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Two Types of Portuguese Female Football Migrants: Diaspora Players and Emigrants

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Two Types of Female Portuguese Football Migrants

Emigration of Female National Squad Players

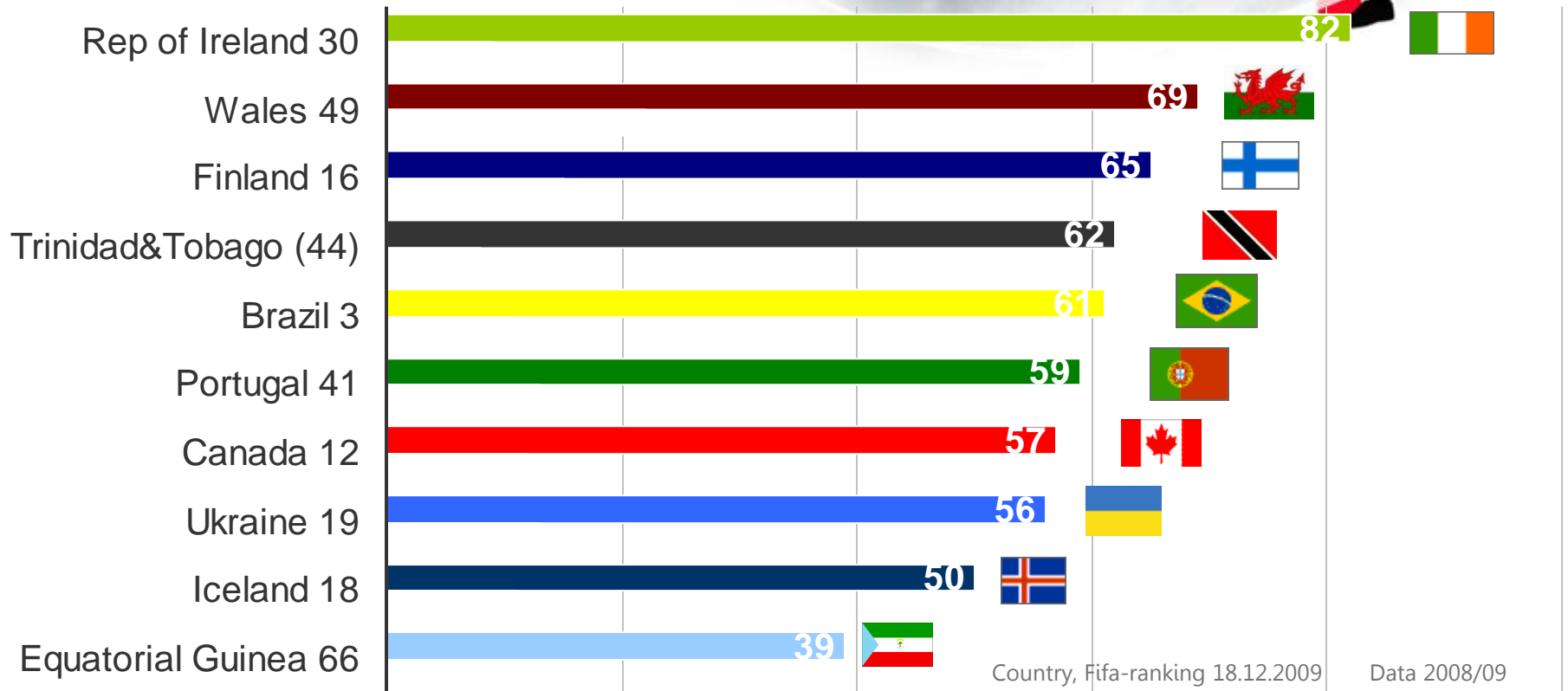


Continents	Countries (iso-codes)	Nat. Squad Players	abroad 2008/2009	%
North America	US, CA	40	13	32.5
Central & South America	BR, TT, UY, AR	73	20	27.4
Africa	GQ, NG, CM, GH, ZA	100	28	28.0
Asia	JP, CN	36	2	5.6
Ozeania	AS, AU, NZ	55	5	9.1
Europe incl. IL	23 countries	473	123	26.0
	Portugal	22	13	59.1
Total	40	799	187	23.4



