

EU aquaculture sector

Socioeconomic development (2008-2020)*



Global standing

The EU represents:

1%

of the **worldwide aquaculture production in volume**

1.5%

in value

Economic performance

1.2 million tonnes in sales volume

€3.9 billion in turnover value

France 22% Spain 15% Greece 15% Italy 9%

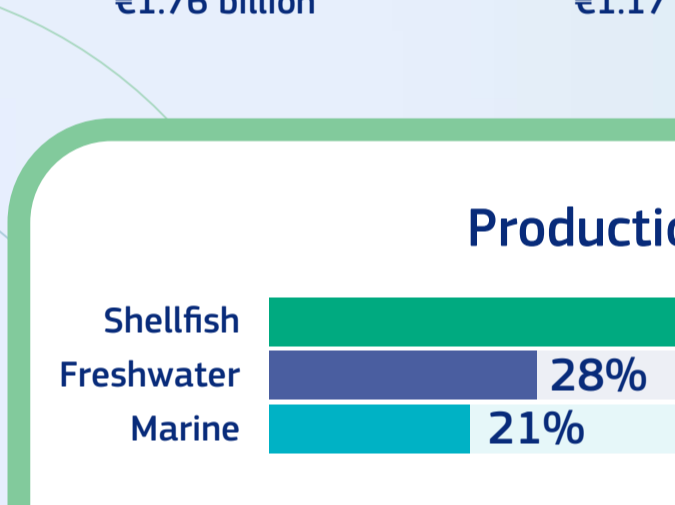
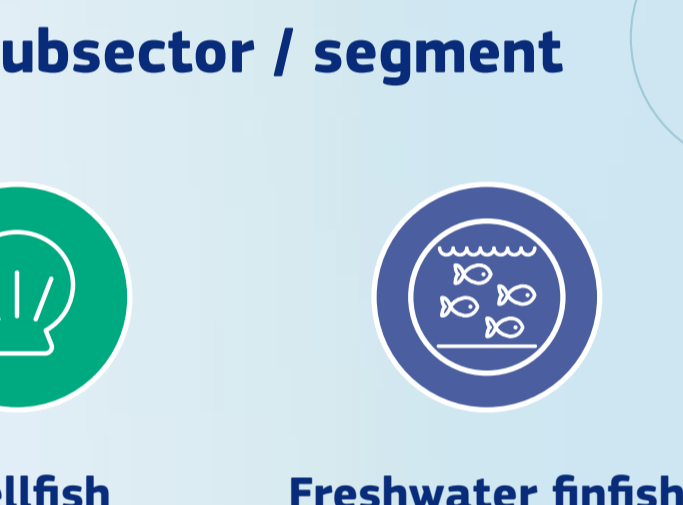
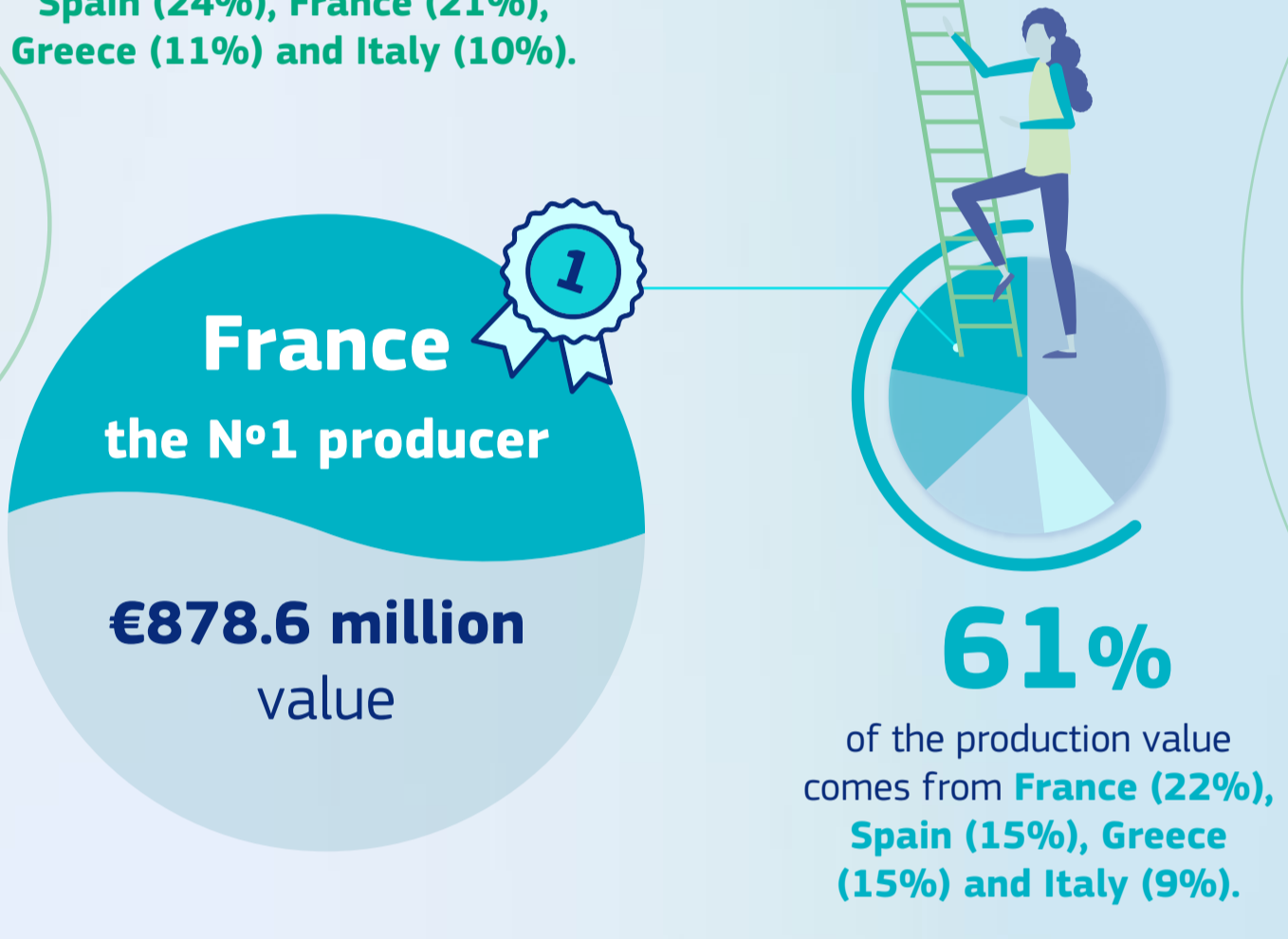
account for

