

COVID-19 survey of the European digital industry

# This survey is a collaboration between DIGITALEUROPE's member trade associations



#### **Participating trade associations:**





























## Key takeaways



## Impact of COVID-19 on the Europea digital industry

**77%** 

of respondents are expecting a negative financial impact from the COVID-19 crisis

35%

of respondents expect some lay offs

**74%** 

of companies delivering across borders in Europe have experienced some disruptions in deliveries<sup>1</sup>

#### **Perception of the crisis**

50%

of respondents believe that governments are doing too little to support companies in need

93%

believe that the COVID-19 pandemic will lead to a global recession

#### Effective measures<sup>2</sup>

'Assistance from Governments to pay a share of employee's salaries' and 'postponing tax payments' are the most requested national measures

90%

When it comes to **EU measures**, nearly all respondents consider a **stimulus package for digital transformation** to be 'highly relevant' (59%) or 'relevant' (31%)to help the EU recover from the crisis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only considers respondents for which cross border EU deliveries are relevant and that are aware of the impact (n=208)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Base: All respondents (n=399). No response available for Germany.

## **About this survey**



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**Date:** 17 Mar to 16 Apr 2020

**Target group:** Companies and associations of IT

and telecommunications industry as

well as companies in digitizing

industries

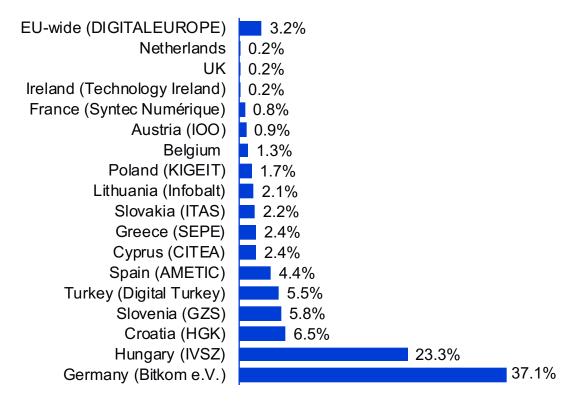
A total of 634 companies answered

**Collection:** Bitkom Research designed the

survey, collected the responses and

aggregated the results

#### **Countries covered**

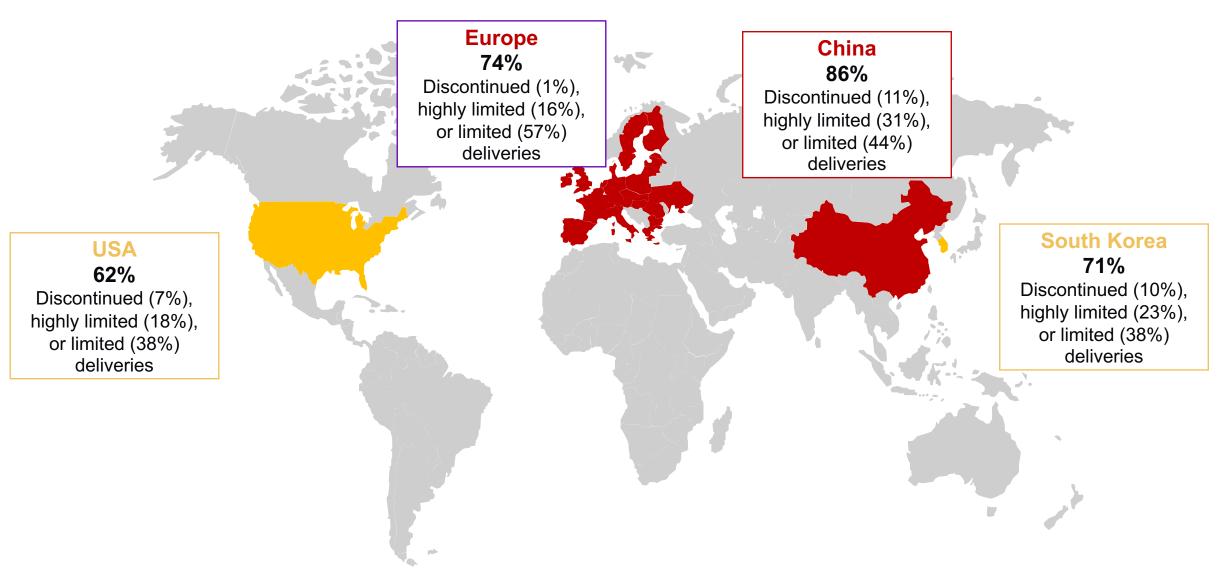




## Impact on the supply chain



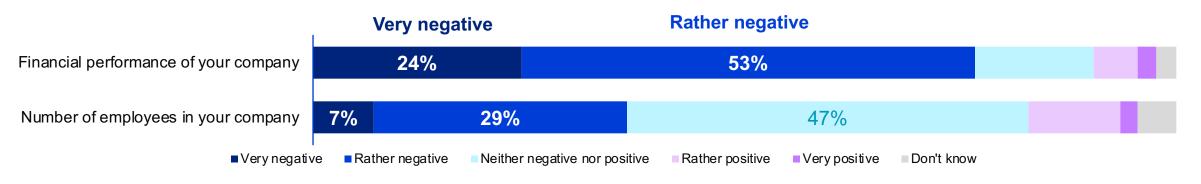
% of the value chain that has been limited by COVID-19

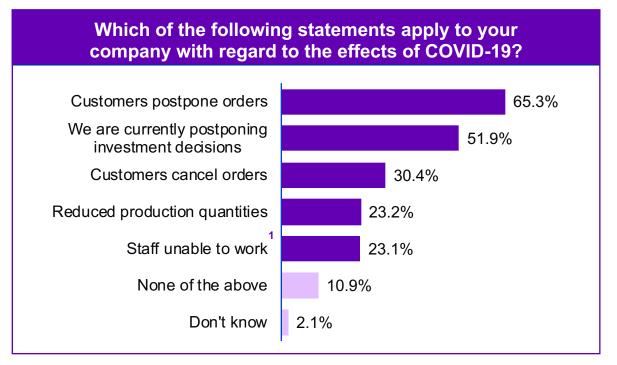


## Impact of COVID-19 on the European digital industry



In your opinion, how will the spread of the Coronavirus affect the following areas in 2020?







Source: Bitkom Research 2020 | Base: All respondents (n=634); multiple answers were possible

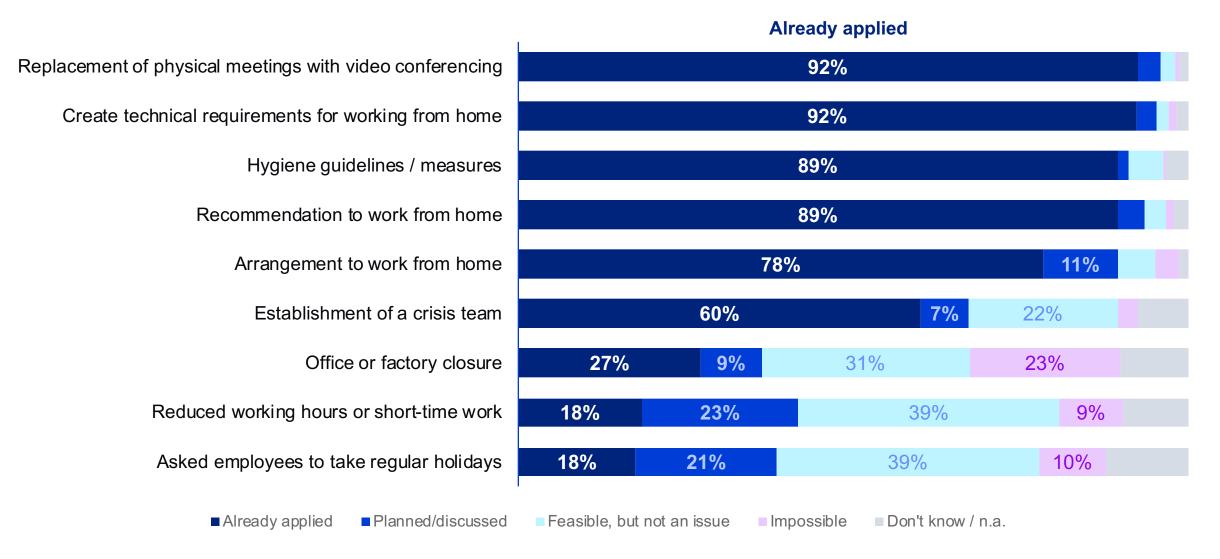
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Question "staff unable to work" was not included in the German survey (n=399)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Question on remote working was not included in the Hungarian survey (n=486)

## Measures taken by digital companies



What measures have you already taken, or are you considering in your company as a result of the spread of COVID-19?

