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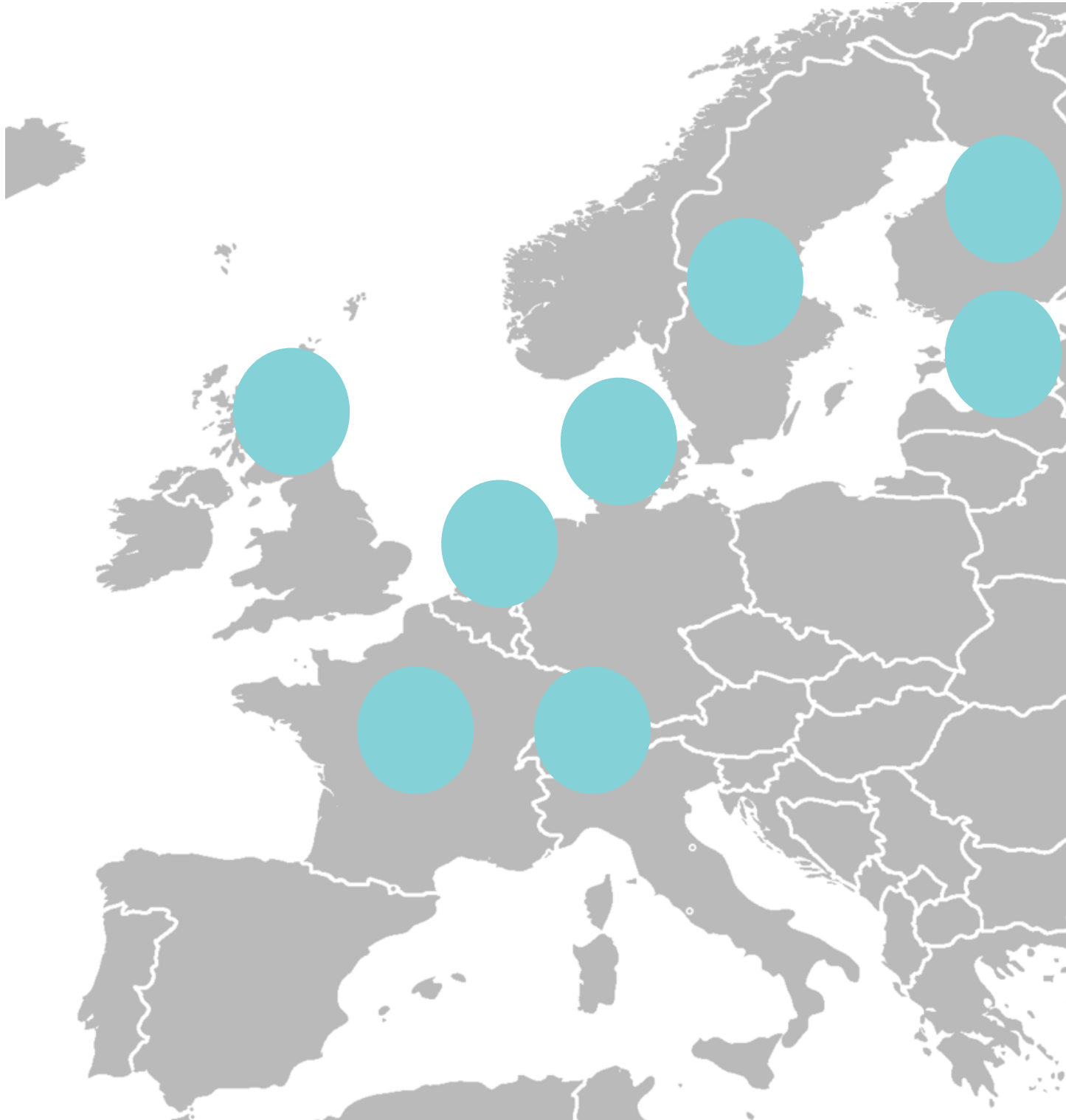
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