61%

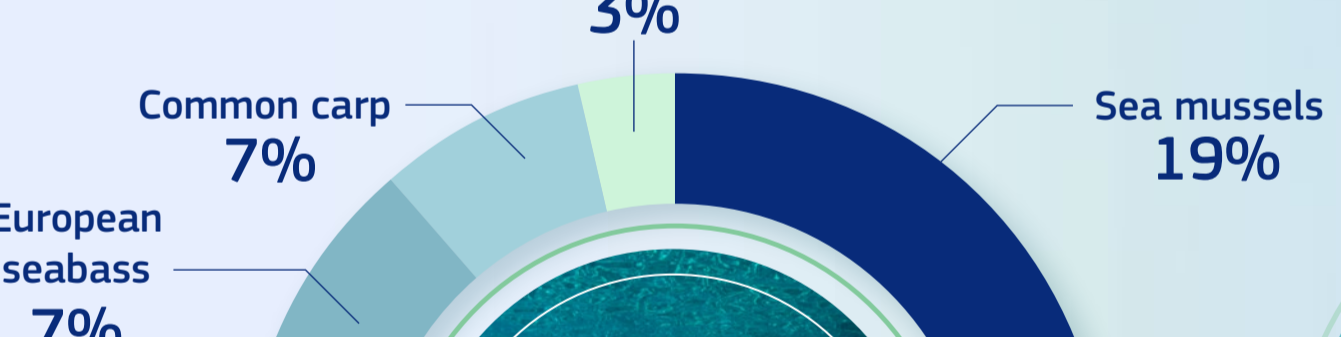
of the aquaculture sector's economic value