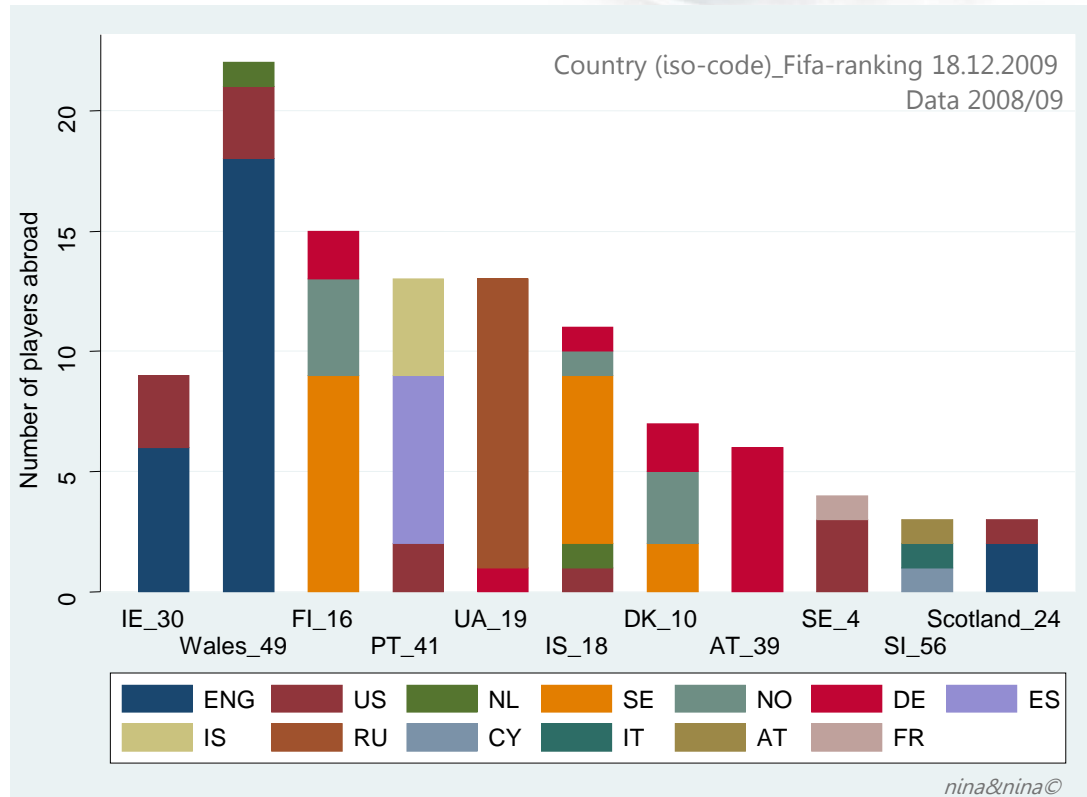
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Top 10 National Squad Players abroad in %