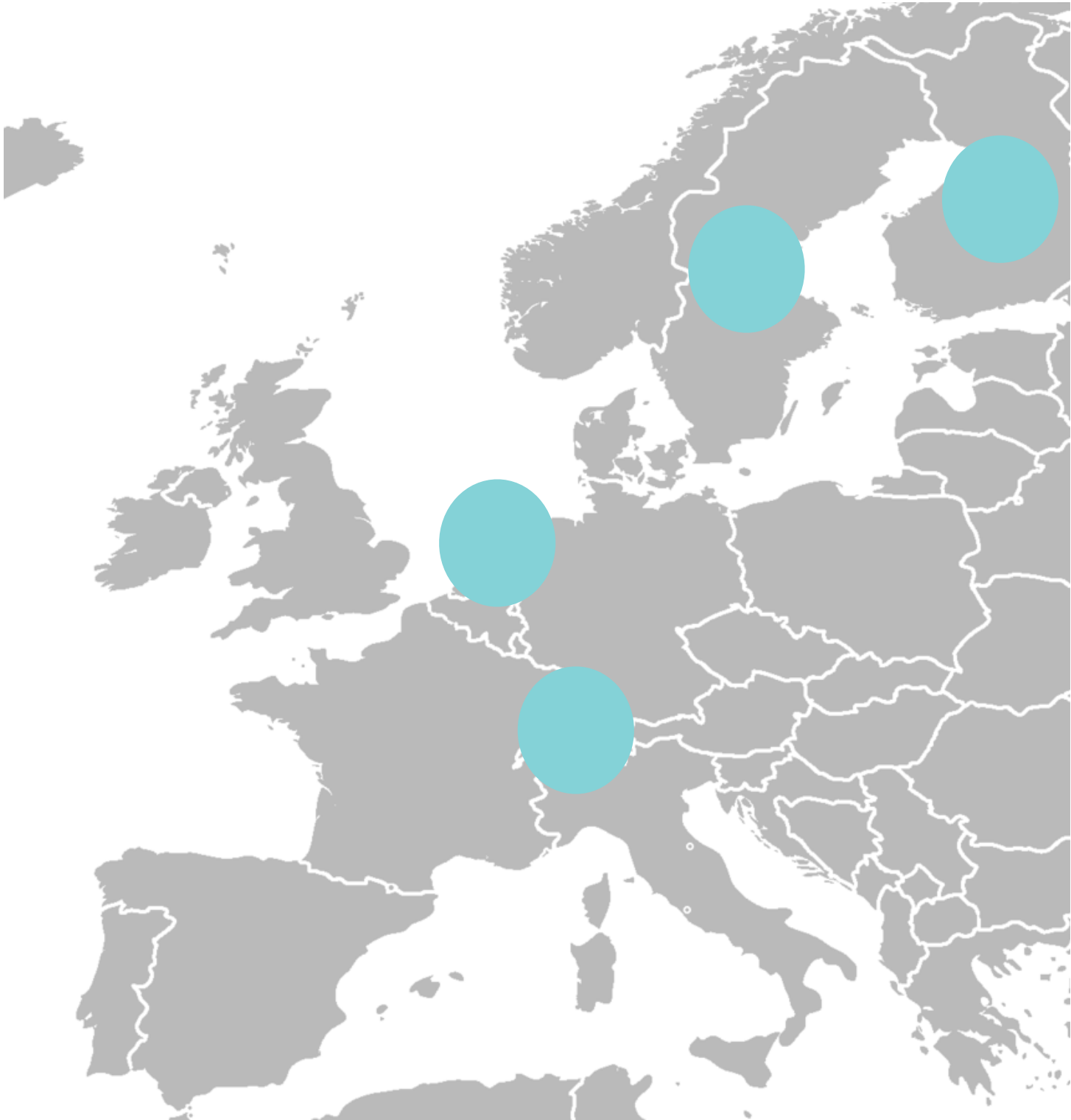
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ORIGINAL PROJECT



