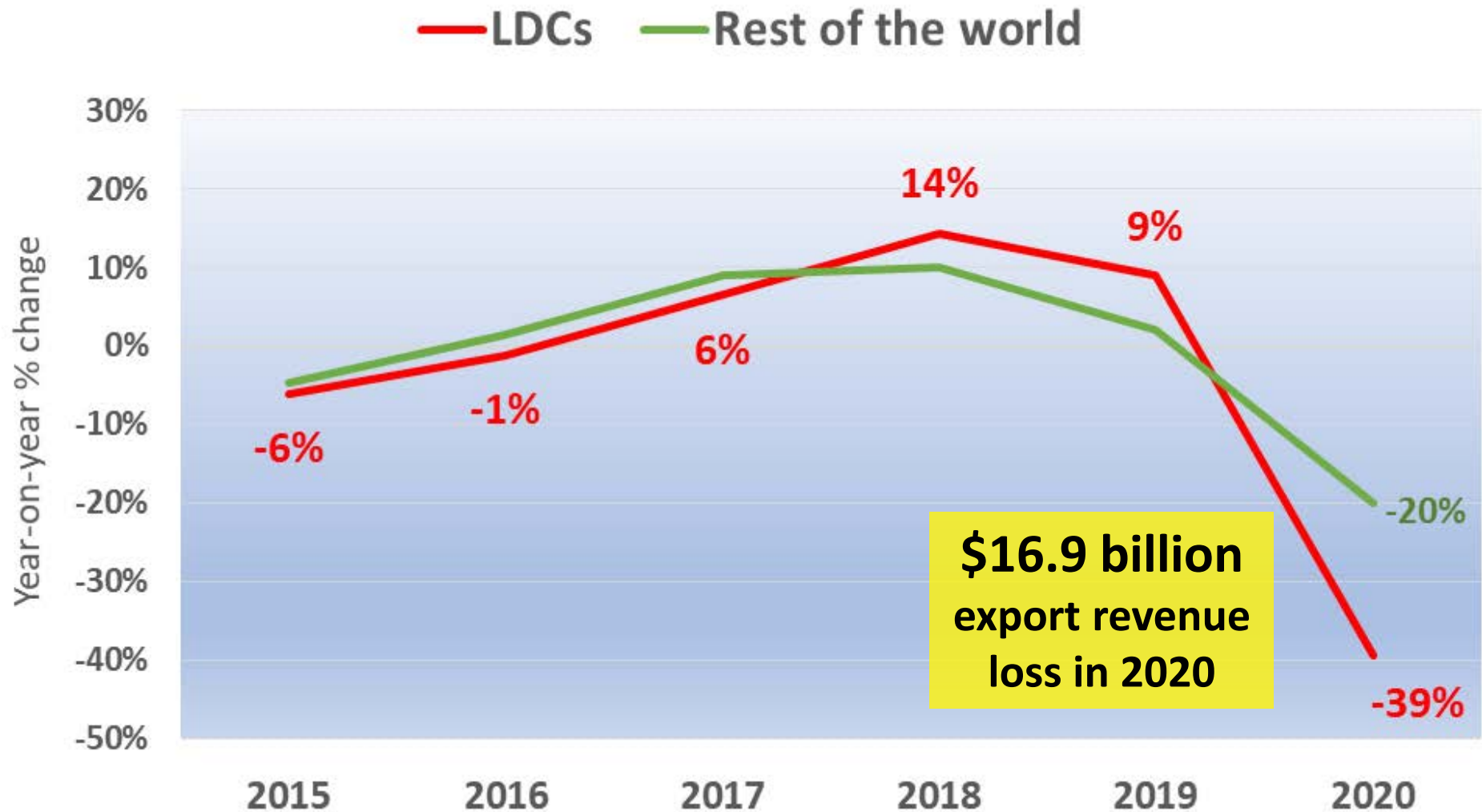


## Developed economies

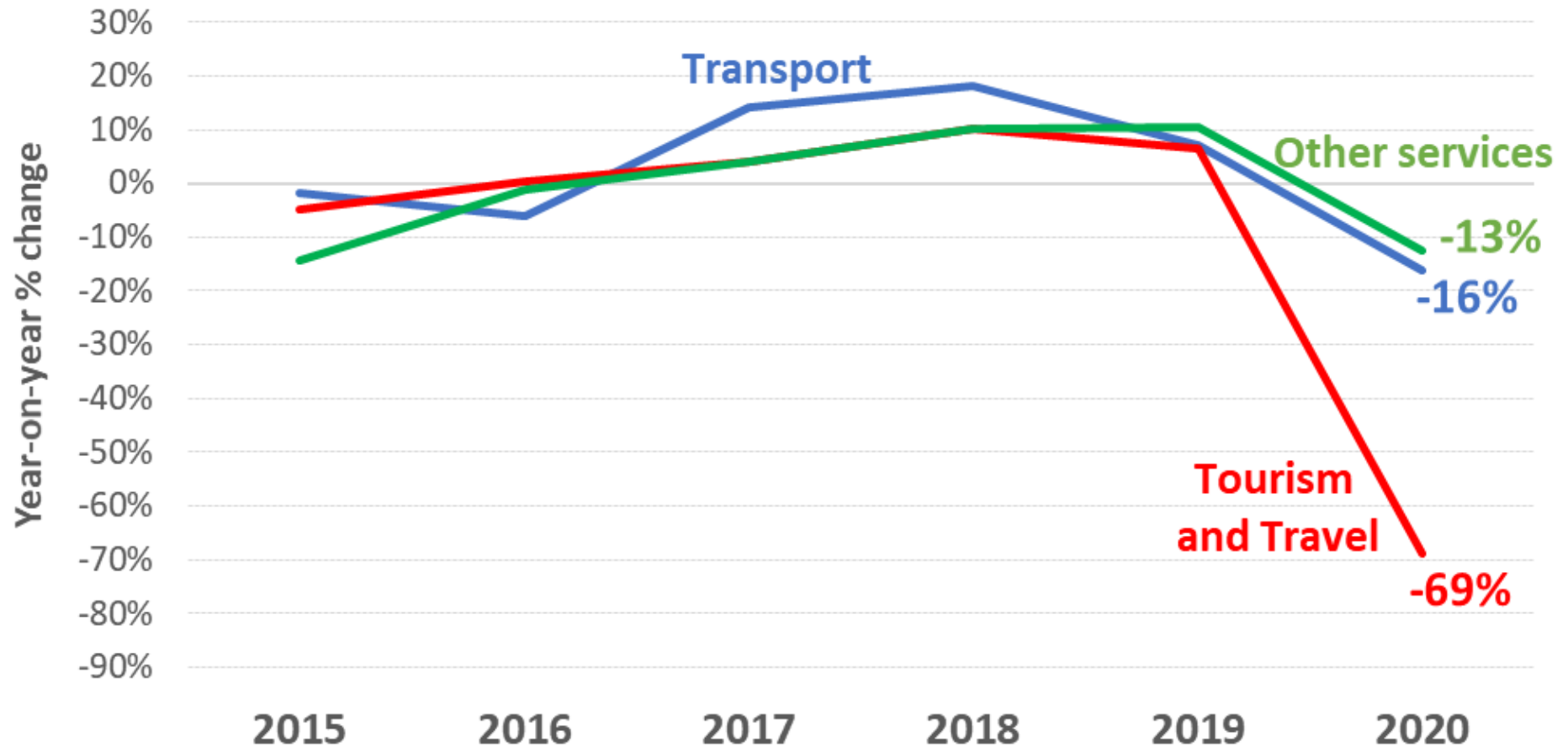




