

PLP online discussion:  
**Economic resilience in the wake of  
Covid-19 & the Ukraine war**

*Insights from the EIS Extension Project*

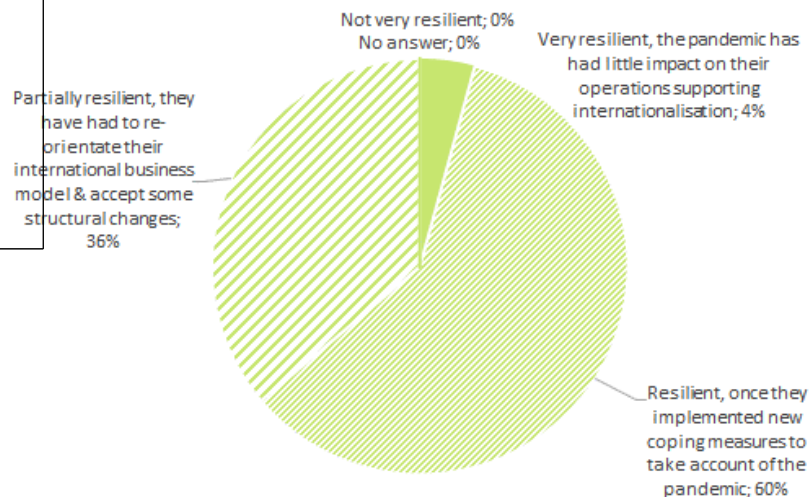
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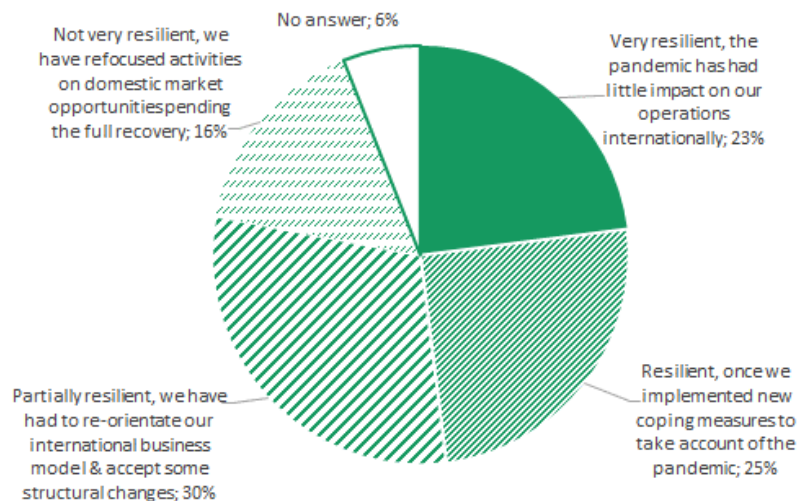
## BSOs' perspective (Chart 29)

How resilient in international trade flows have SMEs in your region been during the pandemic?



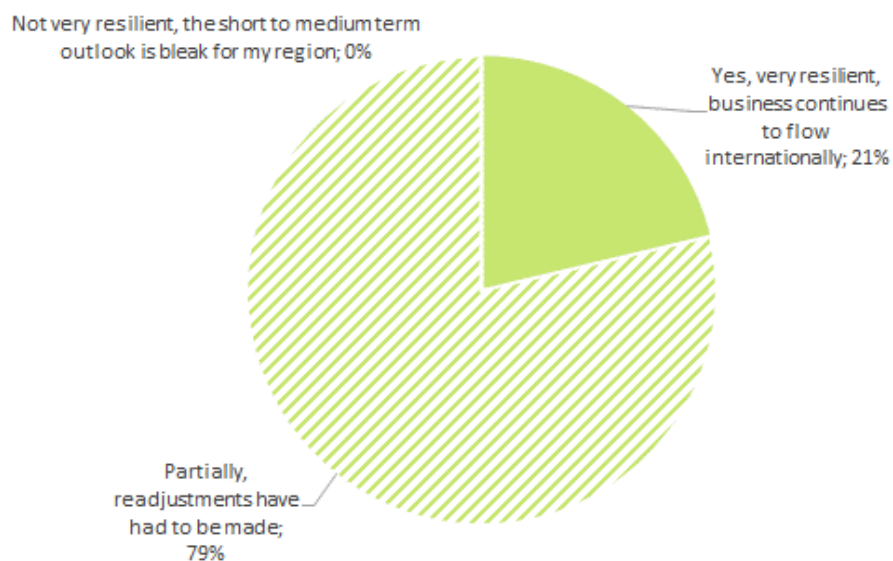
## SMEs' perspective (Chart 30)

How resilient in its international operations has your organisation been during the pandemic?



