

# Adaptations in audiovisual fiction production in Europe

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Introduction & Market Data Brief on IP Adaptations

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## Adaptations in film and audiovisual fiction production in Europe (April 2026)



**Period =**

**Years 2015-2024**



**TV-fiction =**

**Live-action TV/SVOD fiction commissioned by  
broadcasters and streamers**



**Europe =**

**EU-27, the UK, Norway and Switzerland**



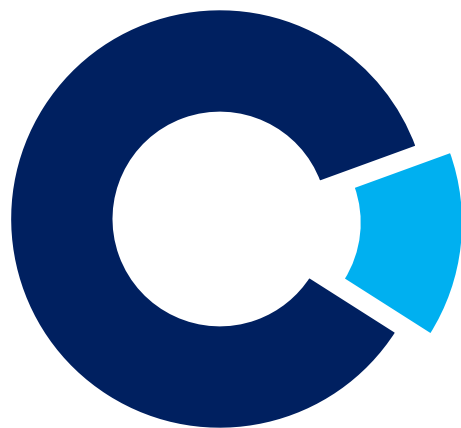
**Adaptations =**

**Books, Theater Plays, Comics, Blogs, Mangas, Videogames**

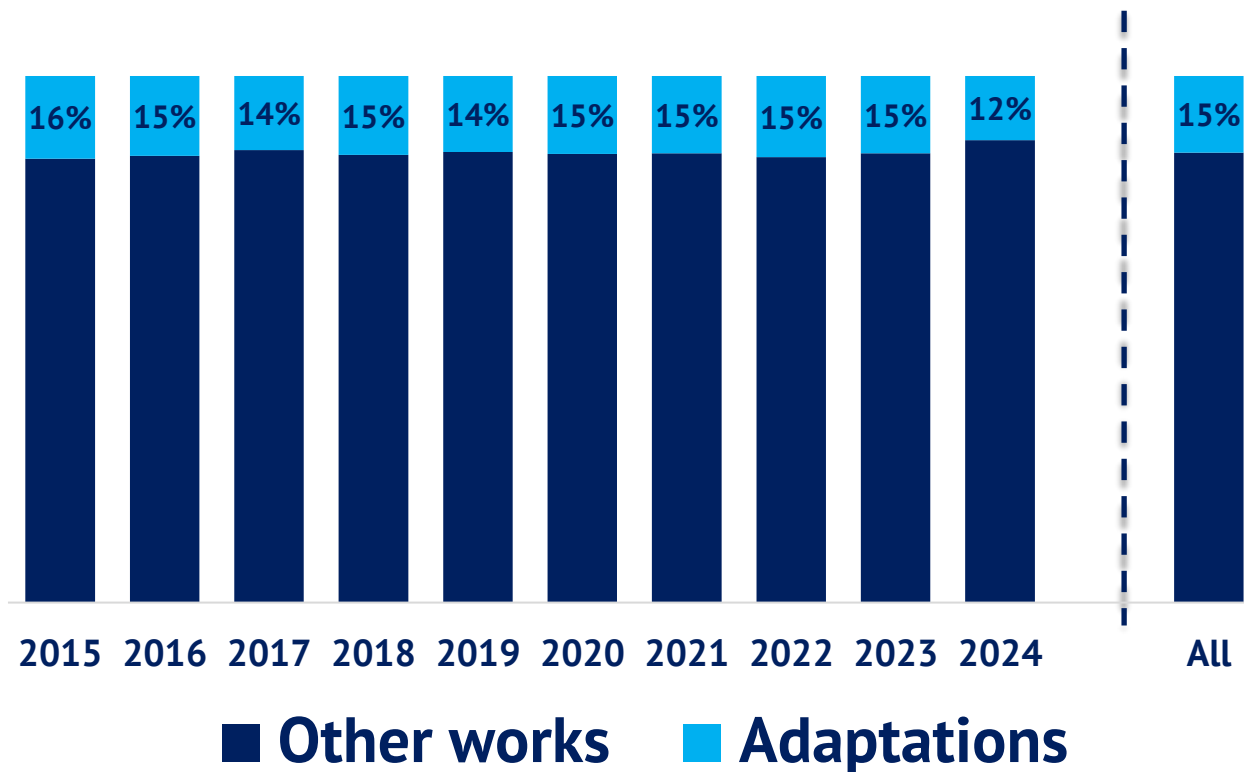
**Remakes =**

**TV Films, TV Series**

Here to stay:  
A stable share of adaptations in European audiovisual fiction.