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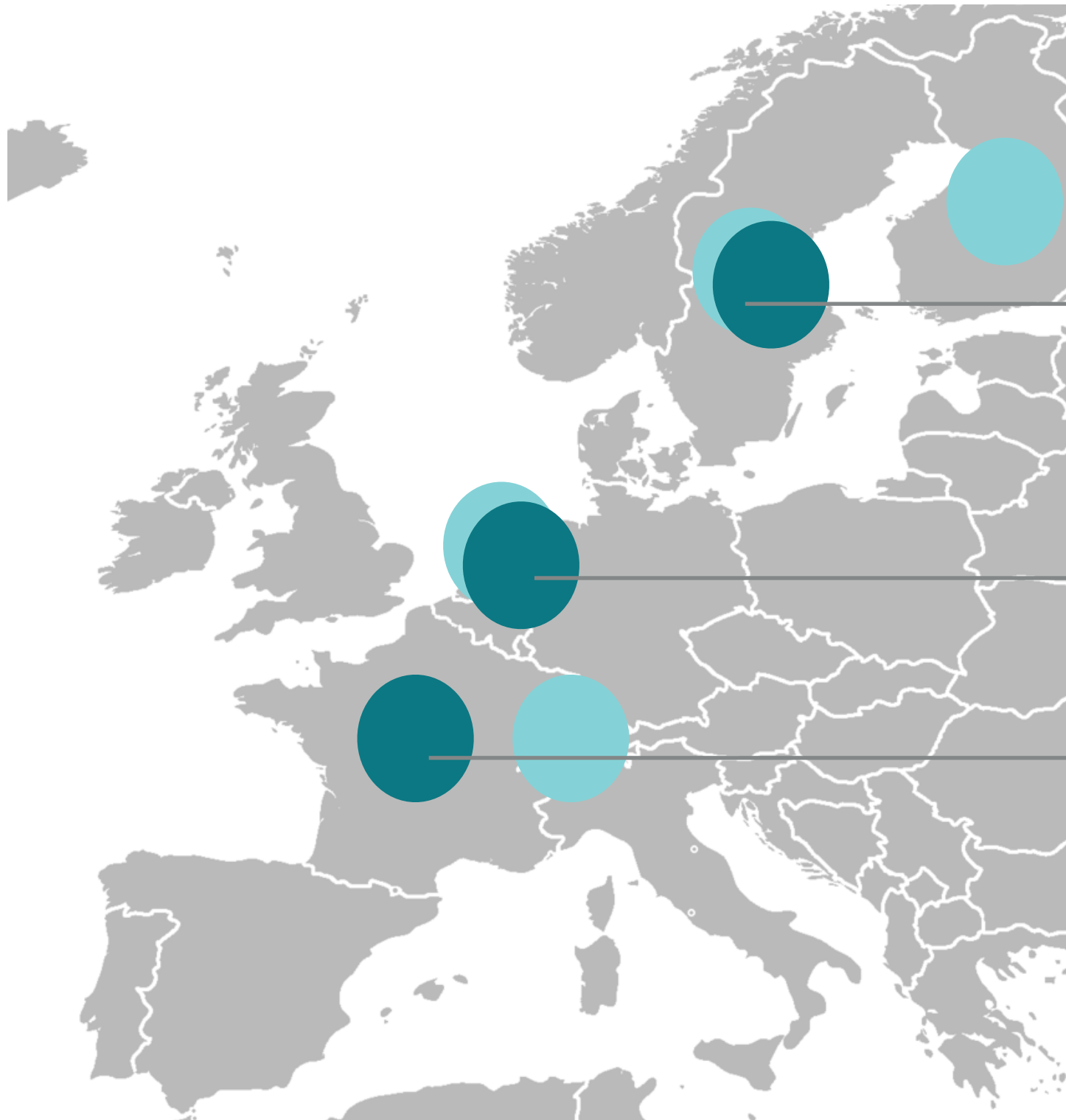
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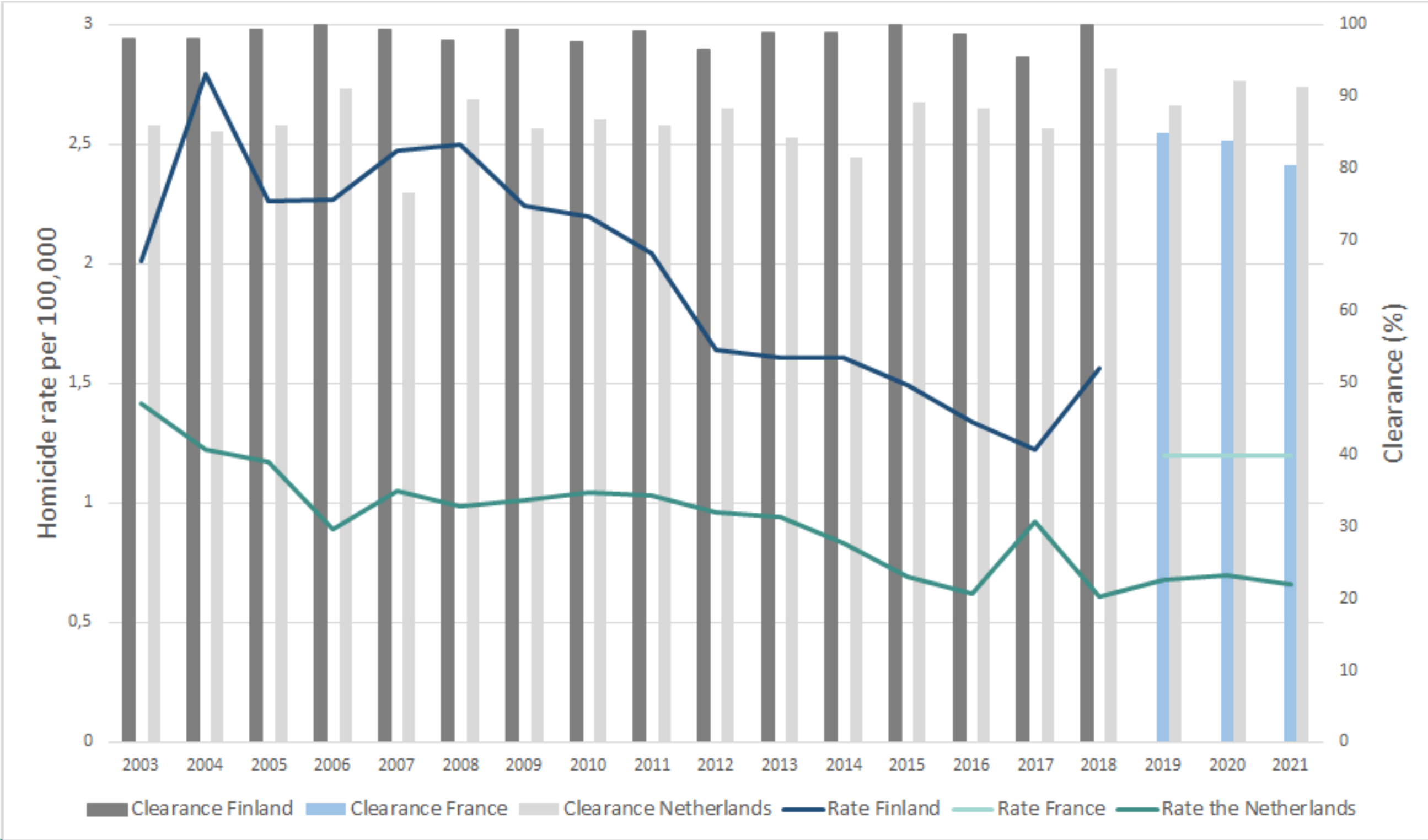