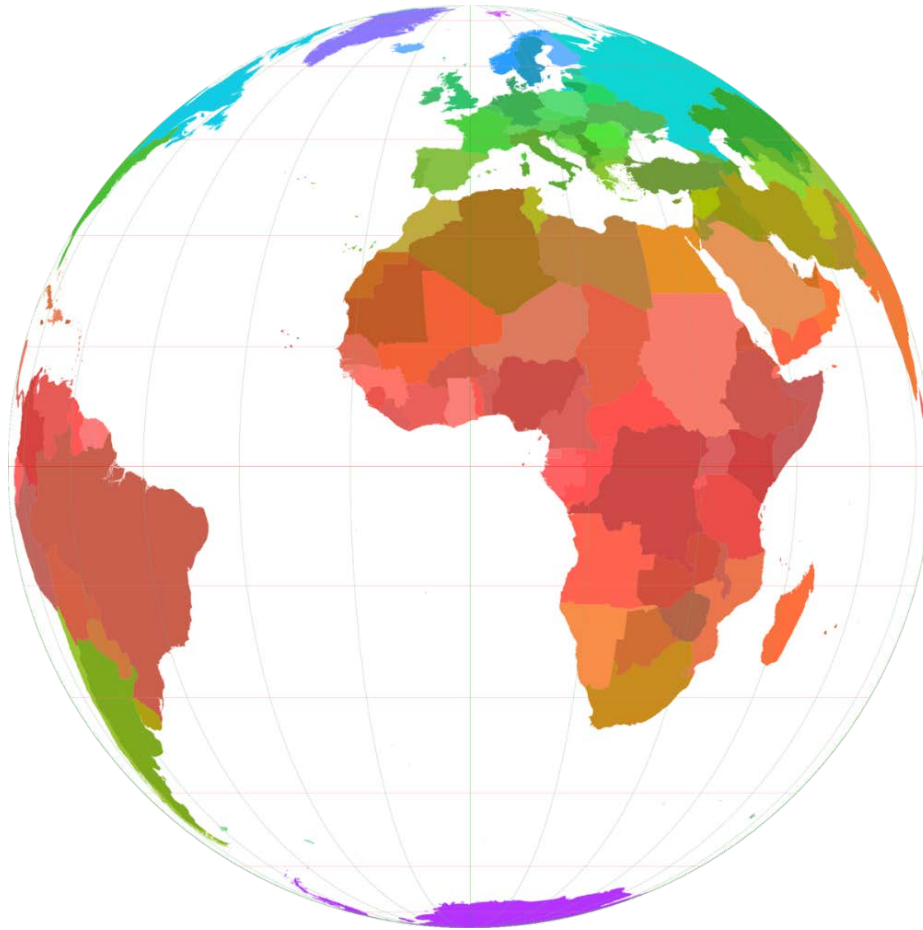
# LDC services exports collapsed in 2020



## ...as tourism was ravaged by the pandemic