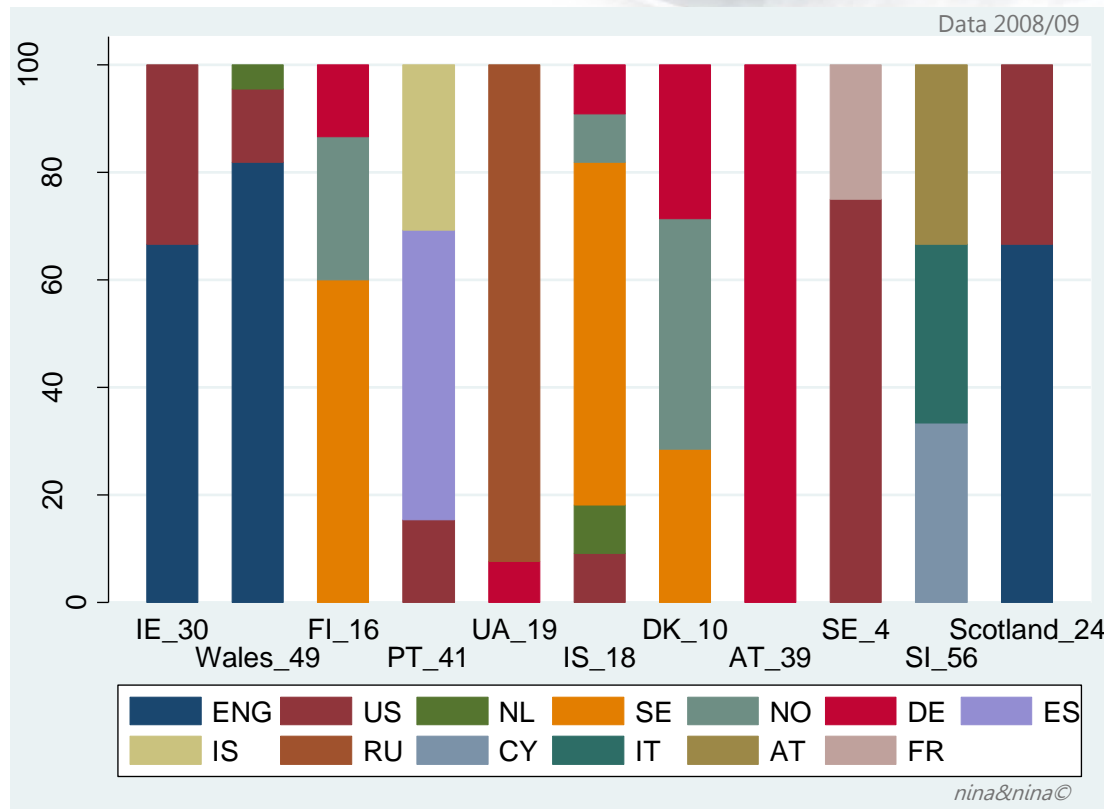
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Top 10 European National Squad Players abroad



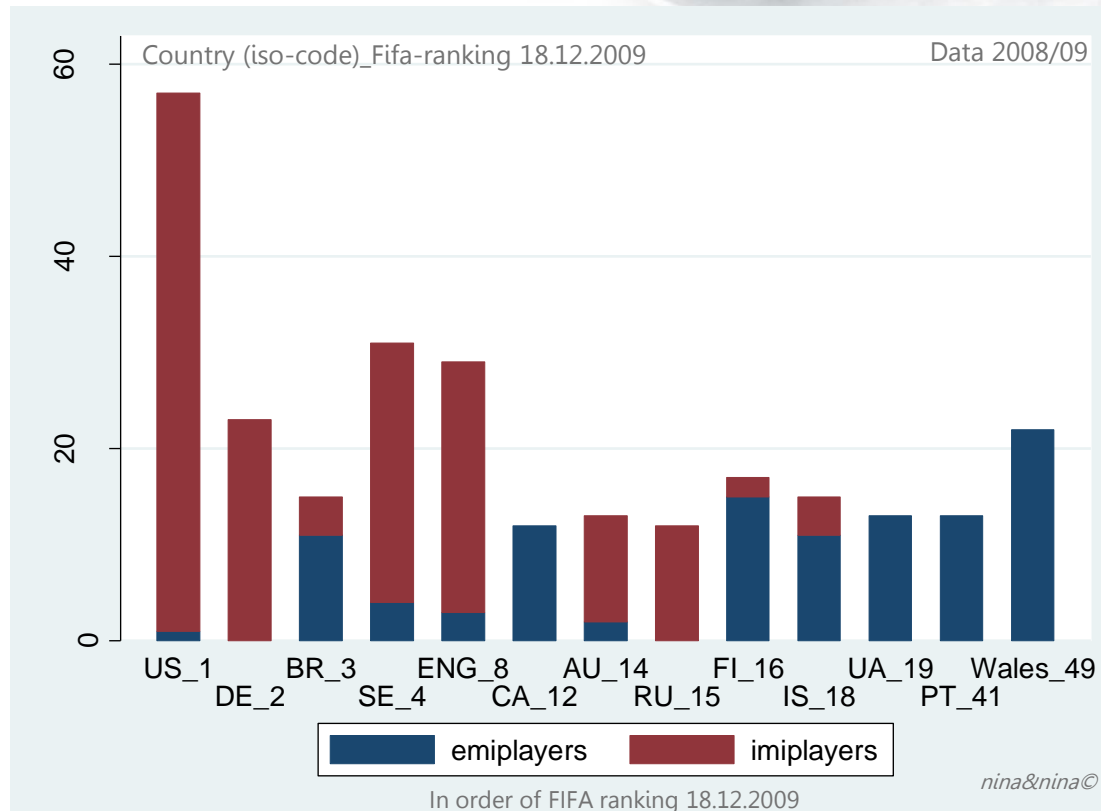
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Top 10 Europe: % in countries of destination