Finland, 2003-2018

The Netherlands, 2015-2021

France, 2019-2021

TRENDS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE



PATTERNS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE: LOCATION
% OF CLEARED CASES

	FINLAND (N=1515)	FRANCE (N=2081)	NETHERLANDS (N=704)
Public	96.7	75.0***	86.7**
Private	99.3	89.8	93.0
Urban	98.8	82.1***	90.4
Rural	98.9	89.7	92.4

PATTERNS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE: CASE CHARACTERISTICS

% OF CLEARED CASES

	FINLAND (N=1515)	FRANCE (N=2081)	NETHERLANDS (N=704)
1 victim	98.5	82.5**	89.6
> 1 victim	100	94.8	89.7
Firearm	100	72.0	79.9***
Blunt instrument	97.7	91.4	95.2
Sharp instrument	99.3	92.4	98.2
Strangulation	100	97	98.6
Physical violence	97.8	84.2	97.6
Other	97.7	83.1	95.1

PATTERNS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE: TYPE OF HOMICIDE
% OF CLEARED CASES

	FINLAND (N=1515)	FRANCE (N=2081)	NETHERLANDS (N=704)
Domestic	100	98.6***	99.3***
Criminal milieu	100	46.1	76.3
Robbery	100	77.5	93.1
Nightlife	100	91.7	100
Sexual	100	72.7	100
Altercation	99.9	90.9	97.0
Other	98.7	60.9	97.7

PATTERNS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE: VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS