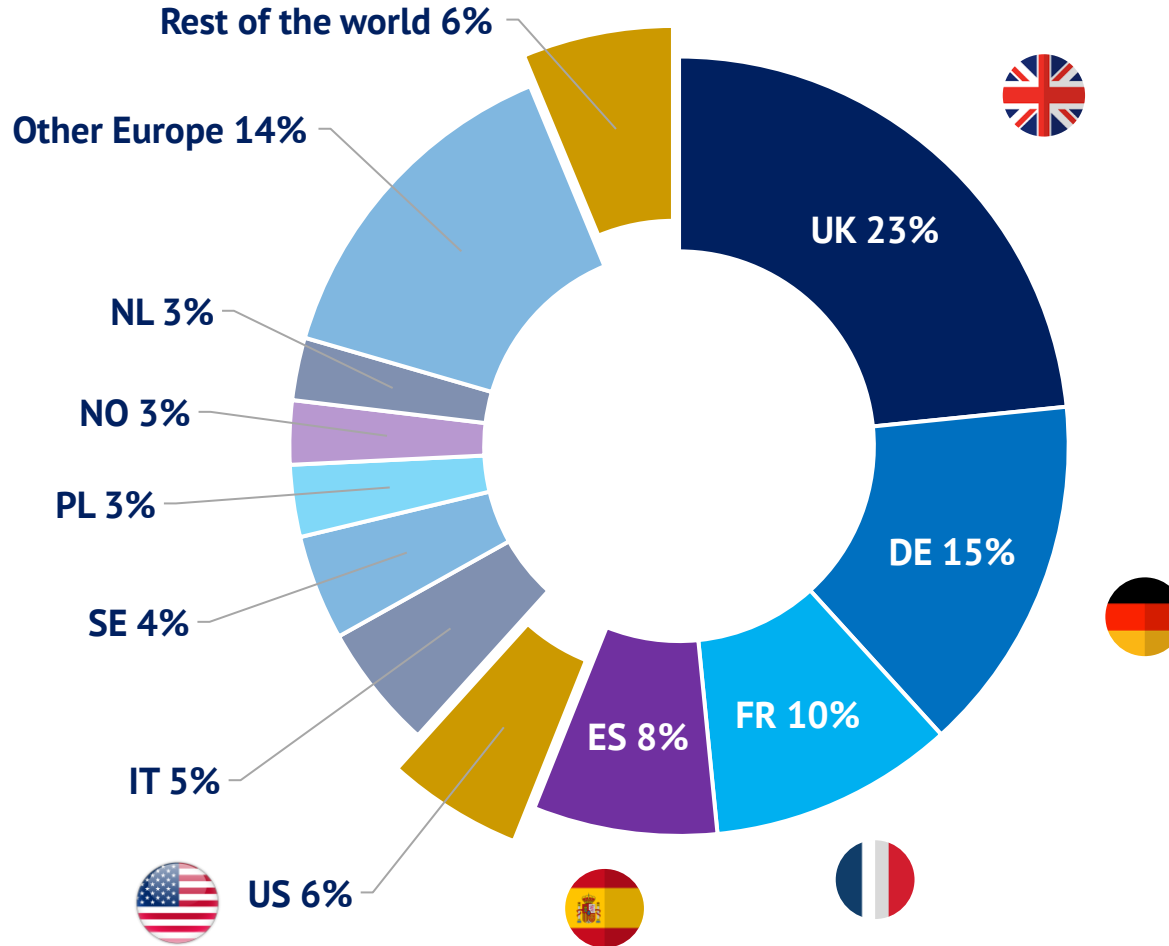


Adaptations  
15%



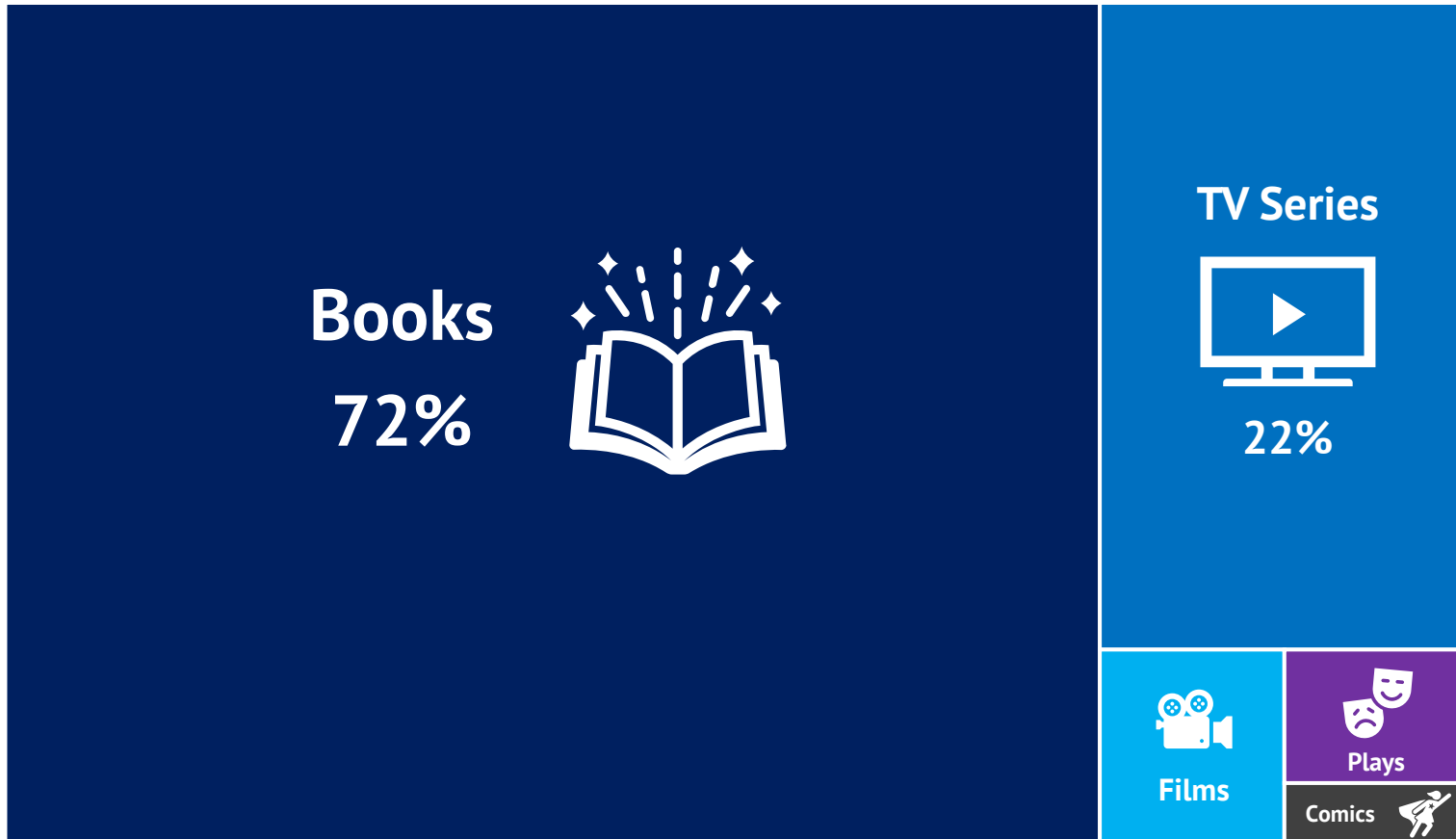
# Origin of Original Sources

Europe loves European IP: 88%



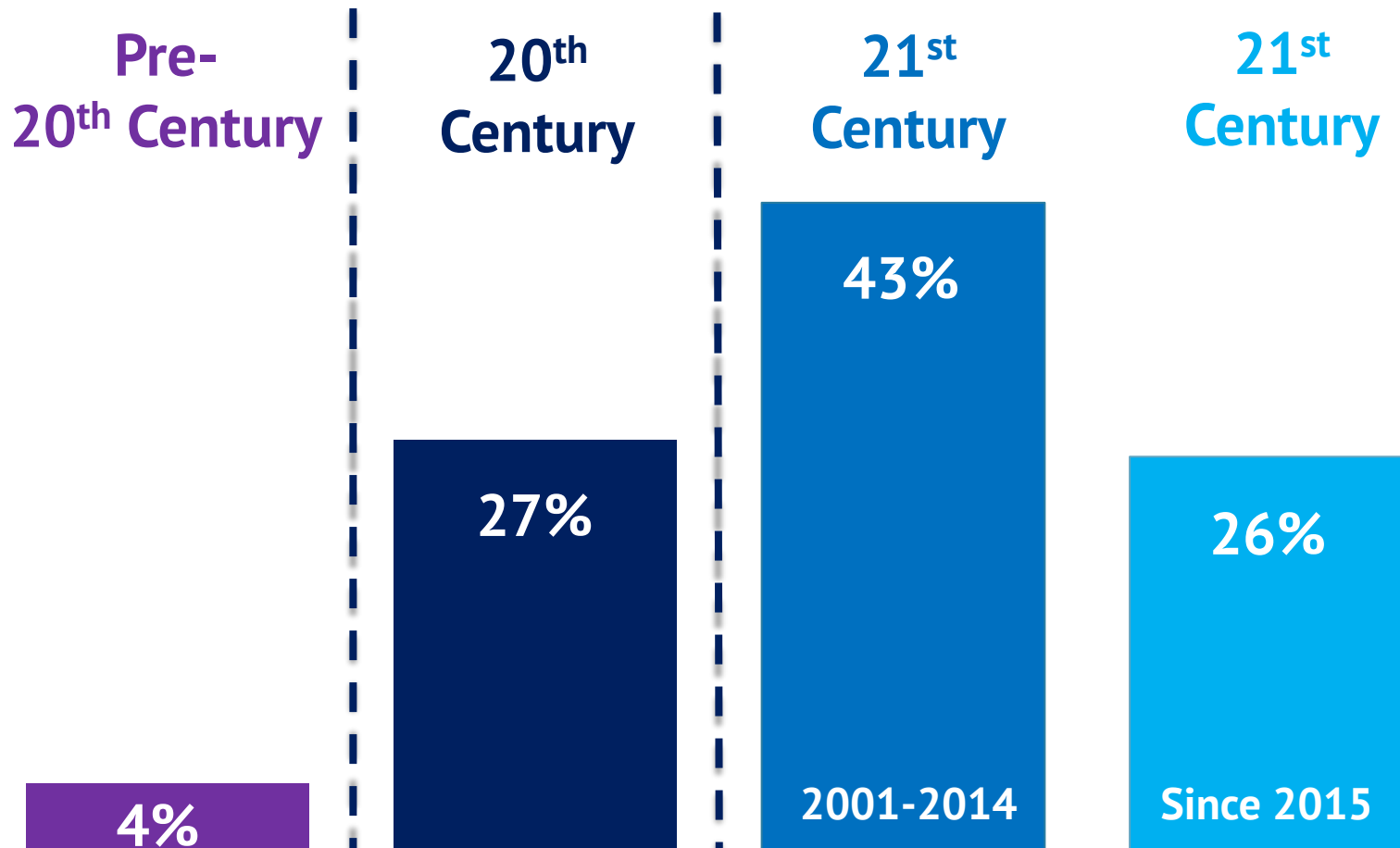
# Type of Original Sources

**Most audiovisual fiction adaptations are based on books.**



# Publication Year of Original Books













Most adapted books are contemporary literature.



# Top Original Books

## Agatha Christie, the queen of crime novels.



Number of adaptations + Original Author + Genre	Country of Origin - Authors	Country of Origin - Adaptations
<b>Σ10</b> Christie, Agatha (detective novels)	 UK	FR, SE, UK
Σ9 Rossbacher, Claudia (crime novels)	 AT	AT
Wolf, Klaus-Peter (crime novels)	 DE	DE
Σ7 The Brothers Grimm (folk tales)	 DE	DE
Σ6 Herrmann, Elisabeth (crime novels)	 DE	DE
Simenon, Georges (detective novels)	 BE	FR, UK
Σ5 Coben, Harlan (thrillers/mystery novels)	 US	ES, FR, PL, UK
Espinosa, Albert (memoir)	 ES	DE, FR, IT, SK
Held, Annegret (contemporary novels)	 DE	DE
Link, Charlotte (detective novels)	 DE	DE
Neuhaus, Nele (crime novels)	 DE	DE
Sýkora, Michal (detective novels)	 CZ	CZ