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Countries most involved in Female Football Migration



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Portuguese National Women Squad



Emigrants & Diaspora Players

Emigrants

- 2001: Three went to China
- 2001-2010:
23 of 38 with transnational football experience

- Countries of Destination: CN, ES, IS

Diaspora Players

- First Diaspora Players: (2004)2007/8
- From the US, CA, BR, CH, FR
- Current contacts: DE, US, CA



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Typology of Athlete Migrants

1. **Pioneers**, that are motivated by an almost evangelical zeal to expand their sports.
2. **Settlers**, who are interested in subsequently staying in the host country.
3. **Mercenaries**, who are motivated by short-term gains.
4. **Nomadic cosmopolitans**, who use their sports to travel and experience other cultures and cities
5. **Returnees**, who aim to return home, for example, to finish their career. **(Maguire 1996)**
6. **Ambitionists**, who migrate to fulfil dreams of a professional career,
7. **Choosing ones**, who migrate to play in a particular country and a particular club,
8. **Picking ones**, who seek to be signed by a club with the highest possible sporting level.
9. **Exile**, who for sport-related, personal or political reasons leaves home voluntarily,
10. **Expelled**, who has been forced to leave home through a combination of behavioural problems and media exposure. **(Magee and Sugden 2002)**



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Motivational Factors in Female Football Migration



Motivating

Sporting Ambition

Includes: Pioneers, Ambitionists, Choosing ones, Picking ones, Exile (Maguire 1996, Magee/Sugden 2002)

Football Experience

- Being a professional footballer
- Improving skills in better conditions
- International experience

Dream of Social Mobility

- Higher Status when coming home
- Education, football-related profession

Financial Prospects

Agergaard and Botelho 2010

De-Motivating

Cultural Adaptation

"I couldnt understand a word off the pitch"

Playing Styles

"It was military-like"

Social Isolation, Boredom

"I already spend the day with internet and tv"

Education, Profession

"I wouldnt get my job back"

Age

"This is for the younger ones"

Economic conditions

"I would have had to pay for my transfer"



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Portuguese Female Football Migration Experience



Diaspora Players

- ❖ “To fulfill my father’s, my parent’s dream”
- ❖ “To re-connect with my roots”

Emigrants

- ❖ `Querer Arriscar´ – Taking the Risk

Migration as an adventure (Simmel, Sarró)

- ❖ For the Passion and the Cause

Positive Perception of Emigration and Naturalization

Improvement of the National Squad

“To play at all”



Two Types of Female Portuguese Football Migrants Concluding Comparative Remarks



The Migrant always wins?

Female Portuguese Football Emigrants in Comparison to...

- ❖ Portuguese Male Football Emigrants: *less income, more life*
- ❖ Women who migrate alone: *more respect, choices and collectivity*
- ❖ Portuguese Youth: *higher mobility for the passion and the cause*
- ❖ Portuguese Emigrants: *higher social status and symbolic reward*