Production

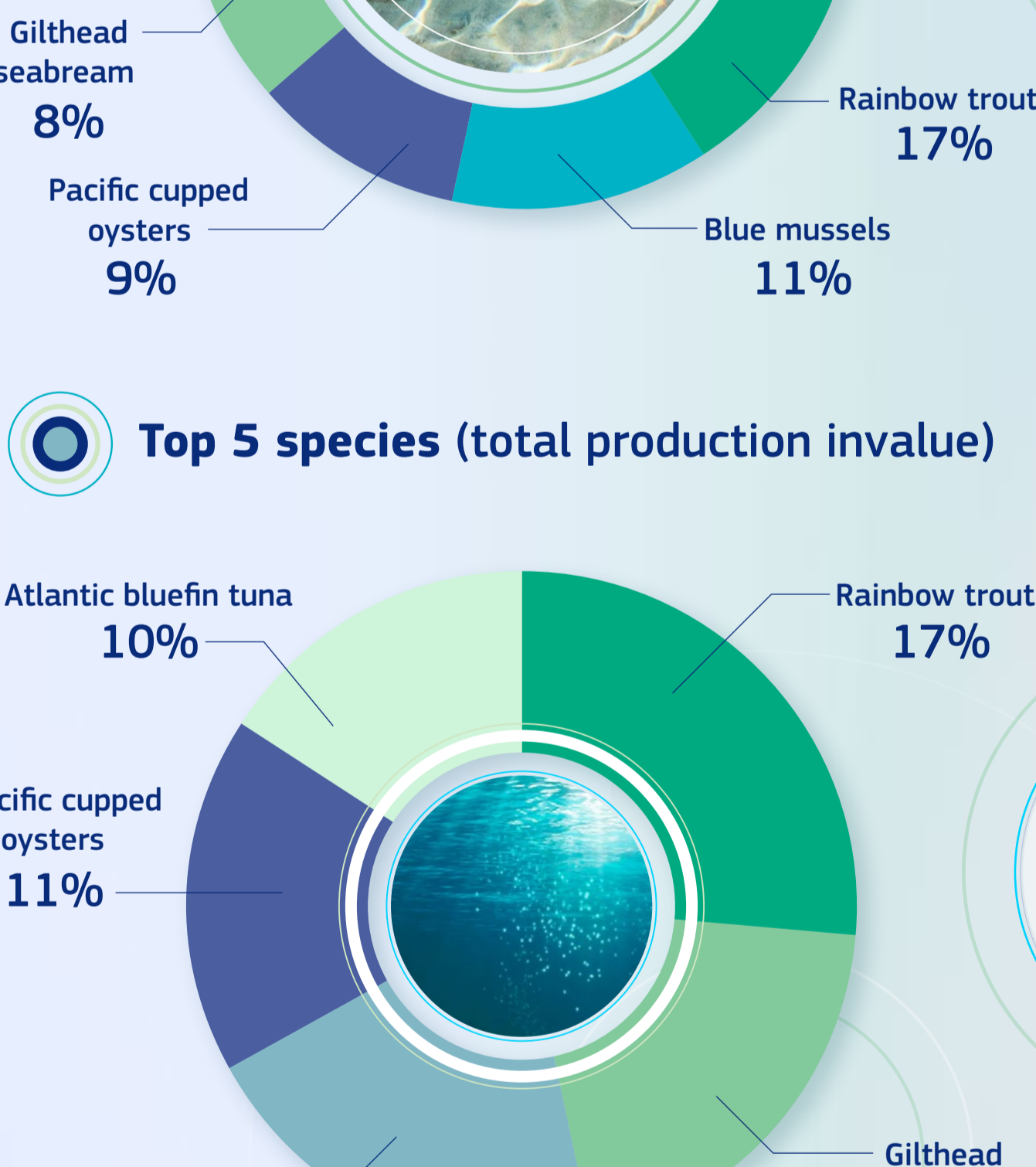
21% of fish and shellfish supply in the EU comes from the aquaculture sector.



Production per subsector / segment



Top 9 species (total production in weight)



Top 5 species (total production in value)



Employment

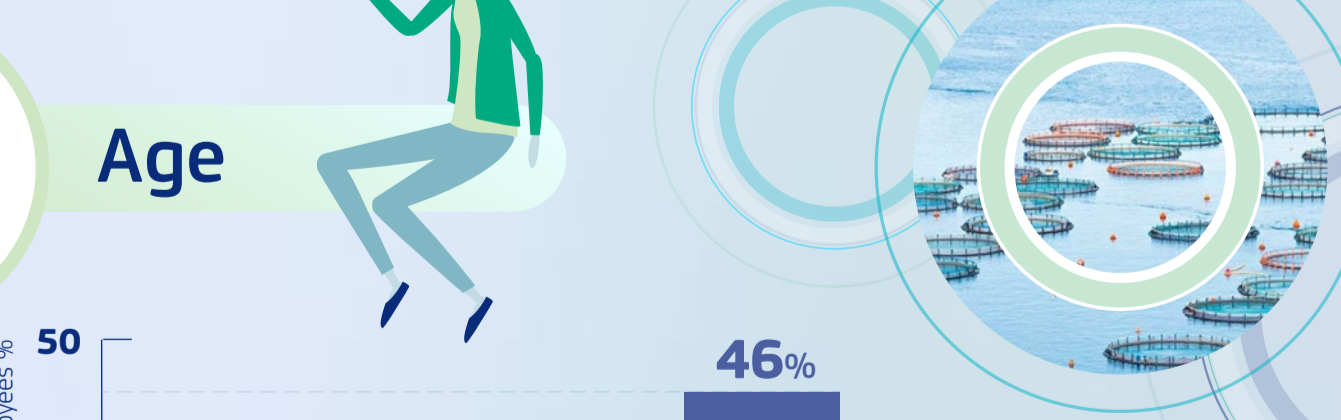
57 000 people are directly employed

35 000 are full time equivalent jobs

14 200 enterprises

80% small businesses (under 10 employees)