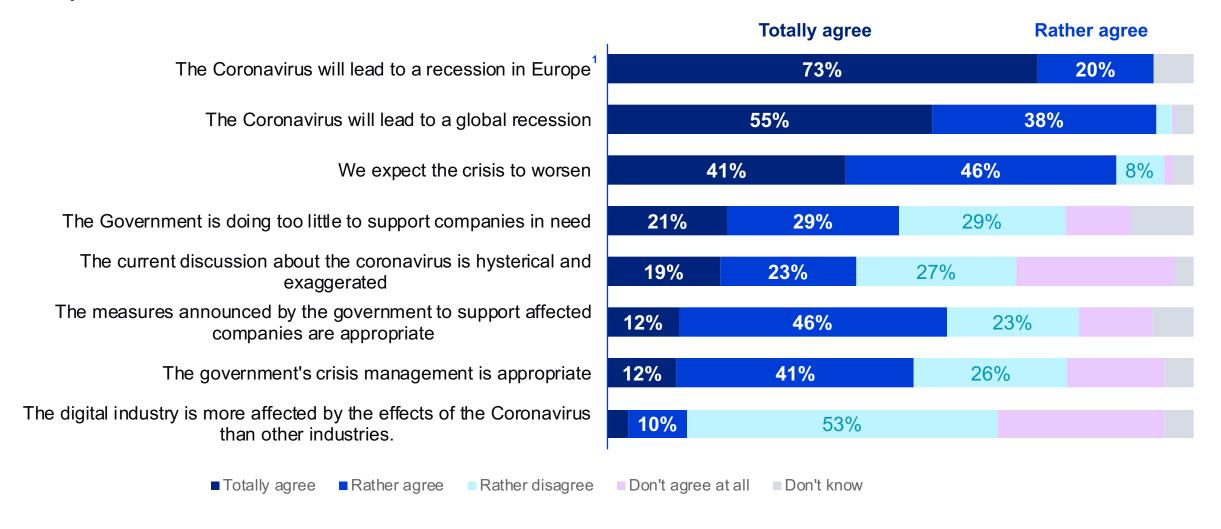




## What the digital sector believes



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the spread and the effects of COVID-19?



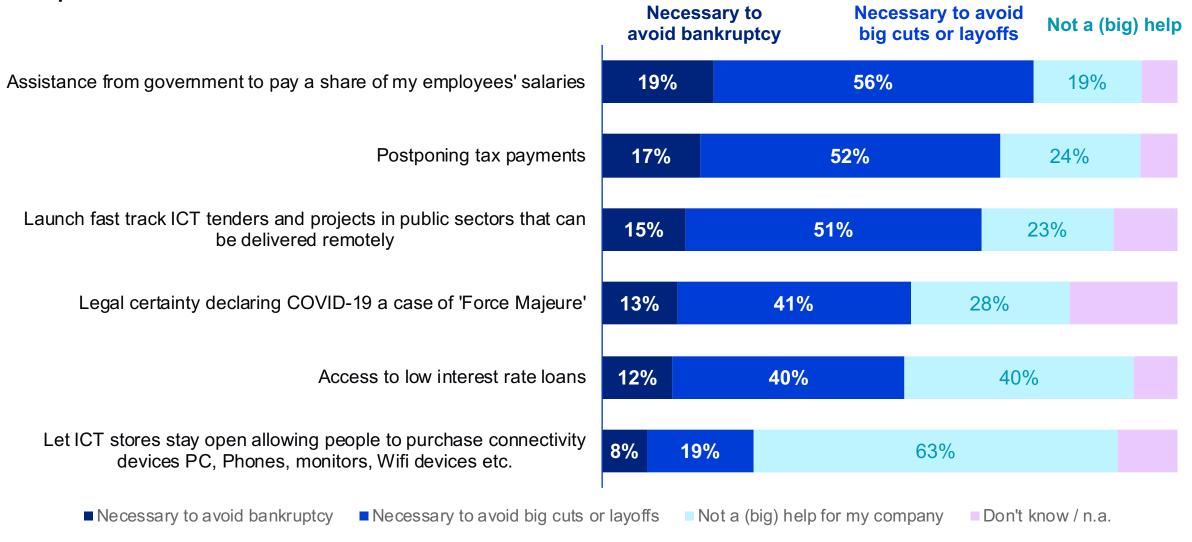
Source: Bitkom Research | Base: All respondents (n=634); multiple answers were possible 10 Only the corporate membership of DIGITALEUROPE was asked this question (n=30). Other trade associations asked their members about the chances the Coronavirus will lead to a recession in their country.



