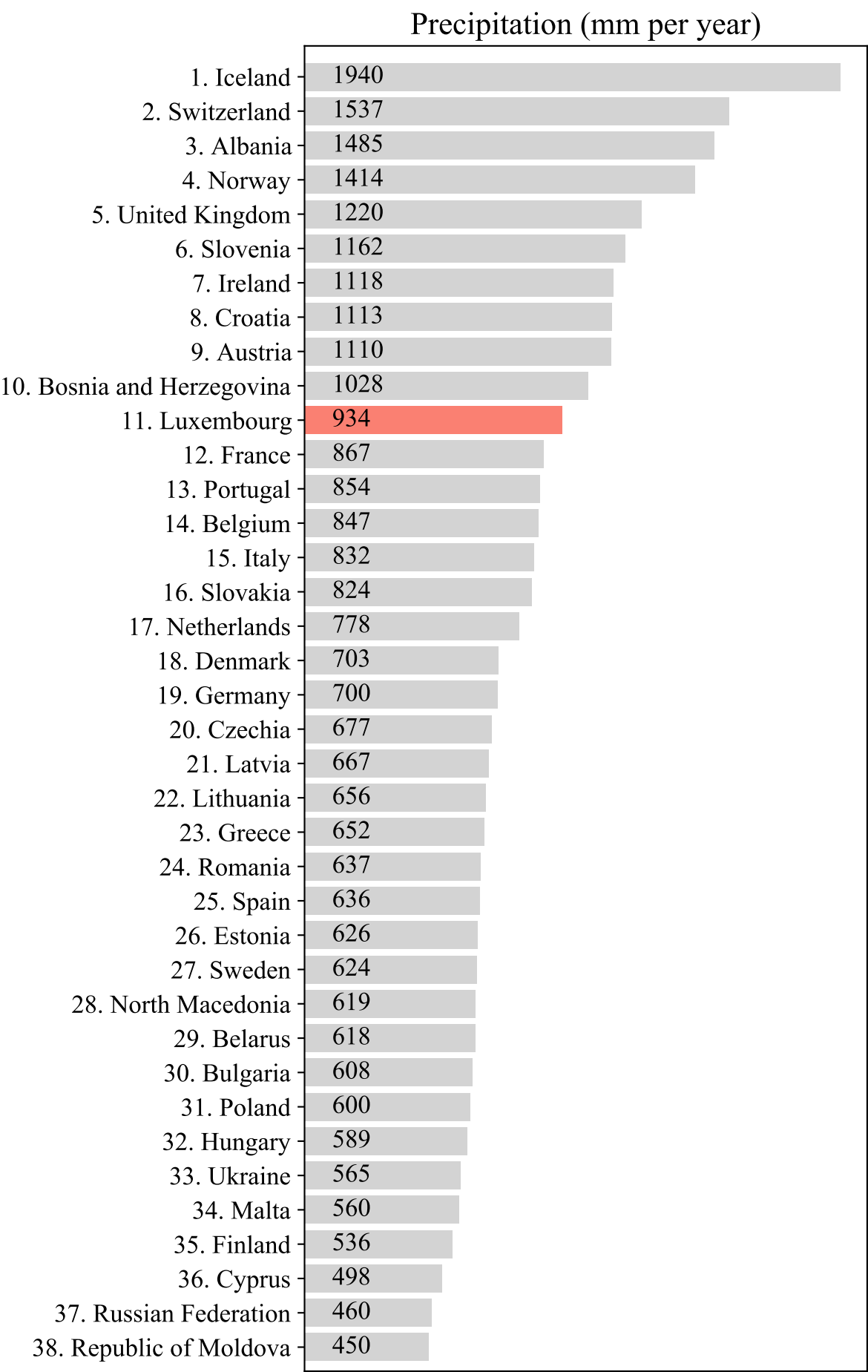


Is Luxembourg the Rainiest Place in Europe? Not really



Luxembourg has a reputation of a very rainy place. But can it be called "rainiest country in Europe?" Not even close. As of 2017, Luxembourg can be ranked only 11th.

But what is "rainiest"?

A common way to compare rains is to measure the depth of the rainfall water (usually in millimeters). When averaging measurements over long time, it gives a good idea of how rainy the region is. This measure provides a way to fairly compare large and small regions. Moreover, this measure provides an even ground to compare light drizzle and heavy showering rains.

The plot on the left compares per-year precipitation in Europe, averaged over all the years of observations. For most countries it is 1958-2017.

Long-term average annual precipitation data are provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Data for Serbia, Montenegro, Monaco, Liechtenstein, Andorra, San Marino and Vatican are not available.

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