% OF CLEARED CASES

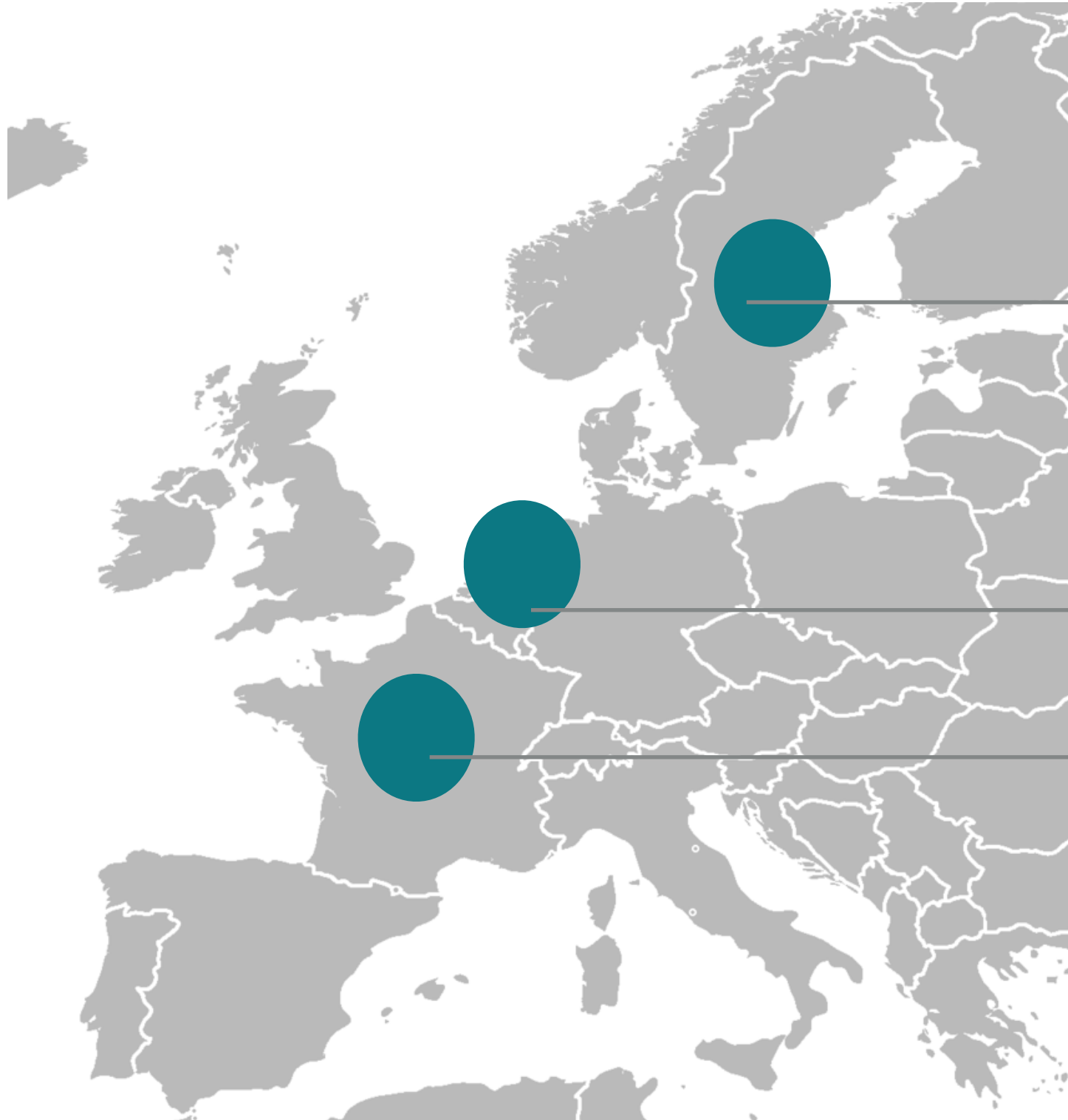
	FINLAND (N=1652)	FRANCE (N=2077)	NETHERLANDS (N=750)
Male	98.4***	78.8***	86.6***
Female	99.0	93.7	95.7
Age (Cleared vs Uncleared)	42.9 vs 45.6	39 vs 40	40.0 vs 42.7
Ethnic majority	98.6	85.6***	92.3
Ethnic minority	98.9	75.8	90.3

PATTERNS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE: VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS

ODDS RATIOS

	FINLAND (N=1518)	FRANCE (N=2425)	NETHERLANDS (N=330)
Female	0,949	2,850***	1,607
Ethnic majority	0,742	1,694***	0,844
Young victim	0,165*	1,353	-
Elderly victim	0,672	0,876	0,531
Multiple victims	3,424	1,694**	-
Firearm homicide	1,151	0,374***	0,070**
Public location	0,374*	0,597***	0,523
Urban area	0,759	0,669	0,974

PATTERNS IN HOMICIDE CLEARANCE



Finland, 2003-2018:
very high clearance rates
firearms in domestic cases
young victims
public location

The Netherlands, 2015-2021:
firearms in criminal milieu
role of drug-related crime

France, 2019-2021:
firearms in criminal milieu
ethnic minority victims
public location



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