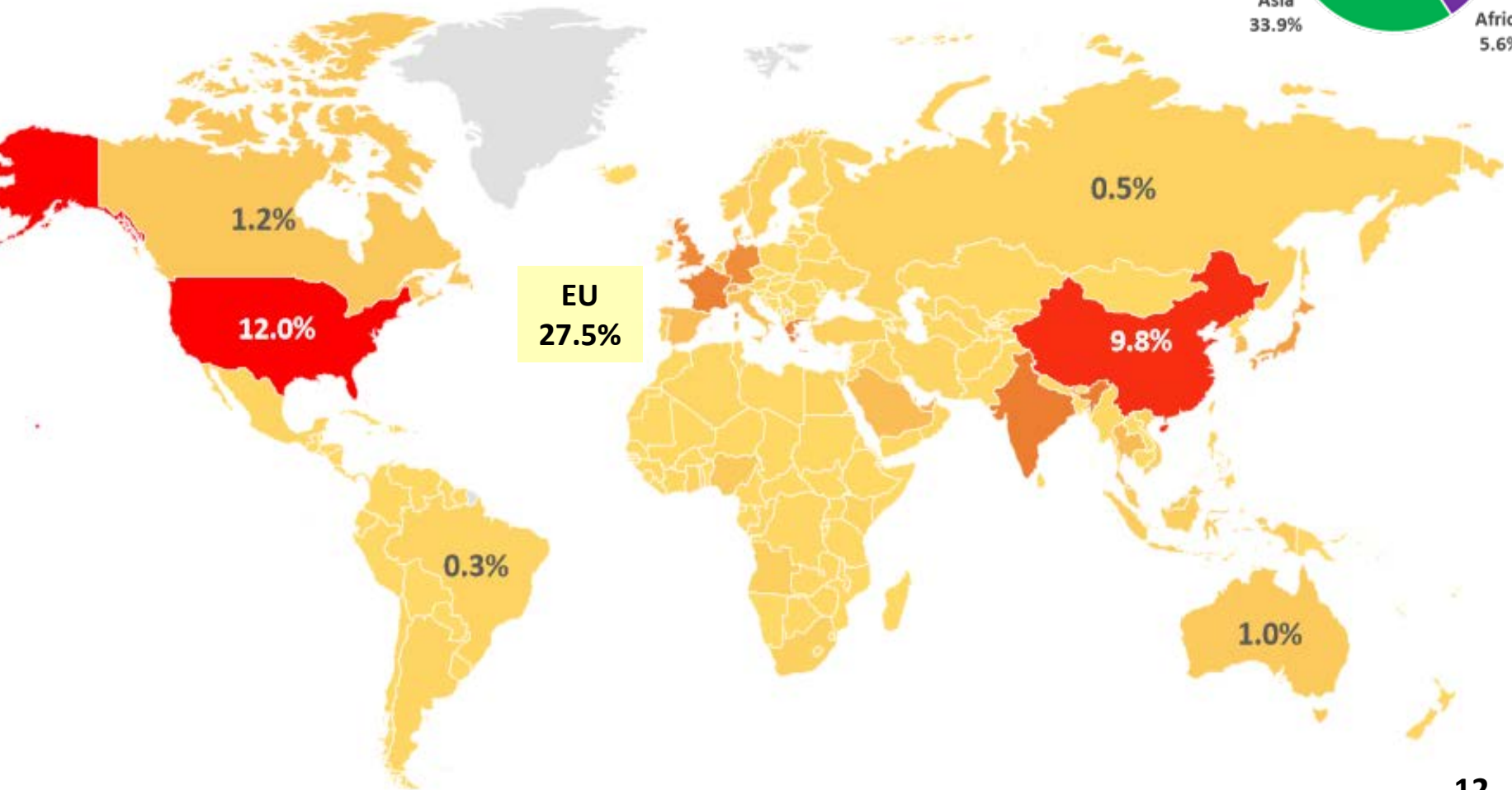
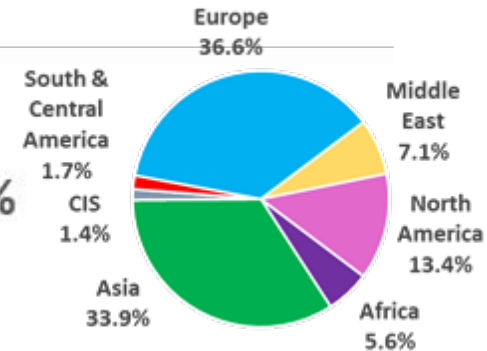
# What do we know about LDC **bilateral** services exports?



