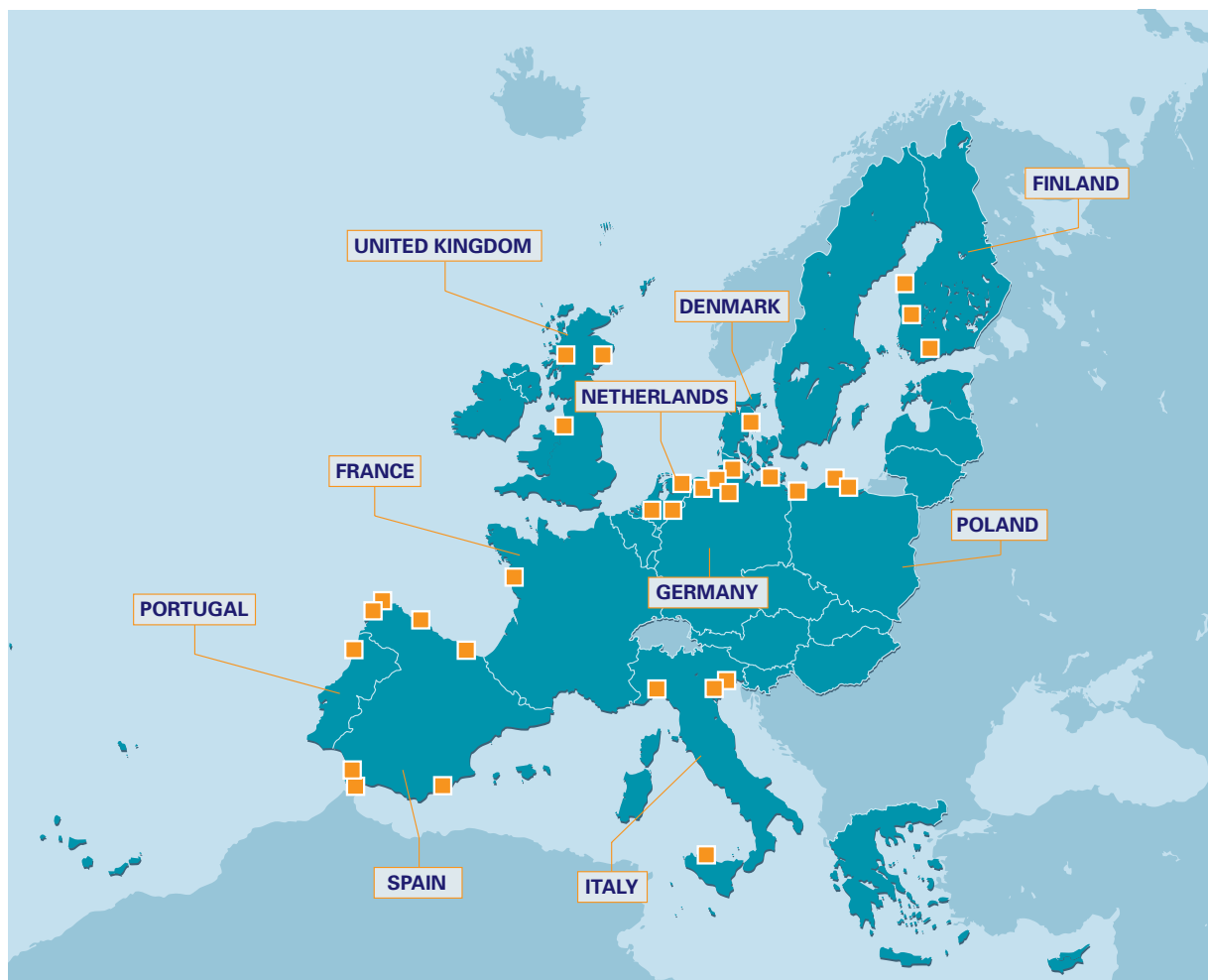


Shipbuilding

- The European Union's shipbuilding sector accounts for some 10% of world production.
- There are more than 150 shipyards in the European Union, of which 40 play an active role worldwide in building large ocean-going merchant marine vessels.
- Shipbuilding is very important in a number of Member States from an industrial and strategic point of view.
- Some 50,000 people in the European Union are directly employed by shipyards and 250,000 people work for 9,000 sub-contractor companies.
- Exports account for more than half of the industry's turnover of € 34 billion.
- The European shipbuilding industry is a global player in the construction of complex vessels such as cruise ships, ferries, very large yachts and dredgers. It holds a strong position in the construction of submarines and other vessels.
- The European shipbuilding industry ranks number one worldwide for a large number of products, including diesel engines and electronics.

The main shipyards in the EU



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