



The Swiss eCommerce Market

Exploring Swiss Consumer Behaviors and the Market Potential for Lifestyle Brands and Retailers

Destination Switzerland

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PARK BIEL/BIENNE

PARK BASEL AREA

PARK INNOVAARE

PARK CENTRAL

PARK ZÜRICH

PARK TICINO

About Lifestyle Tech Competence Center

**LTCC is an association
part of Switzerland
Innovation Park – Ticino,
aiming to strengthen
territorial positioning and
attract investments to
generate local value**



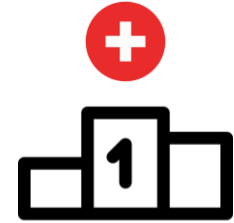
Switzerland Innovation at a glance...



Federal program co-financing projects that **address socially relevant, cross-industry issues** leveraging top-notch **R&D**

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Research-thematic **innovation hubs** forming an **ecosystem** of **universities** and innovative **companies**

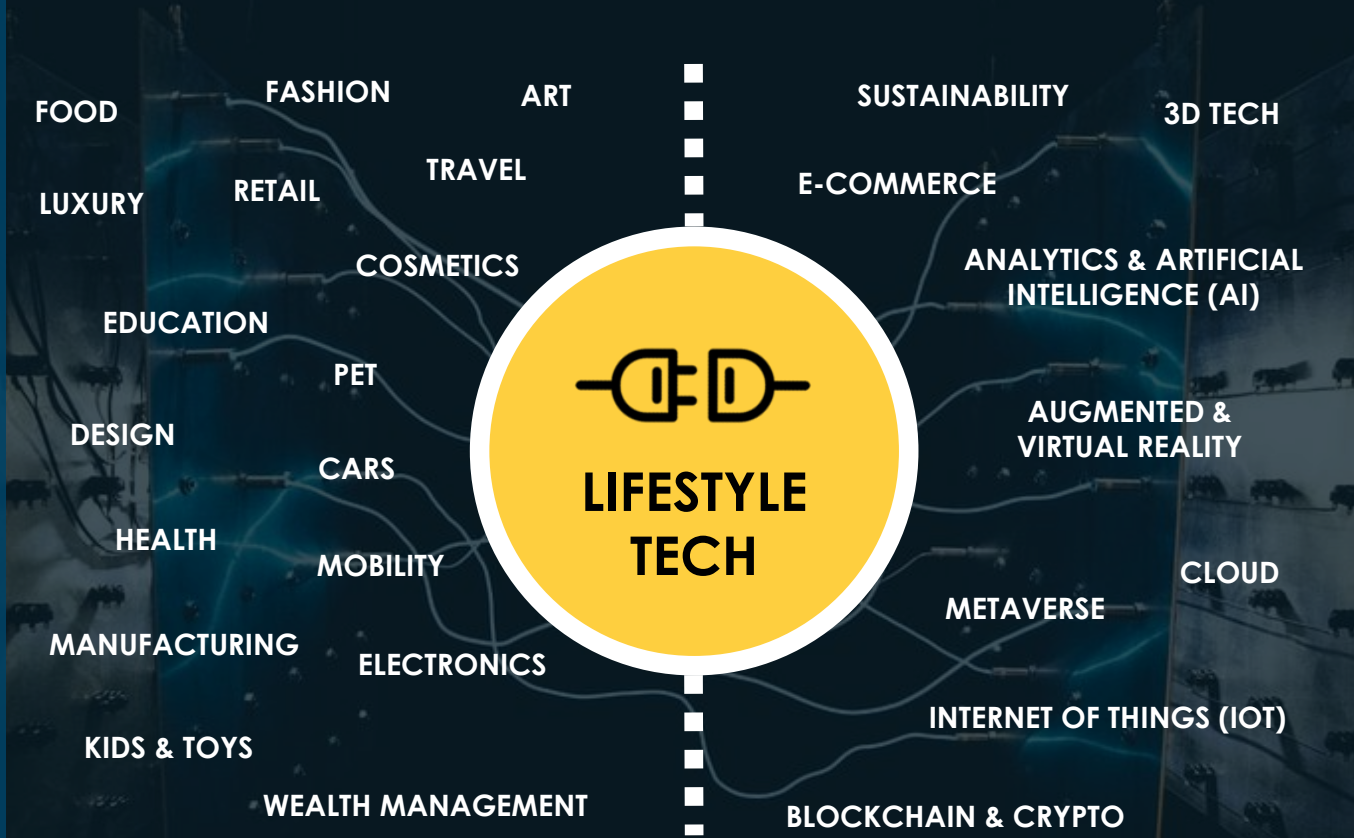


Breeding ground to develop **new solutions**, attract **investments** and **strengthen Switzerland positioning in the world**

WHAT IS LIFESTYLE TECH?