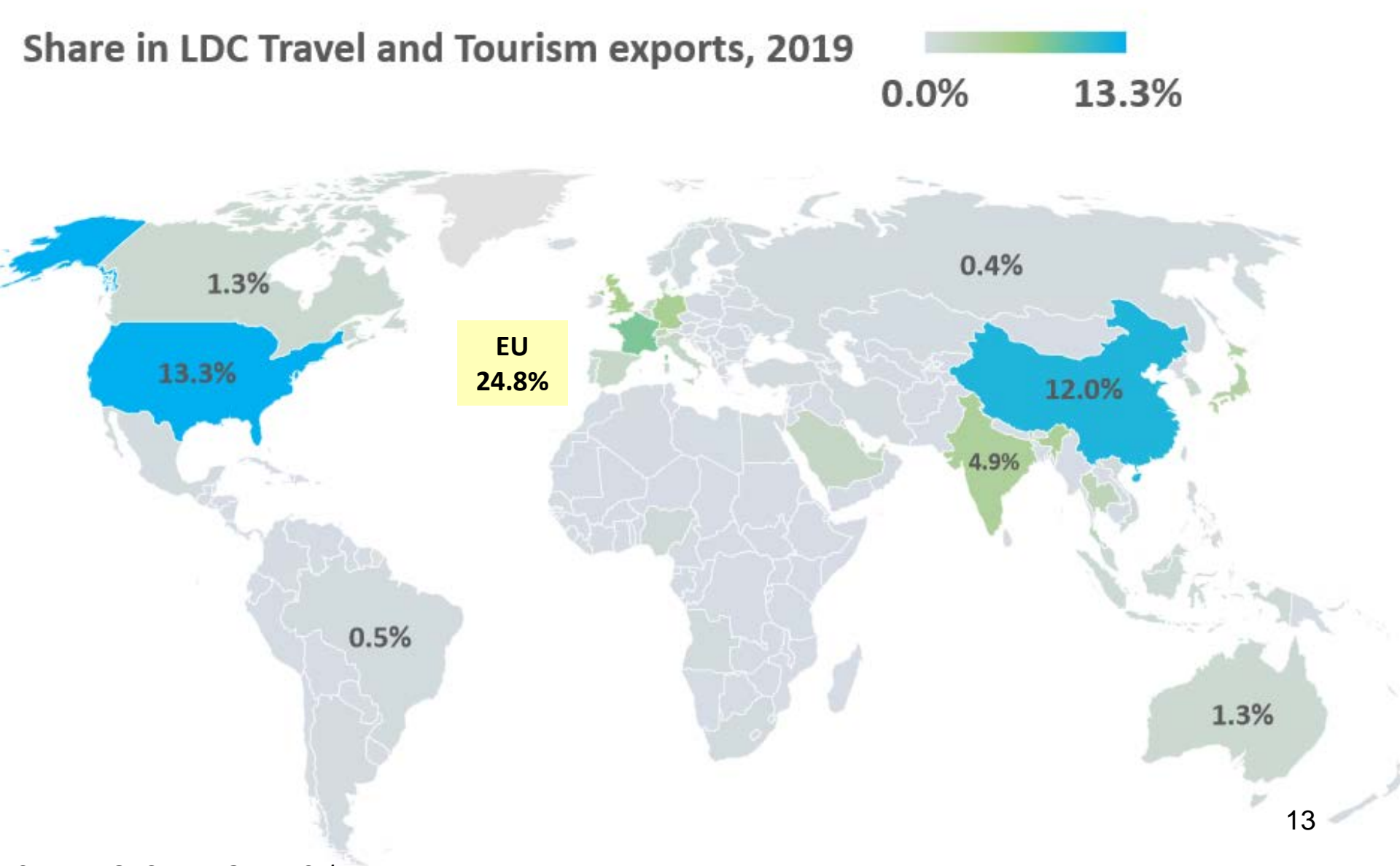
# LDC services exports reach few economies

