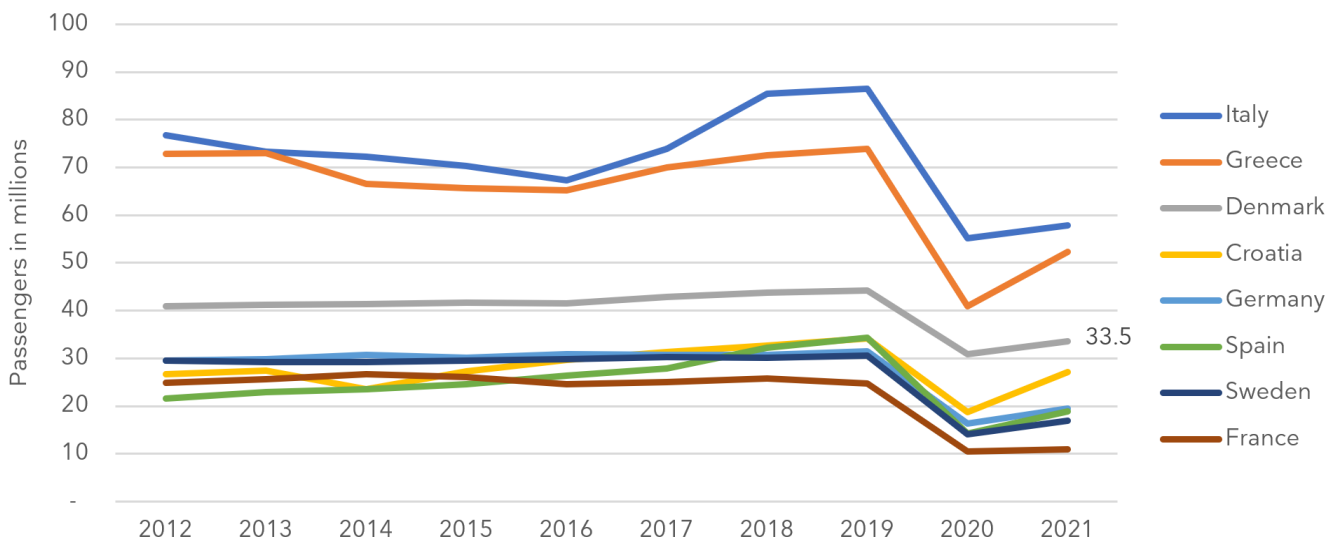


Ultraflash – Denmark is the EU’s third-largest ferry nation

Even though Denmark only has 6 million inhabitants, the country is the third-largest ferry nation in the EU in terms of passengers. In 2021, Danish ports accounted for 33.5 million passengers embarking and disembarking, while Italy and Greece remain the biggest ferry nations in the EU.

- The top 20 passenger ports accounted for over 34 % of the total number of passengers who embarked and disembarked in the reporting countries in 2021. Top-20 of the busiest ferry ports in the EU, 3 are in Denmark (Aarhus, Sjællands Odde, and Elsinor).
- In 2021, the number of passengers in EU ports saw a 36% decrease compared to 2019. However, the first quarter of 2021 showed a significant decline of 48% compared to the first quarter of 2020 due to COVID-19 precautionary measures. The remaining three quarters of 2021 experienced substantial increases compared to the same quarters of 2020.
- In EU ports, the difference between the number of passengers disembarking ('inwards') and embarking ('outwards') is generally small. This is in contrast to the movements of goods where approximately 60% of goods are unloaded and 40% are loaded. The reason for this is that seaborne passenger transport in Europe is mostly operated by national or intra-EU ferry services, where the same passengers are counted twice in port throughput statistics. This occurs when passengers embark on the ferry in one EU port and disembark the same ferry in another EU port.

Number of ferry passengers embarked and disembarked in all ports



Source: Eurostat