LIFESTYLE
INDUSTRY



TECHNOLOGY
& TRENDS

LTCC is part of Swiss Innovation Park Ticino and can rely on several members



PARTNERS OF THE LIFESTYLE TECH COMPETENCE CENTER



INSTITUTIONS & UNIVERSITIES

FASHION BRANDS & RETAILERS

FOOD

TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNERS

INFRASTRUCTURE & FINANCIAL PARTNERS



BALLY



accenture



Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana

SUPSI

GUESS



LTCC stimulates R&D activities, scouting and innovative labs set-up, promoting knowledge and competence sharing



GO-TO-MARKET, KNOWLEDGE SHARING, MARKETING, NETWORKING, INVESTMENTS OPPORTUNITIES



TRAINING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS



RESEARCH OBSERVATORY & FOCUS GROUPS

Our specialist team is equipped to carry out targeted **market research**, both **qualitative and quantitative**



OPEN INNOVATION & TECH SCOUTING

We conduct open innovation projects for brands & retailers: **design thinking** workshops, **international scouting** for B2B tech solutions and **POC management**



APPLIED RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Starting from members' needs, we conduct **on-site and off-site applied R&D** projects, involving also the **universities**



LABS: INNOVATIVE SOFTWARE & HARDWARE

We currently run two up-and-running labs; **content innovation lab** and **heritage & innovation lab**, hosting diverse R&D and corporate innovation initiatives

A light pink map of Switzerland is shown in the background. Several technology parks are highlighted with white circles and lines connecting them to labels in grey boxes. The labels are: PARK BIEL/BIENNE (west), PARK CENTRAL (center), PARK BASEL AREA (northwest), PARK ZÜRICH (northeast), PARK INNOVAARE (north), and PARK TICINO (south).

Opportunity to enter Swiss market Why ecommerce could be a first step?

A few economic insights: Switzerland & Italy



SWITZERLAND



ITALY

POPULATION

8.7 million

59.1 million

GDP (Gross Domestic Product)

\$ 801 bn.

\$ 2,108 bn.

GDP per capita

\$ 91,992

\$ 35,658

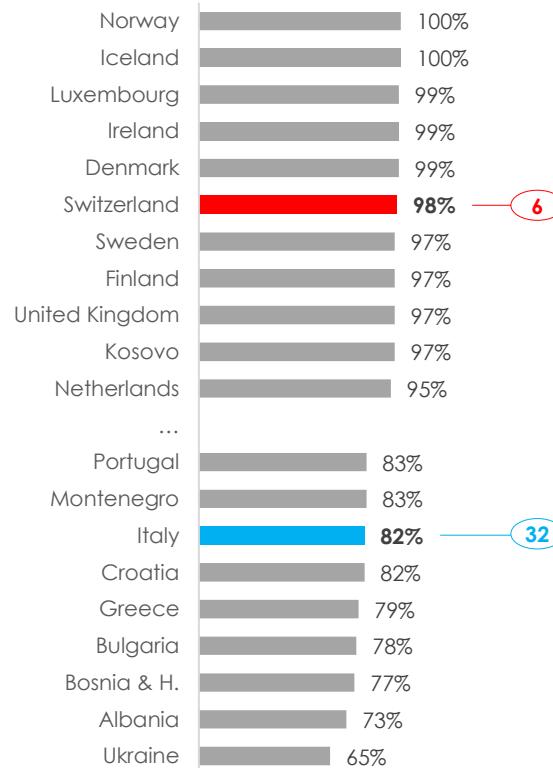
Switzerland is leading the Digital Frontier

Internet use in Switzerland is more consolidated than in Italy

The gap is marked for **e-commerce**: **Switzerland** is among the **top 10 countries** in the European territory

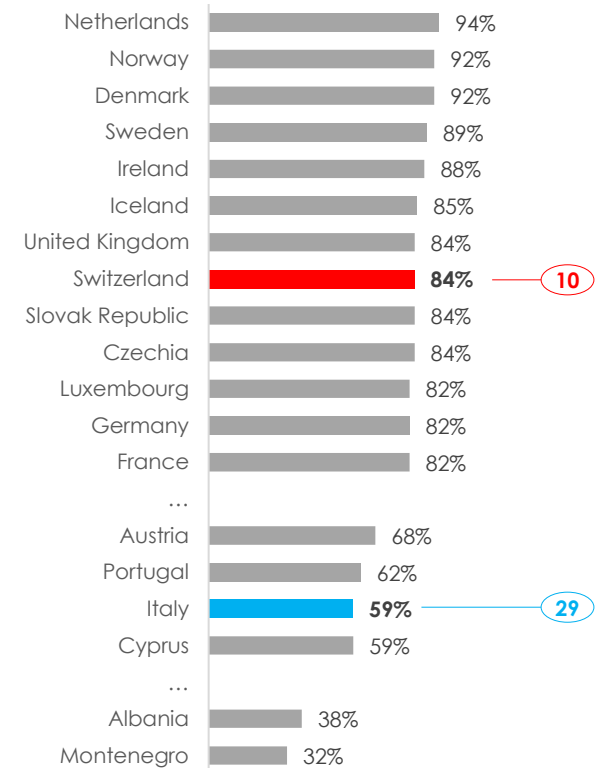
INTERNET USERS PER COUNTRY (2021)