Share in LDC services exports, 2019

0.0% 6.0% 12.0%

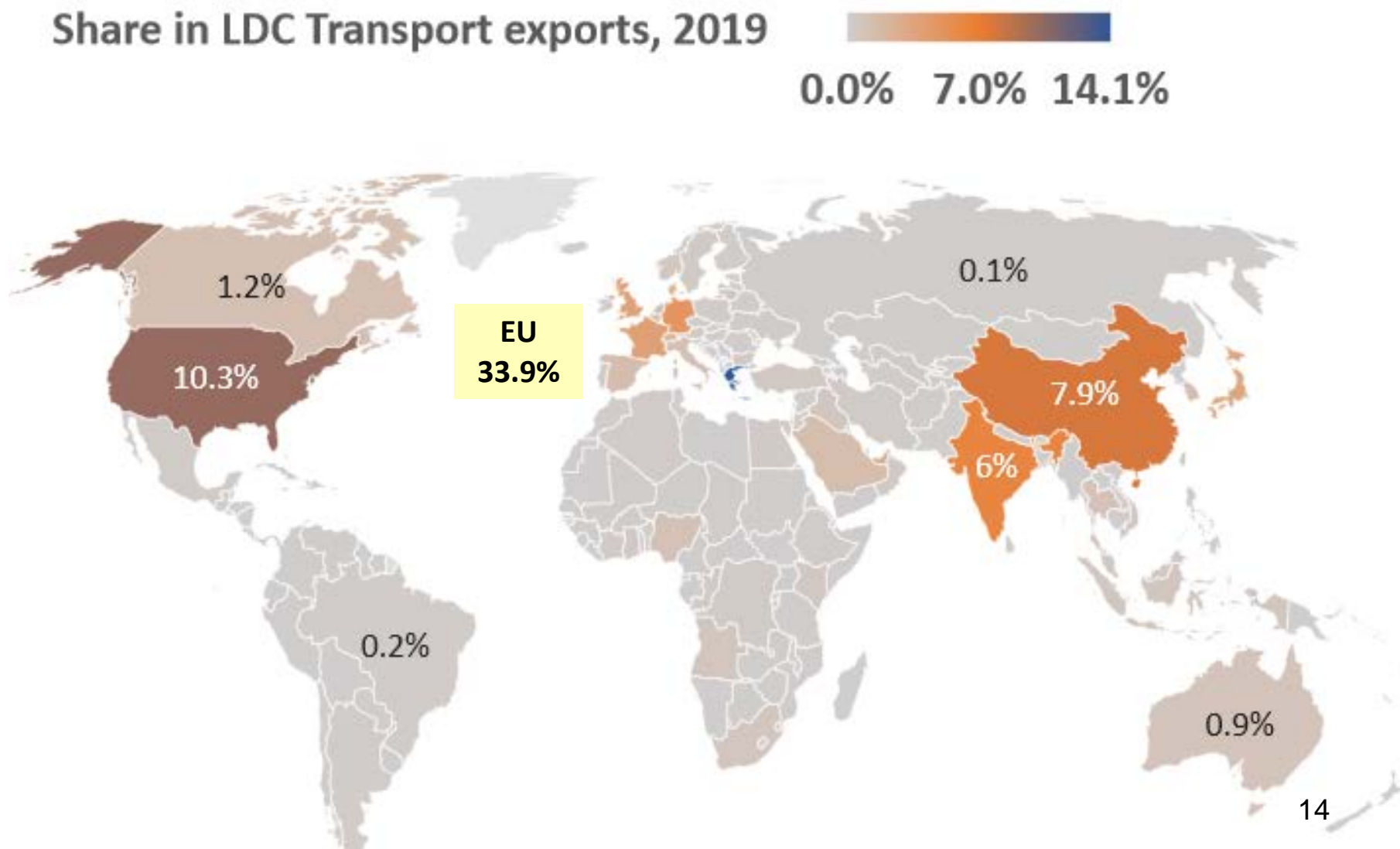


# Large economies are the main origin of LDC international