



The EU Food and Drink (F&D) Industry in Figures

The number one manufacturing industry in the EU

generates €965 billion in turnover

representing 13% of EU manufacturing sector turnover

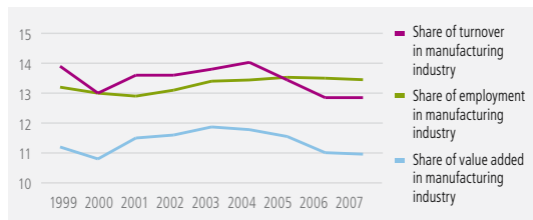
➔ **+3%**
2008/2007

employs 4.4 million people

generating 14% of the total jobs in EU manufacturing

➔ **+1%**
2008/2007

A stable sector over the last decade



Remarkably stable levels of employment in the F&D industry vis-à-vis other EU manufacturing industries

A driving force for diversity

Out of a total of 310,000 companies, more than 99% are SMEs¹

SMEs generate

49% of F&D turnover

63% of F&D employment

An industry with a leading role in maintaining industrial activities across all 27 EU Member States

¹ Small and medium-sized companies

A key player within the food chain

purchases and processes **70% of EU agricultural production**

offers 500 million Europeans safe, nutritious and affordable products on which they spend **13% of their household expenditure**

The largest exporter and importer of F&D products worldwide

exports €58 billion

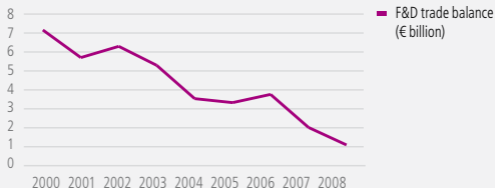
top destinations: USA, Russia, Switzerland

➔ **+6%**
2008/2007

imports €57 billion

top origins: Brazil, Argentina and USA

➔ **+8%**
2008/2007



Net exporter of F&D products but decreasing trade surplus

Improvement needed in R&D and innovation expenditure

R&D investment represents **0.37%** of F&D output

Lower than in most developed countries (Japan 1.01%; USA 0.49%)