% of population accessing the internet

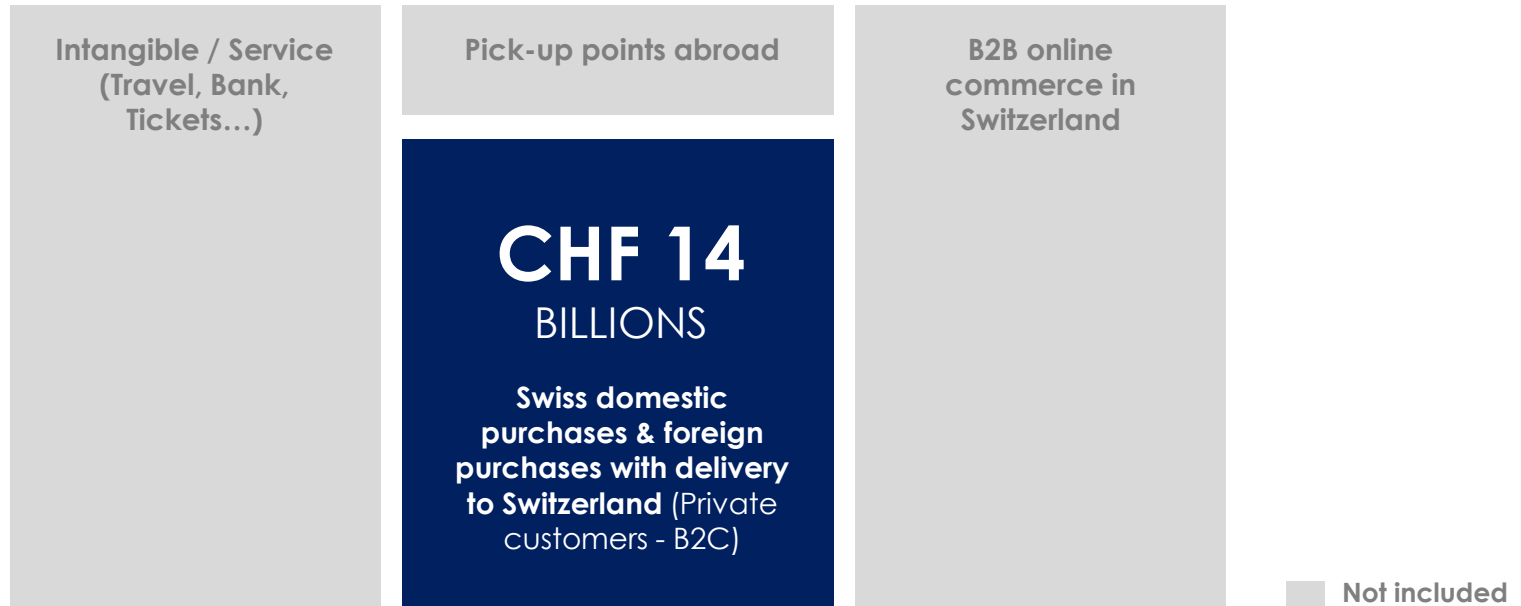


E-SHOPPERS PER COUNTRY (2021)

% of internet users buying goods or services online



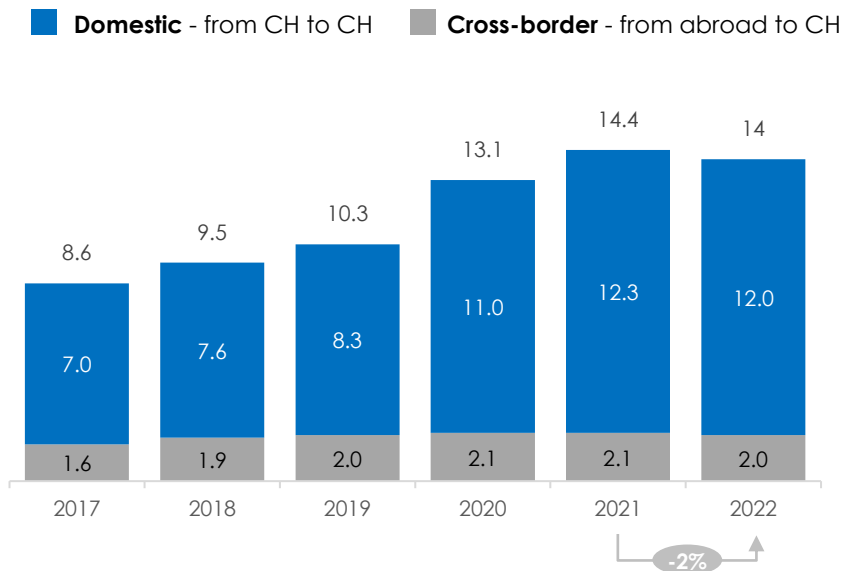
Focusing on e-commerce, private customers spend ≈ CHF 14 billions, including domestic and shipments from abroad



In 6 years, Swiss e-commerce has nearly doubled. Despite the slight decrease in 2022, trend still confirms average growth

E-COMMERCE GROWTH IN SWITZERLAND (2013 – 2022)

Market volume in billion CHF – physical sold goods (*)



CAGR – GROWTH RATE (2017 – 2022)

TOTAL

+10%

DOMESTIC

+12%

CROSS-BORDER

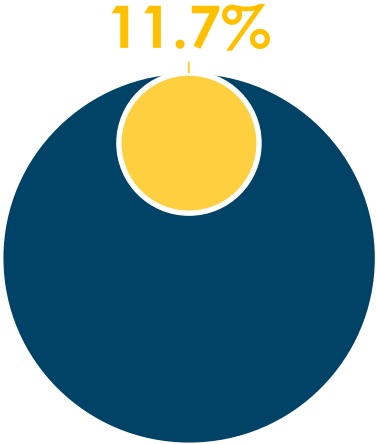
+5%

In 2022, e-commerce represented about 12% of the total Swiss retail trade; about 20% of the non-food total

● Online (E-commerce) ● Non-online

ONLINE TRADE SHARE

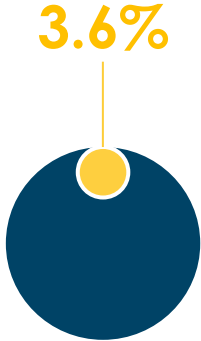
% of total Swiss retail trade – Billion CHF