tourism revenue



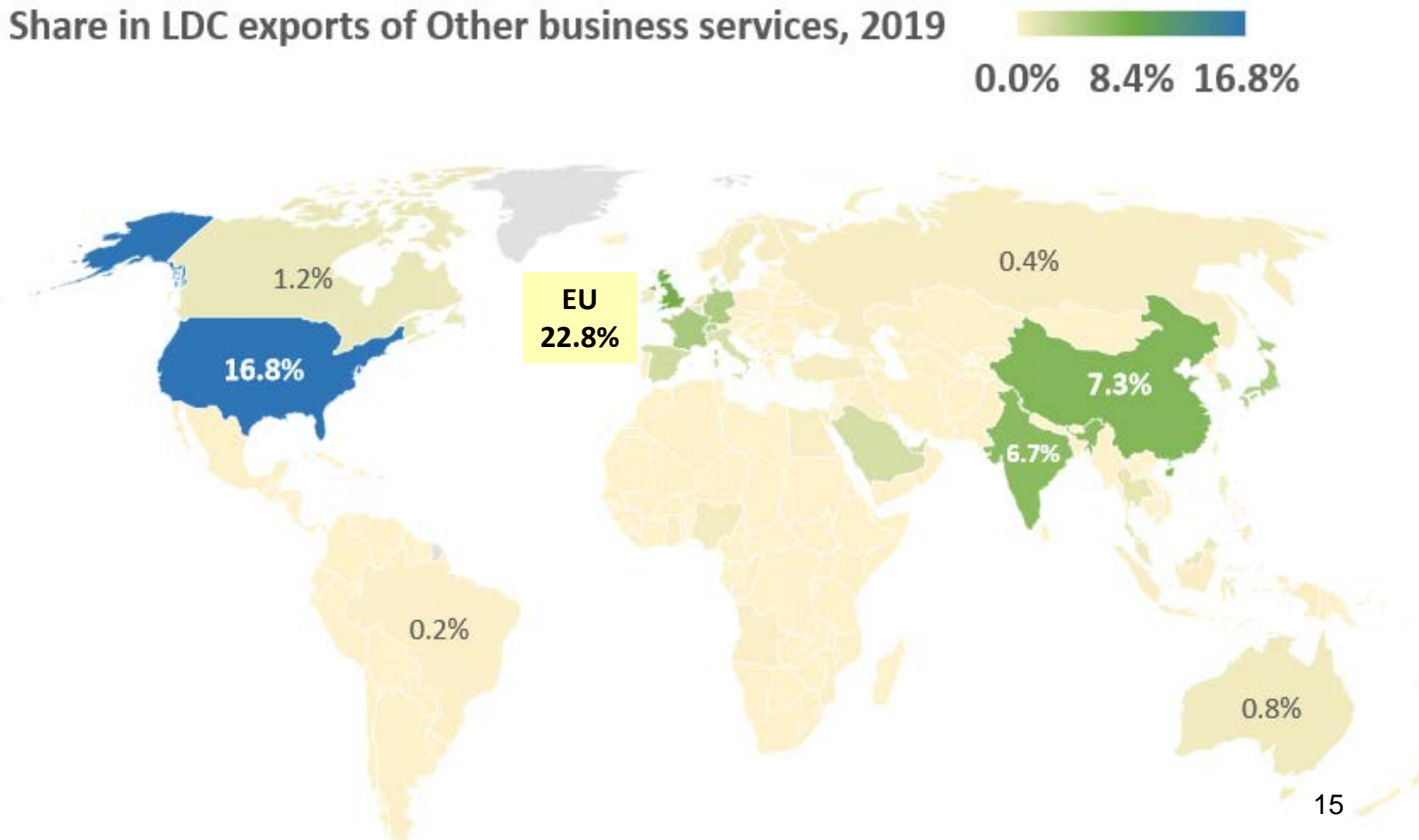


# 60% of LDC transport services exported to 10 countries



Source: OECD-WTO BATIS dataset.