### National measures



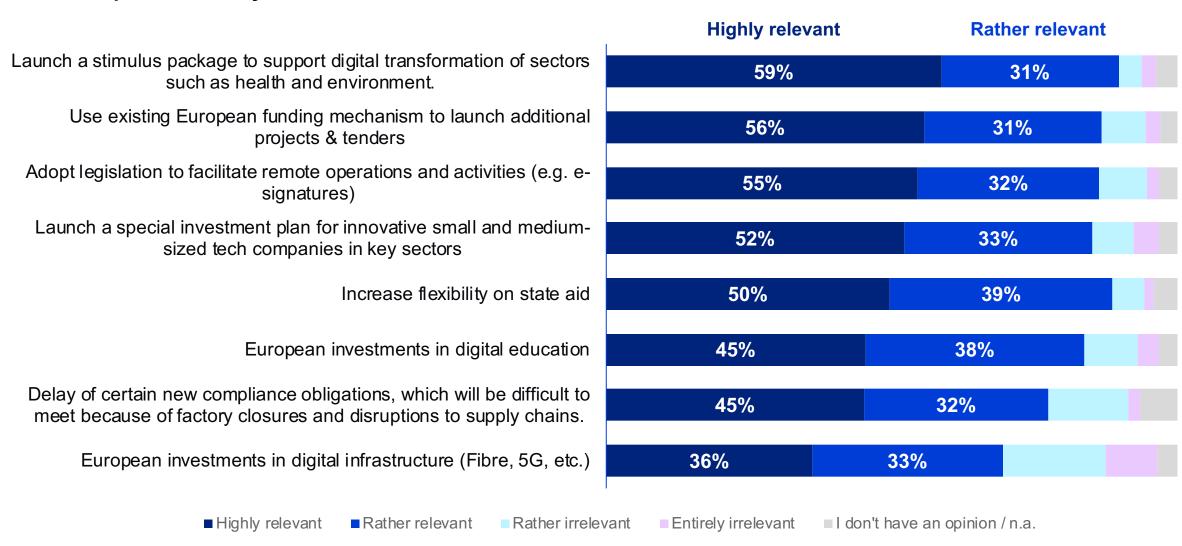
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### **EU** measures



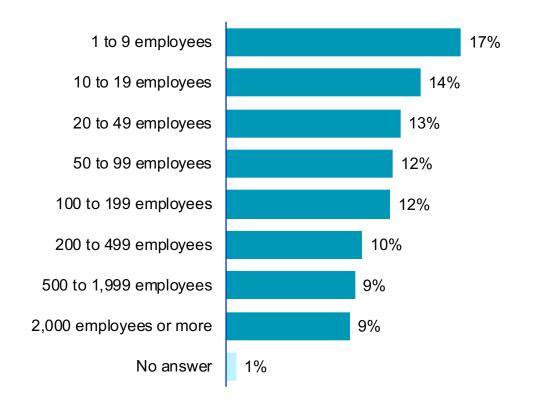
#### Which of the following measures do you believe the European Union should take to help the economy recover from COVID-19?



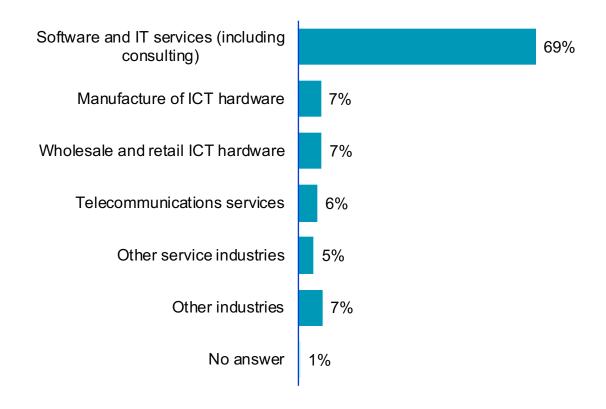
**Statistics** 



#### In which industry is your company mainly active?1



#### In which industry is your company mainly active?<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data not available for Croatia, Greece & Turkey (n=543)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data not available for Germany (n=399)

# Thank you

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