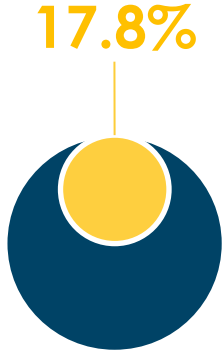
TOT. TRADE VALUE
CHF 102.7

ONLINE TRADE SHARE – FOOD VS. NON FOOD

% of total Swiss retail trade – Billion CHF



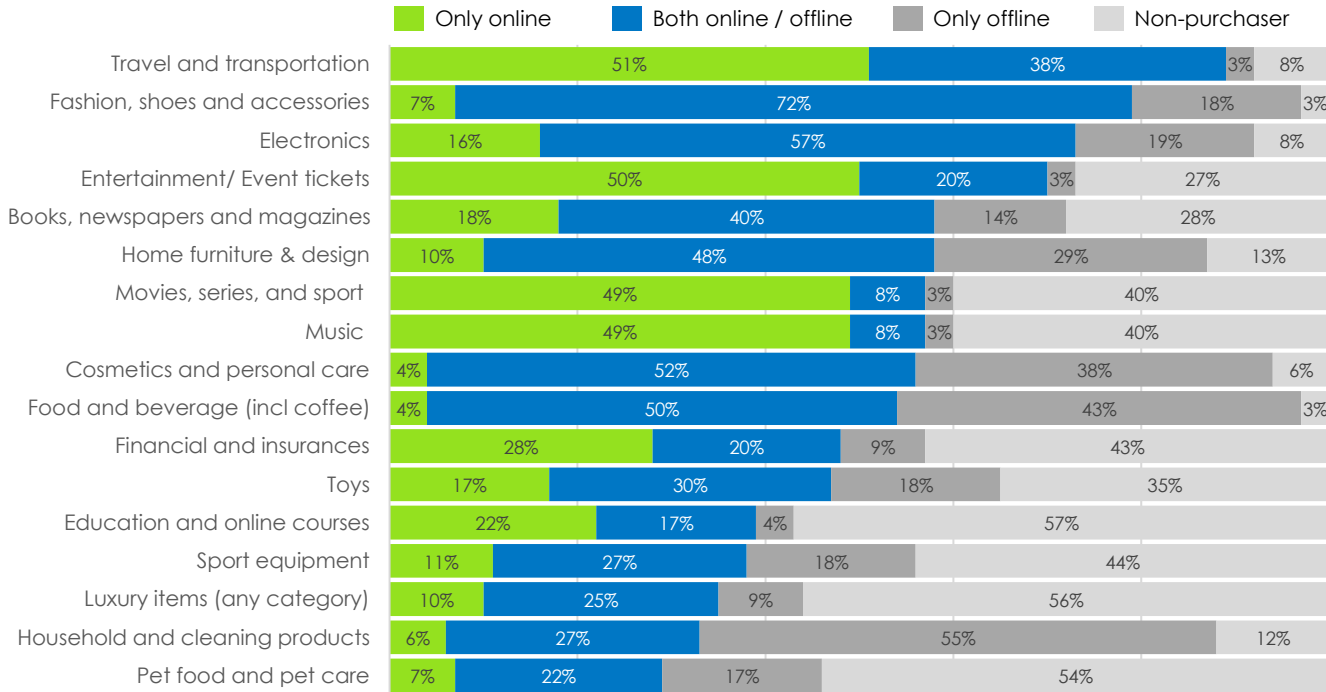
TOT. FOOD
CHF 44.3



TOT. NON-FOOD
CHF 58.3

Prevalent mixed online / offline buying habits are prevalent

PRODUCT CATEGORIES PURCHASED ONLINE AND OFFLINE
(% of respondents)

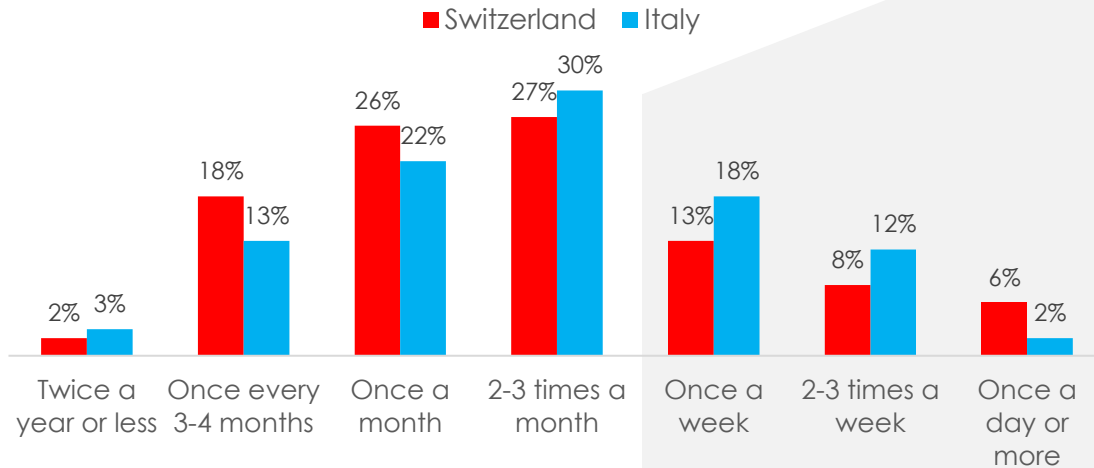


HIGHLIGHTS

- “**Online-only**” behaviors are present on **all categories**, most prevalent on the **service** side (e.g., movies, travel), but also **emerging** and **growing** on **product** side (e.g., electronics, toys)
- Offline channels** should still be **considered** if you want to **scale business in Switzerland**

Online shopping frequency and frequent shoppers

FREQUENCY OF ONLINE PURCHASES (% of online purchasers)



Focus on who usually purchase at least once a week (frequent shopper)