**Books are national, TV series international.**












- Adaptation from same country
- Adaptation from another country

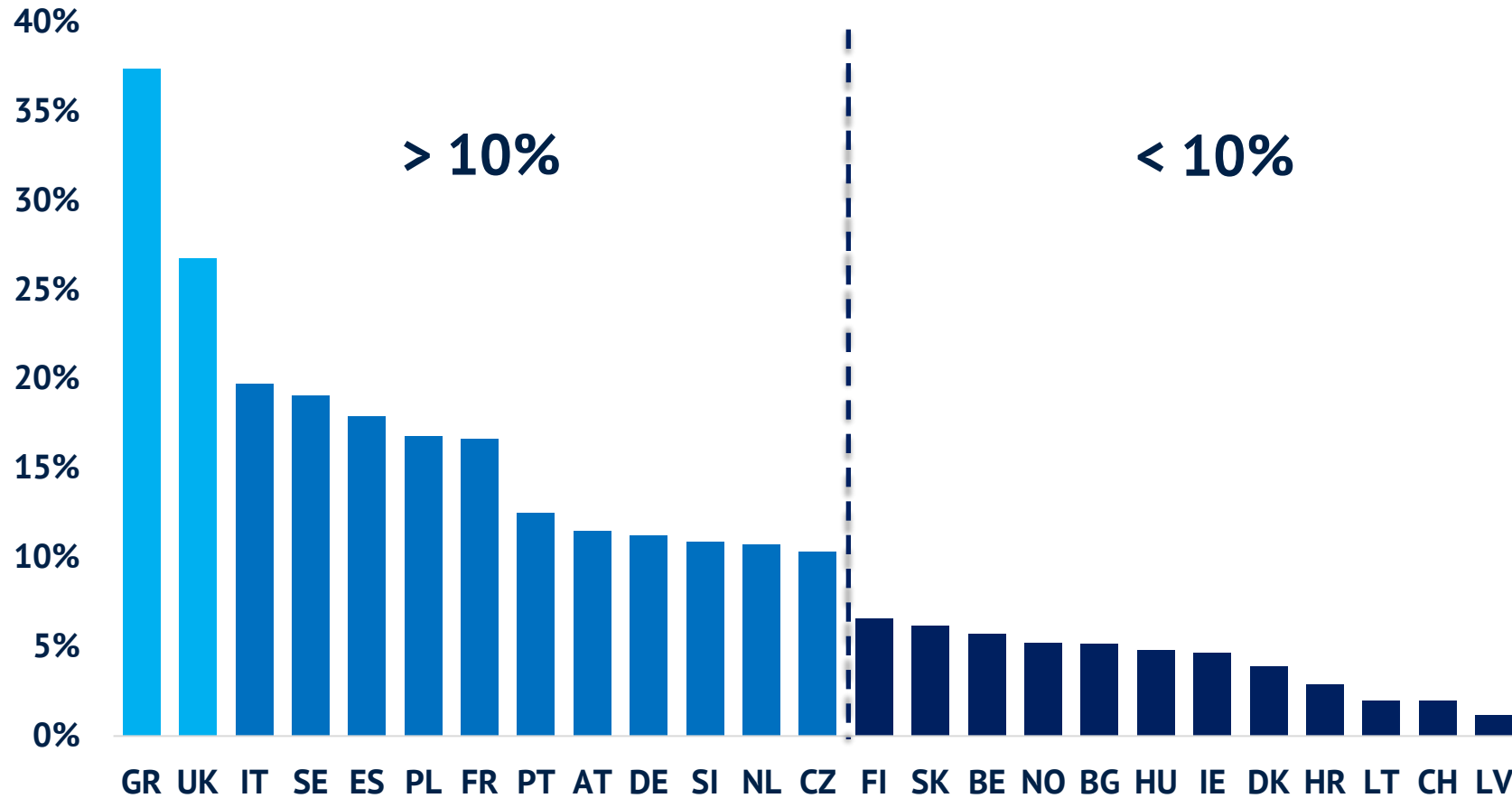
# Top Original TV Series

Norwegian “SKAM” is most adapted TV series.