## BSOs' perspective (Chart 31)

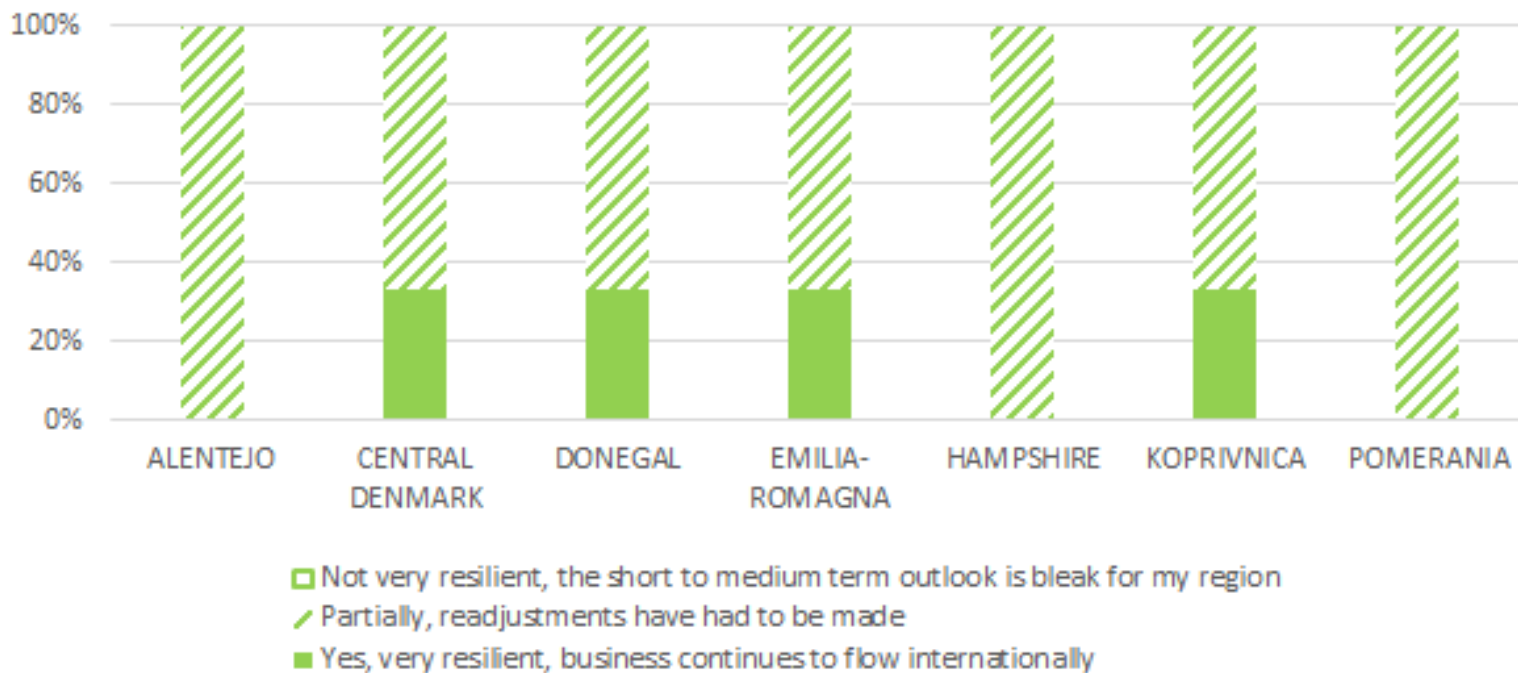
How would you describe the overall resilience of your region during the pandemic?