CH



ITA

Avg. # of purchases per month

11

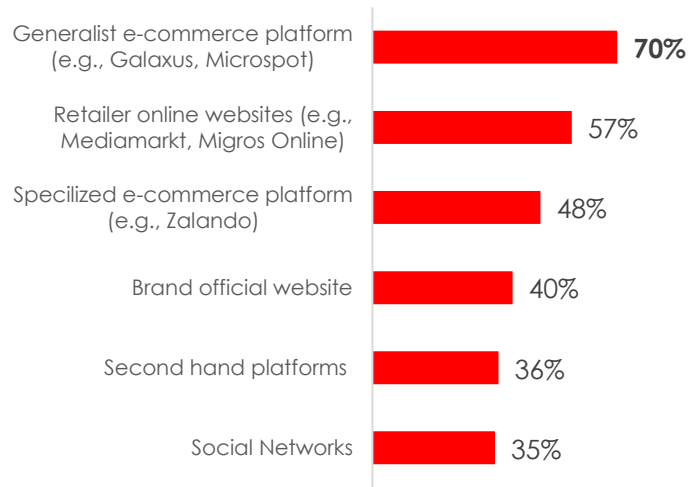
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Generalist e-commerce platforms are preferred channels; some nuances differentiate the two countries



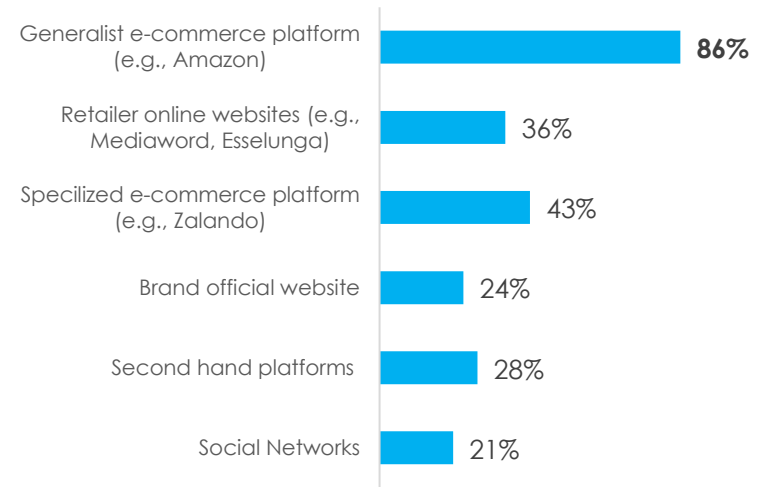
SWITZERLAND

ONLINE PURCHASES BY CHANNEL (% of online purchasers)



ITALY

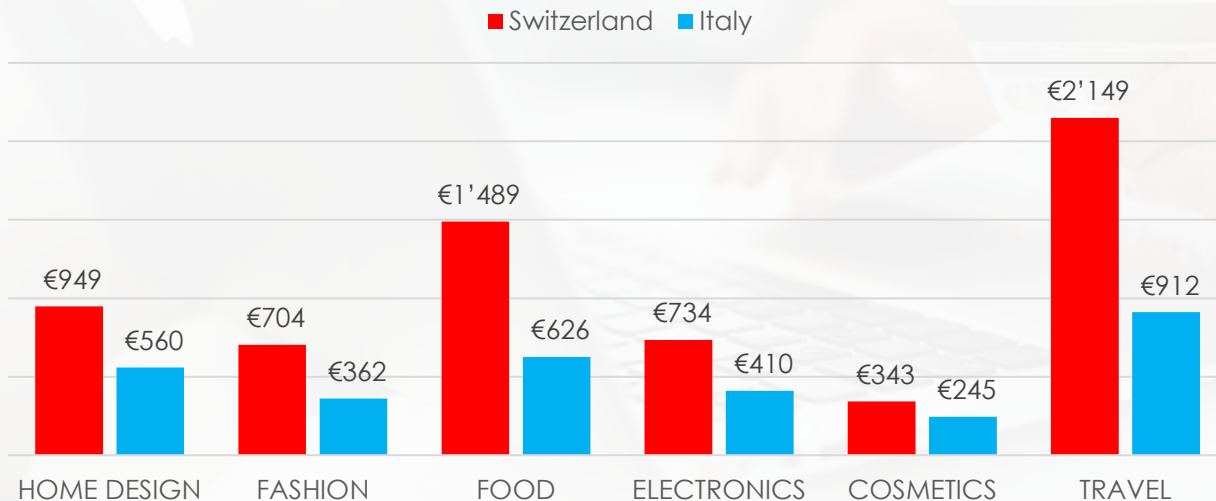
ONLINE PURCHASES BY CHANNEL (% of online purchasers)



Higher spending across categories highlights strong online purchasing power, with attention on pricing and convenience