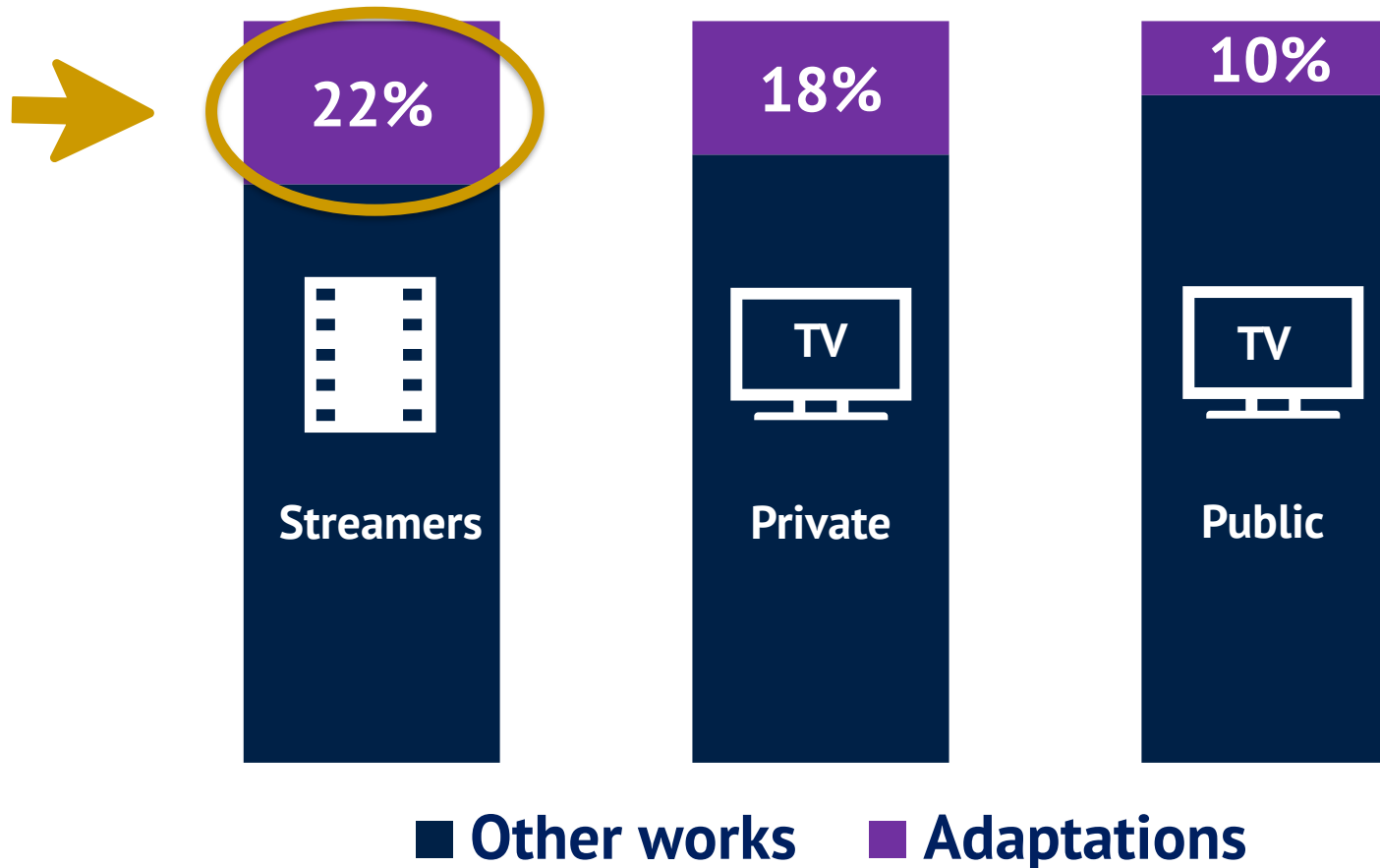


Number of adaptations + Original Title + Year of 1st Broadcast		Country of Origin - Originals	Country of Origin - Remakes
Σ7	SKAM	 NO	BE, FR, DE, ES, HR, IT, NL
Σ6	Liar	 UK	DE, ES, FR, GR, IT, SK
Σ5	בטיפול / In Therapy	 IL	CZ, FR, HU, IT, PT
Σ4	Professor T.	 BE	CZ, DE, FR, UK
	Bron     Broen / The Bridge	 SE	AT, DE, GR, UK
Σ3	Amar después de amar / Love After Loving	 AR	ES, GR, PT
	HPI: Haut Potentiel Intellectuel	 FR	CZ, GR, SK
	Kommissar Rex	 AT	IT, PT, PL
	Gran Hotel	 ES	FR, GR, IT

## Adaptation champions Greece and the United Kingdom.



**Streamers offer more adaptations.**



# Co-productions

More adaptations among co-productions.