# 40% of LDC business and professional services originate from one LDC

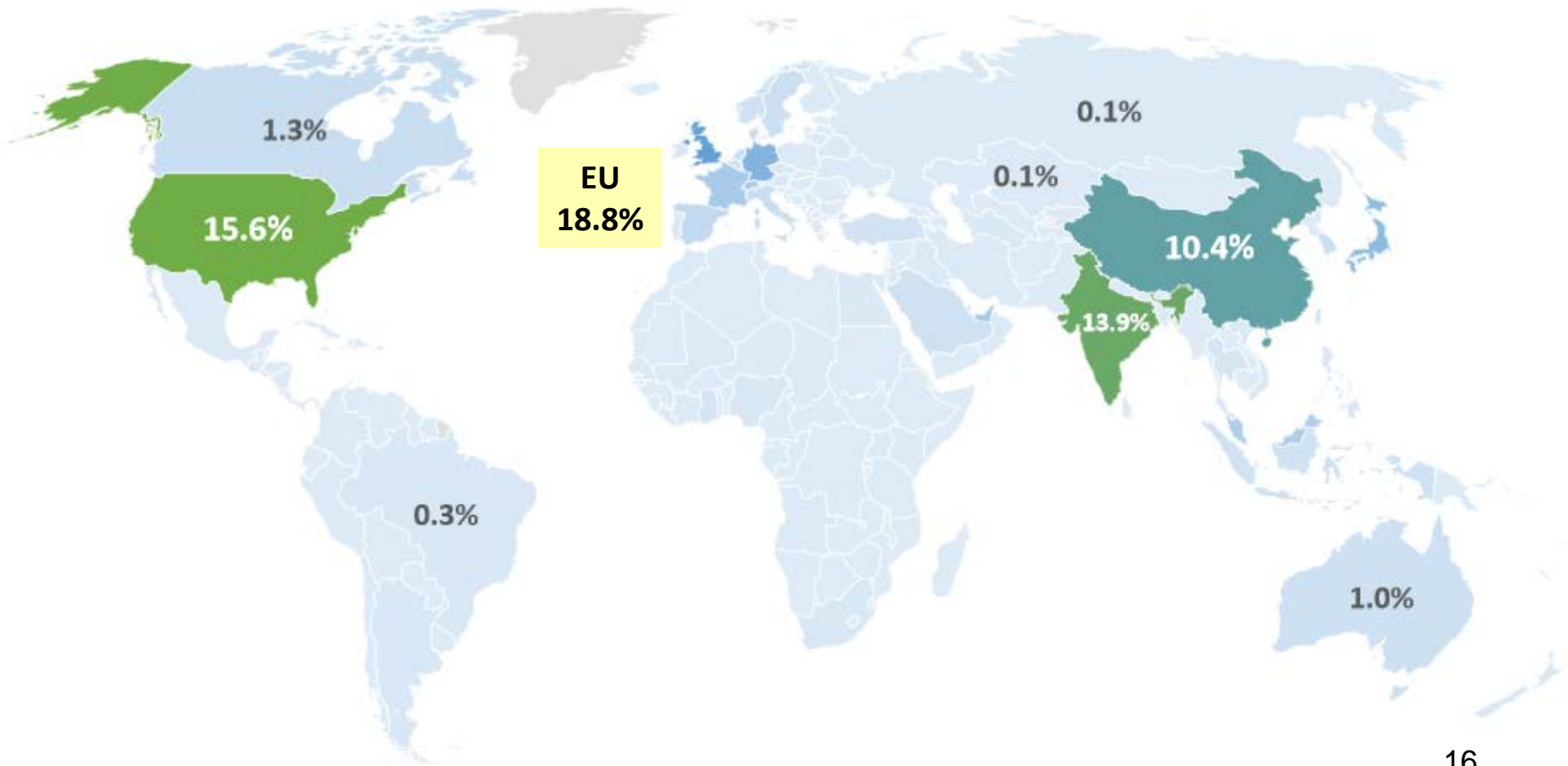


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# 40% of ICT services reach the US, India, and China