AVERAGE YEARLY ONLINE SPENDING PER CATEGORY

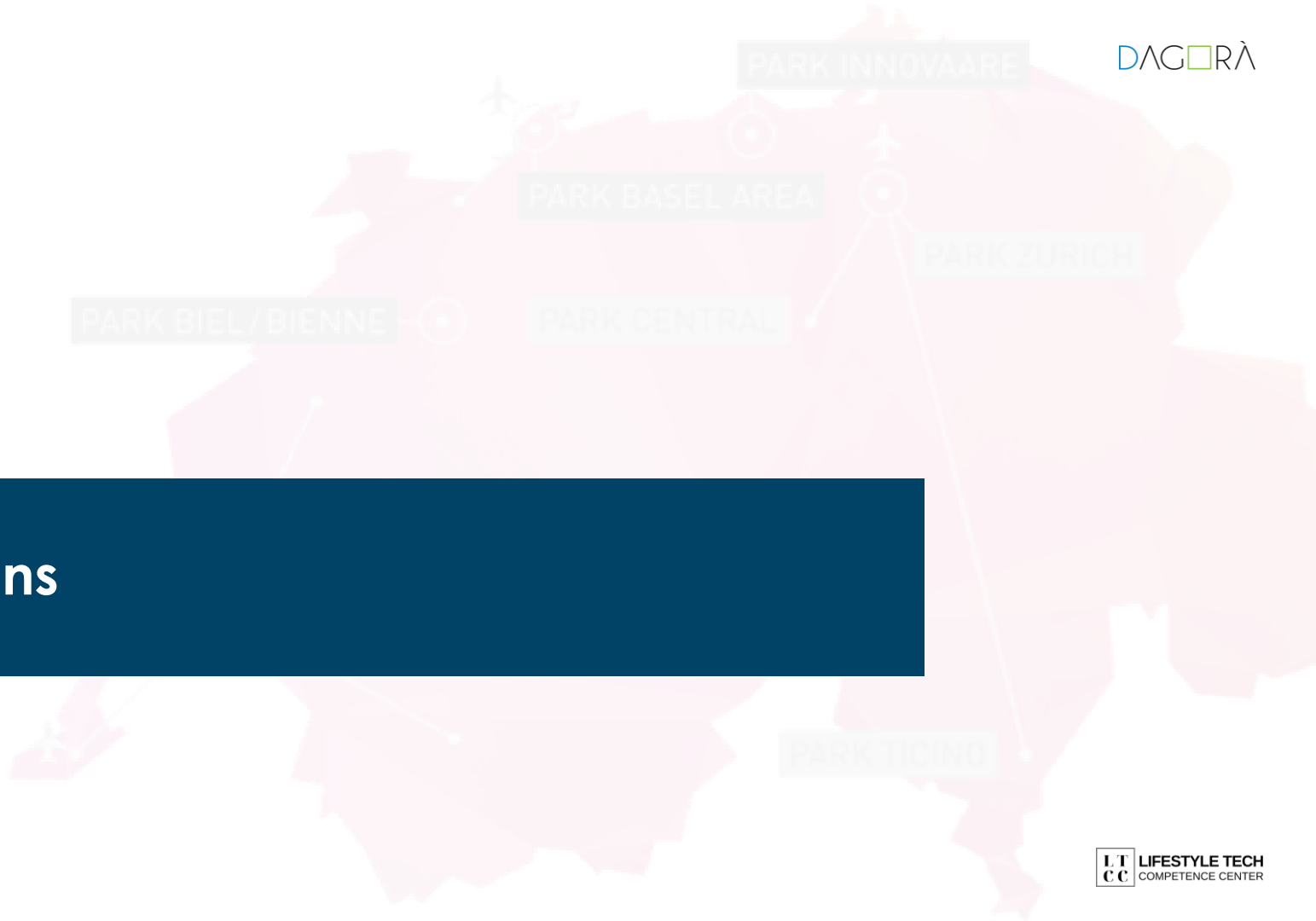
(€ per category - converted)



WHY E-COMMERCE?

>60%

of Swiss online shoppers **prefers e-commerce** for **price** advantage and **convenience**



Conclusions

Three main outcomes from today... to be considered along with Switzerland-specific drivers for go-to-market (e.g., fiscal, logistics)



In absolute numbers, **Switzerland** has a **lower population but higher propensity** to spend



High penetration of digital channels and **e-commerce**



Swiss e-commerce consumer has much **higher spending** on **different categories** of goods, considering price & **convenience**

With LTCC experience, network and partners, we can support lifestyle brands and retailers' go-to-market providing...

MARKET ANALYSIS AND INSIGHTS

(8 new researches
to be published)

FEASIBILITY STUDY & GO-TO-MARKET SCENARIOS

(e.g., operating
model, channels,
logistics)

TAX, LEGAL, AND REGULATION SUPPORT

(e.g., obligations,
privacy)