## BSOs' focus (Chart 32)

### How would you describe the overall resilience of your region during the pandemic?\*

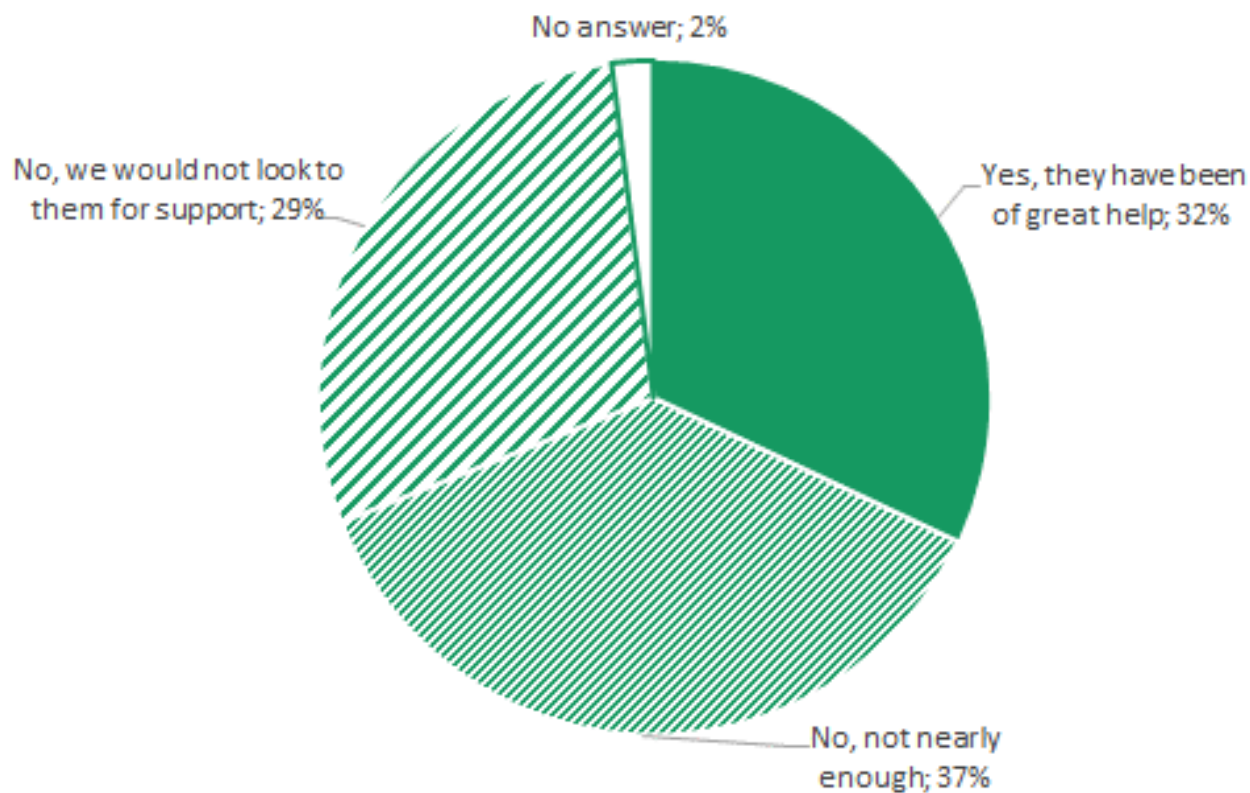
Looking at the indications of BSOs for each of the EIS regions, BSOs in only four regions (Central Denmark, Donegal, Emilia-Romagna and Koprivnica) (i.e., one-third) considered their region very resilient in terms of international 'business continuity'.



\*The answers of the 'Other' regions are not reported.

