



Session 3 of the SSF Forum workshop on “Promoting strong and innovative SSF value chains” 7 July 2021



The workshop sessions on “Promoting strong and innovative SSF value chains” focused on best practices for creating competitive economic advantages for the men and women working along the small-scale fisheries value chain.

↳ The third session discussed the role and contribution of women in SSF value chains with the active participation of **AKTEA**, in the organization of the workshop and with the presentation “**Being a woman along the SSF value chain in EU Med countries**”.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE EVENT

- **Women work all along the value chain** – preparations for fishing trips, making gear, fishing on boats, sorting fish after landing, selling fish... but this work is not always recognized
- Women tend to need to work more and harder than men to prove themselves and be accepted. The situation is however different in different locations depending on local traditions
- Women bring rich culture and creativity to the sector that need to be valorized. Being organized in associations and networks help women exchange experiences and to understand that they are doing a proper work, not just „helping“, when doing different types of fisheries related work. **Recognising and supporting the role of women is important economically for both men and women and society more broadly.**
- **In Europe, there is AKTEA.** Women in other countries can strengthen their voices and improve the recognition of their work by getting together. Exchanges between different women professionals and groups can help so that those who are not in associations can learn how they can get organised, and AKTEA could perhaps help in reaching out to non-European countries.