CULTURE, MARKETING AND BRANDING INSIGHTS FOR LOCALIZATION

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
DISCUSS MORE ABOUT
GO-TO-MARKET IN
SWITZERLAND?**

LET'S SPEAK



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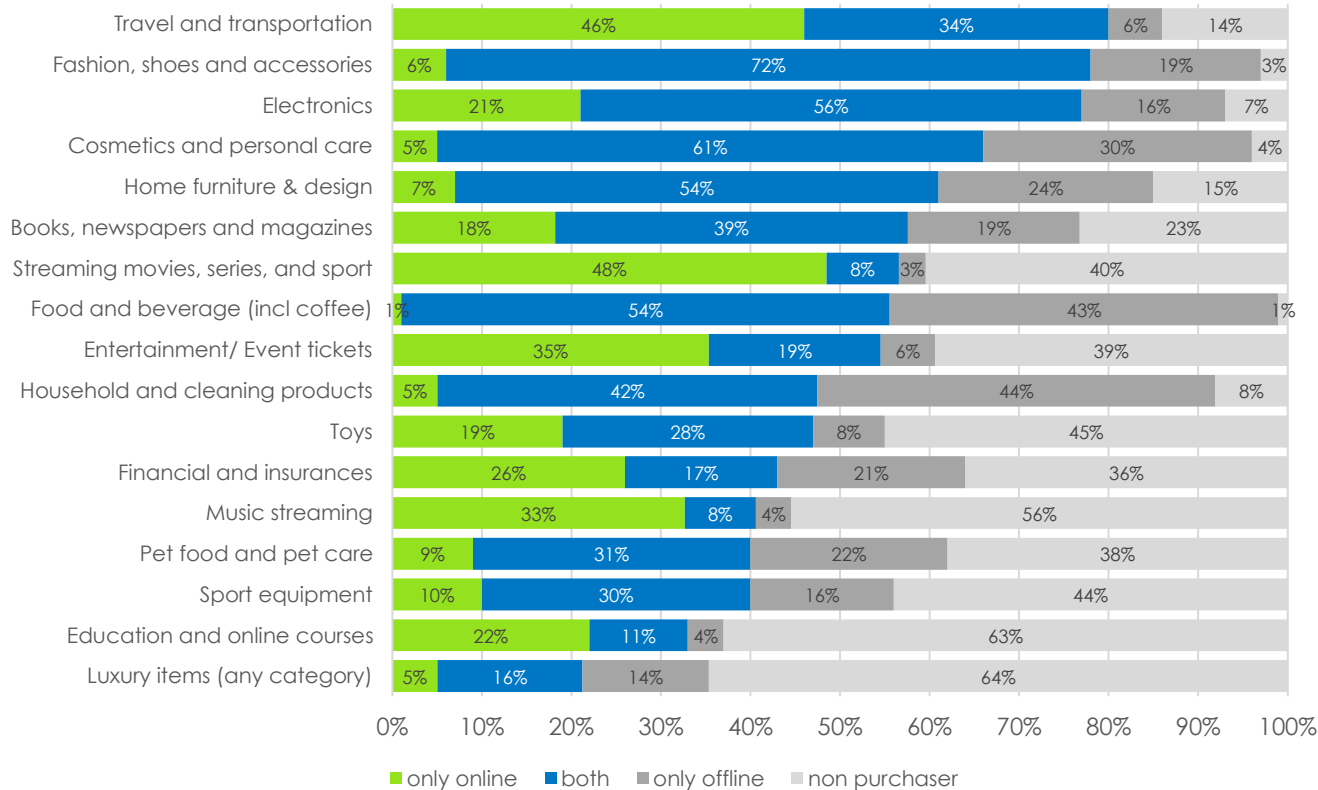


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Product categories purchased online and offline

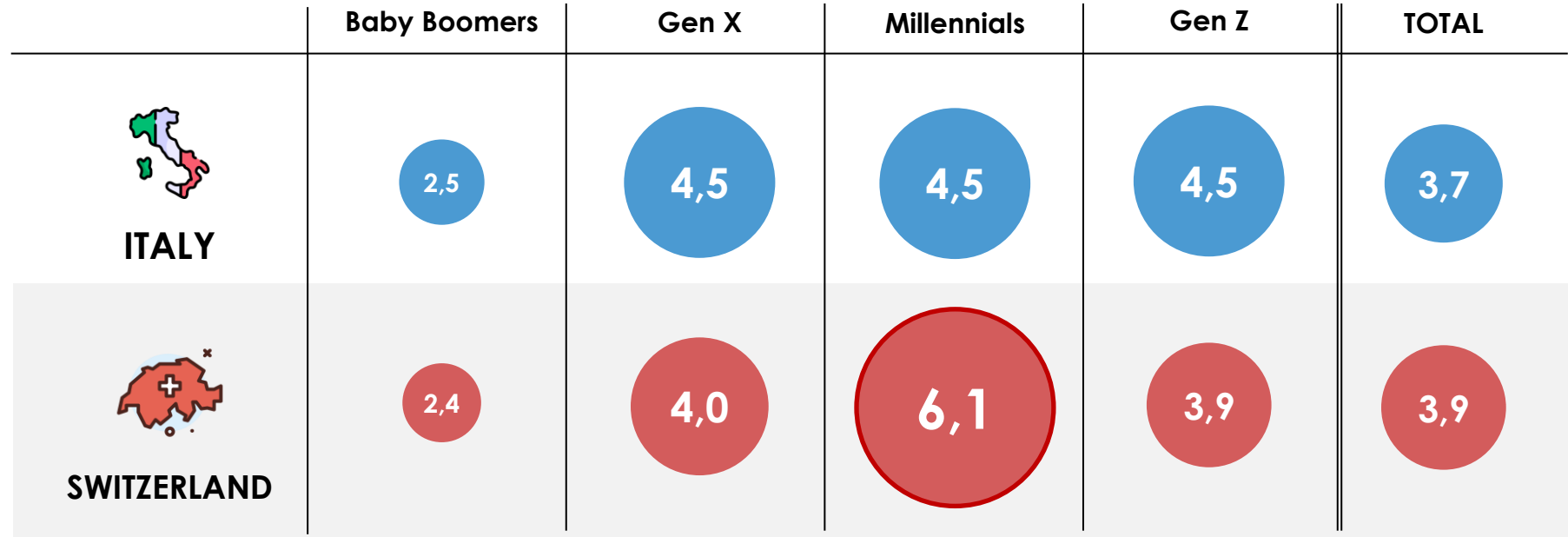


- Prevalence is for **overlap** of both **online** and **offline** for **most categories**, showing a diffused behavior of mixed purchasing habits, with no particular evidence based on product category purchased.
- Considering **products** purchased "**only online**" and "**both online and offline**", **Travel and Transportation, Fashion, Electronics, and Cosmetics** are the **top choices**, directly followed by Design & Furniture products.
- In **Travel, Events, Sport Equipment**, and **Toys** the level of **offline only** became **very limited**.