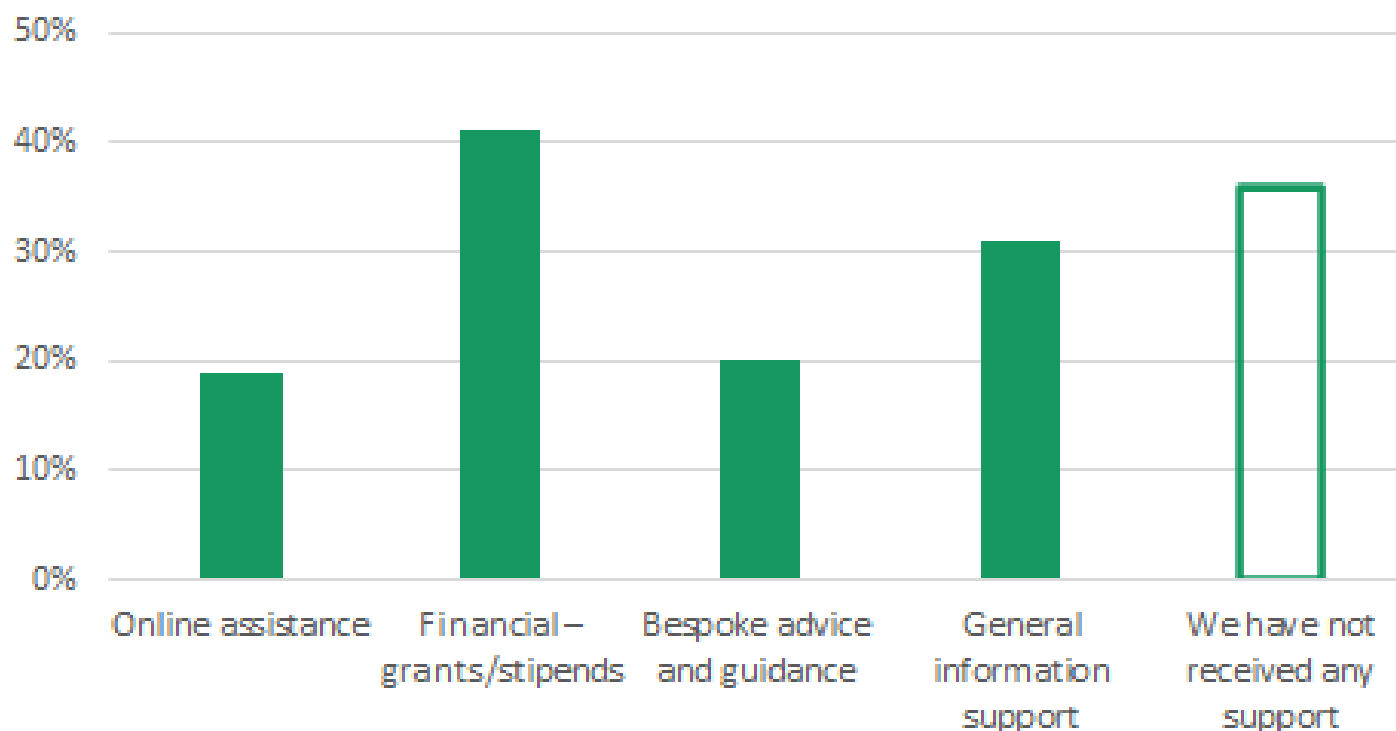
## SMEs' perspective (Chart 33)

Has your organisation received help from business support organisations in the region to cope with the pandemic?



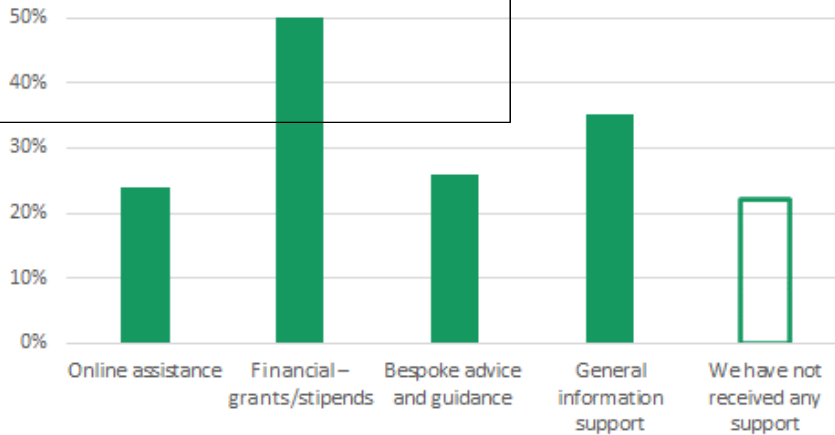
## SMEs' perspective (Chart 34)