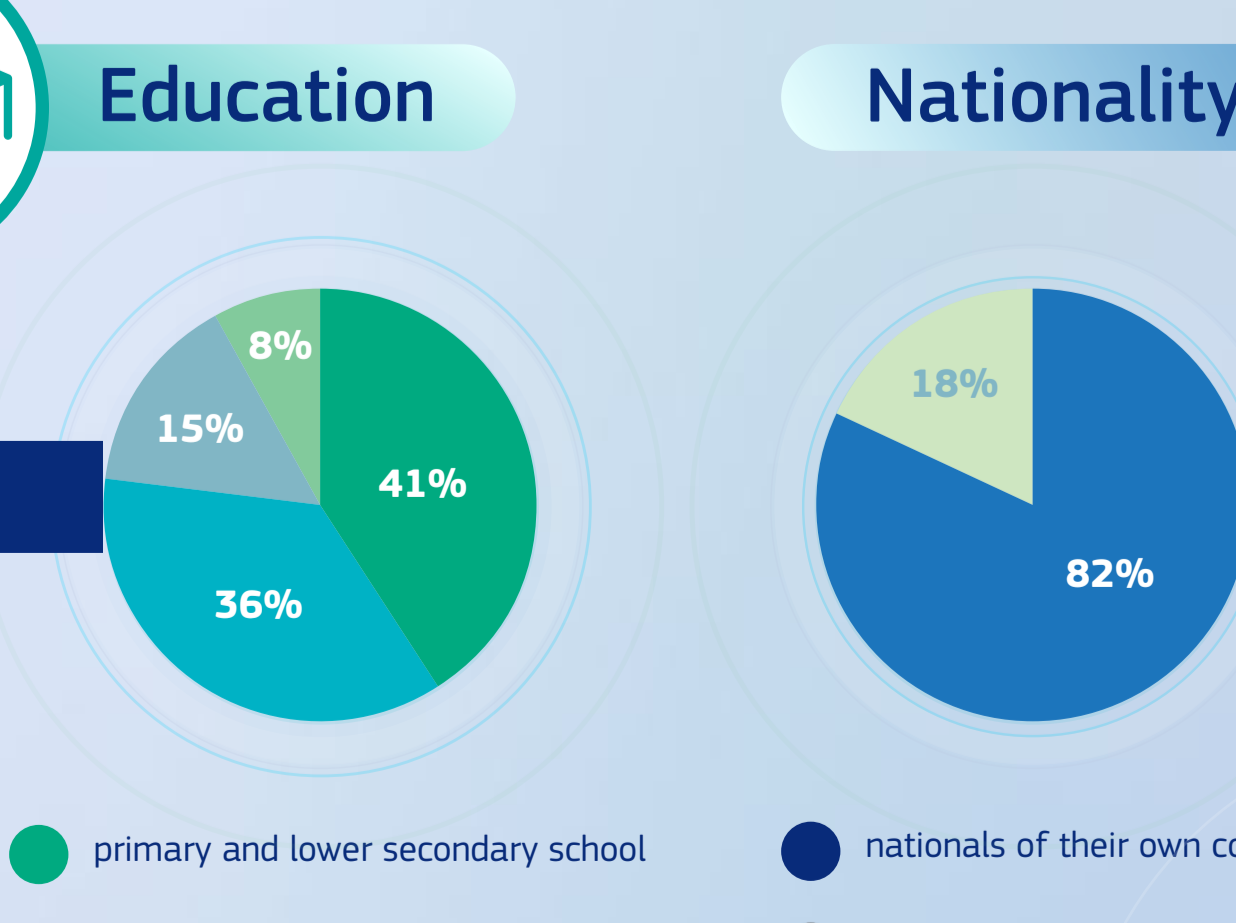
Gender



Belgium has the highest percentage of **female employees.**

68%

Age



Education



Nationality



* Source: Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries – Economic Report on the EU aquaculture (STECF-22-17), Nielsen, R., Virtanen, J. and Guillen Garcia, J. editor(s), EUR 28359 EN, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2023, ISBN 978-92-76-99317-9, doi:10.2760/51391, JRC132648

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