Online shopping frequency: ITA vs CH

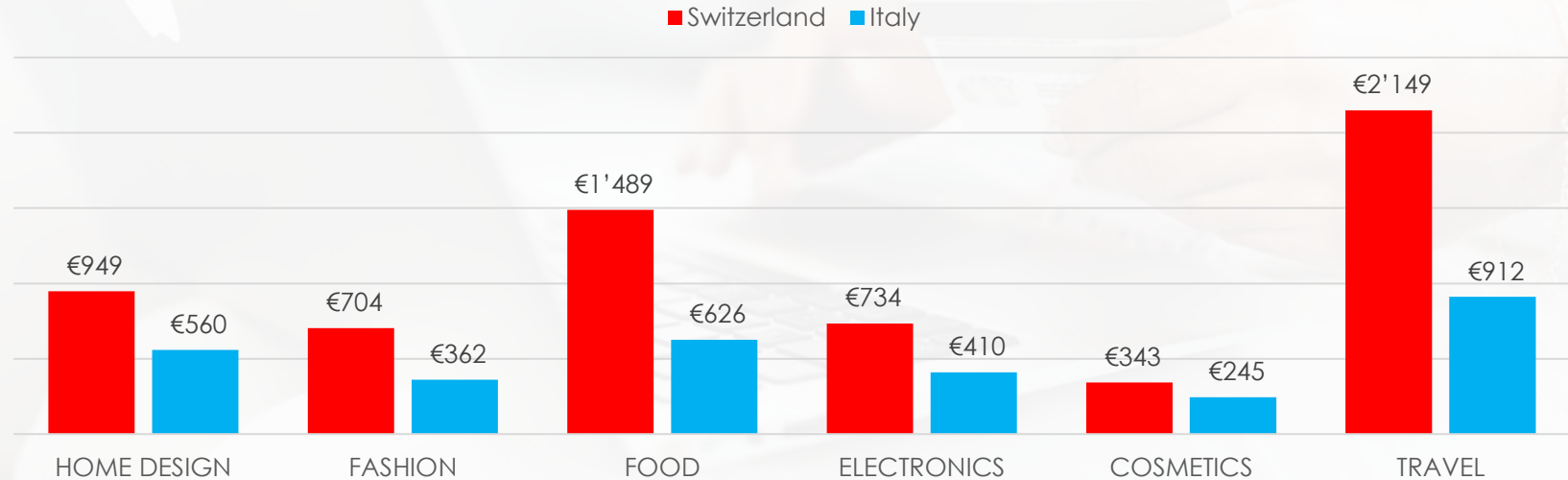
ONLINE SHOPPING FREQUENCY BY GENERATION

Pro capita average number of orders per month



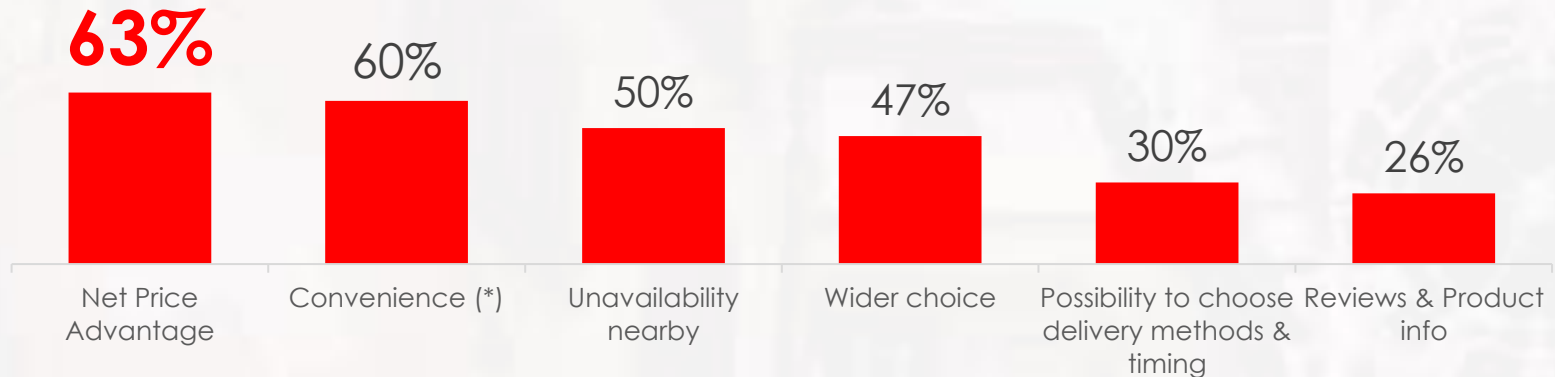
Swiss E-Purchasers lead the way: higher spending across categories highlights strong online purchasing power

AVERAGE YEARLY ONLINE SPENDING PER CATEGORY (€ per category - converted)



Among the reasons to prefer online shopping in Switzerland, price advantage and convenience rank first

REASONS TO PREFER ONLINE SHOPPING IN SWITZERLAND (% of online shoppers)



Would you like to find out more about Swiss online shopping behavior and key insights for an effective go-to-market?

LTCC RESEARCH OBSERVATORY – RESEARCHES POWERED BY DAGORÀ



DIGITAL
CONSUMER
BEHAVIOR ITA

MAY
18



DIGITAL
CONSUMER
BEHAVIOR CH

MAY
26



DESIGN &
FURNITURE

JUN
12



ELECTRONICS

JUL
6



TRAVEL

SEP
5



COSMETICS

SEP
28



FOOD

OCT
9



FASHION

OCT
26