Share in LDC exports of ICT services, 2019

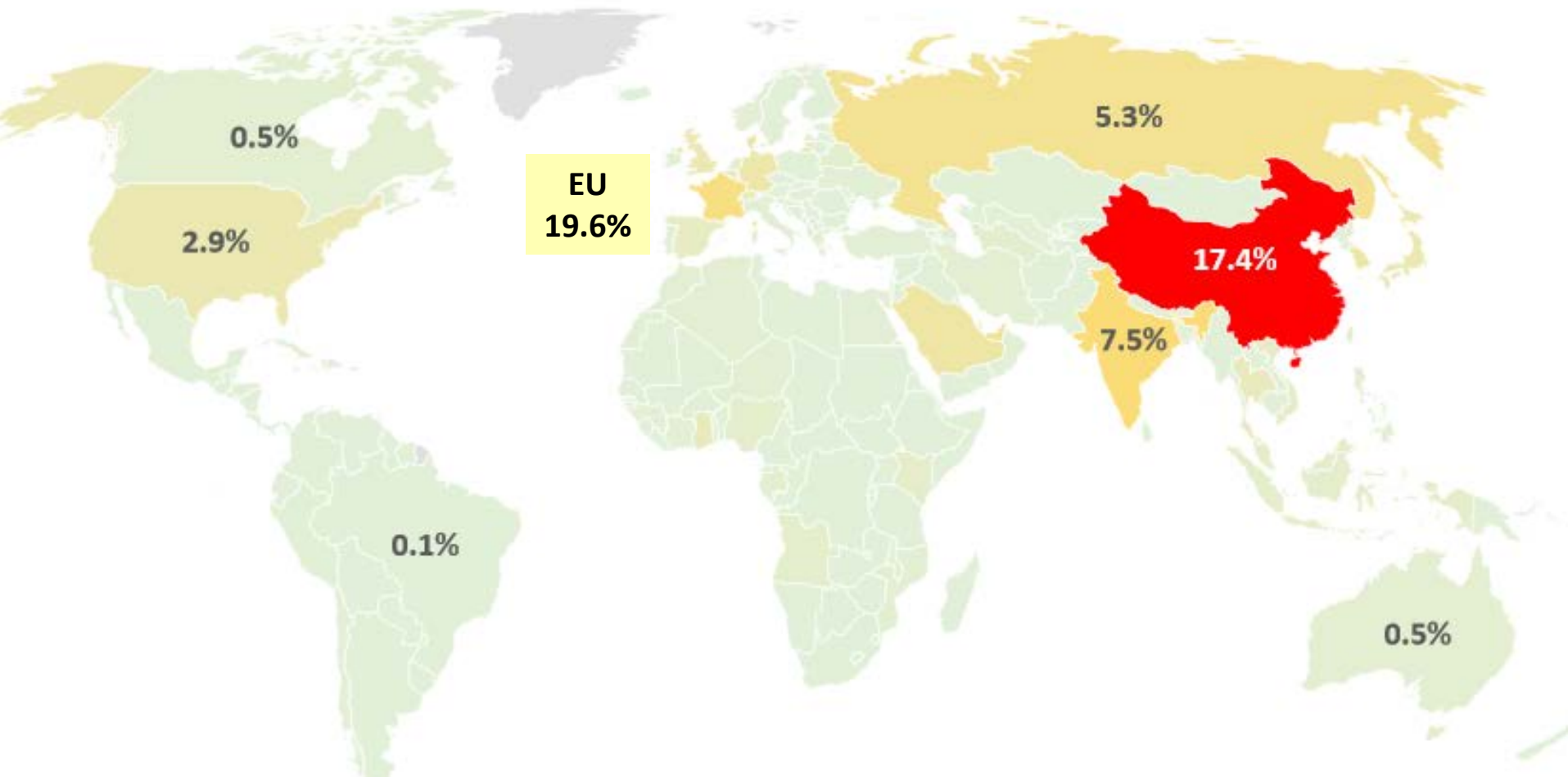
0.0% 15.6%



# Construction are equally concentrated but partners are different

Share in LDCs' Construction exports in 2019

0.0% 8.7% 17.4%



# Conclusions

**Few LDCs export services**

**Exports are concentrated to few sectors**

**Exports reach few economies in the world**

**Significant services trade data gaps in LDCs  
(detailed sectors and bilateral)**

**Lack of mirror data (services imports from other countries)**