### What type of support was received?



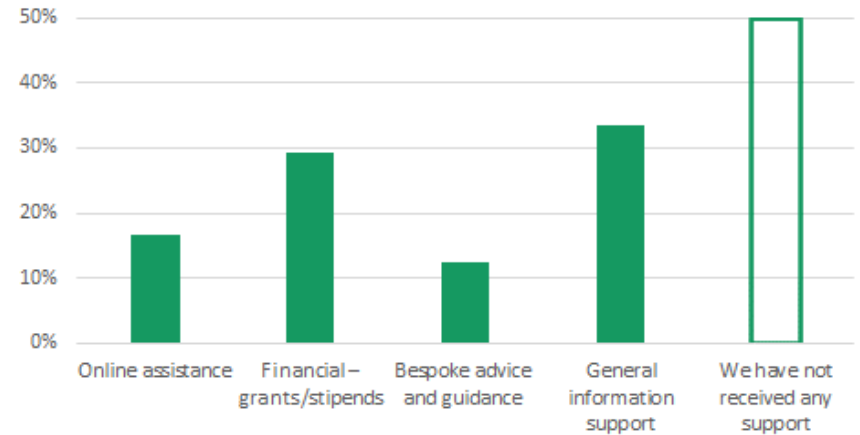
## MICRO

What type of support was received?



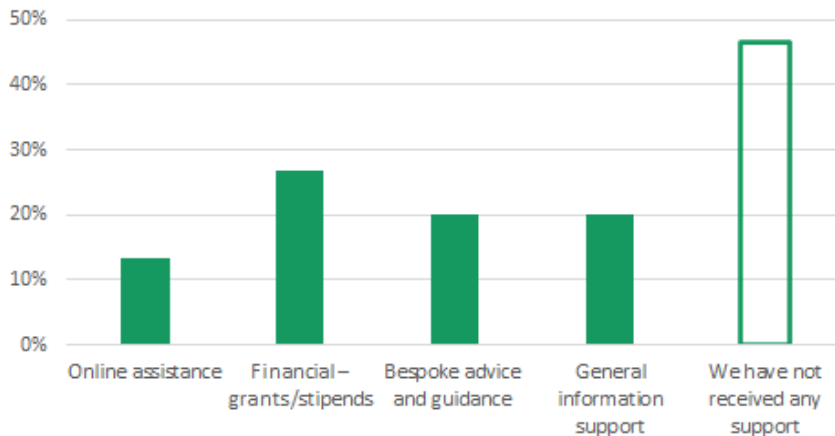
## SMALL

What type of support was received?



## MEDIUM

What type of support was received?



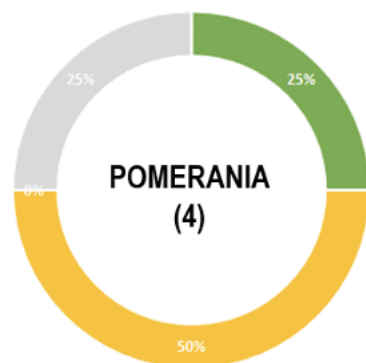
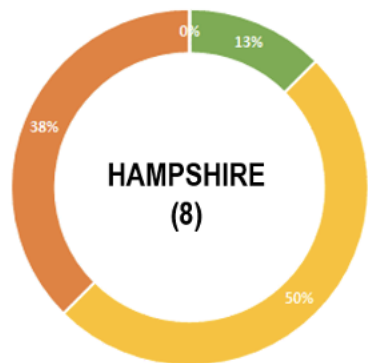
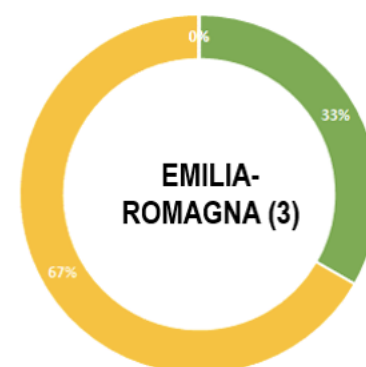
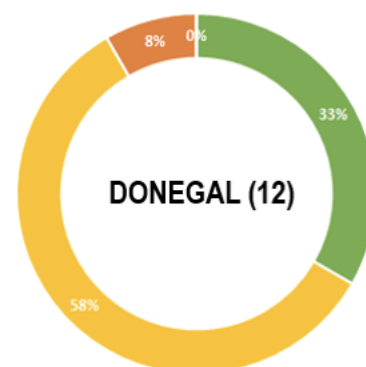
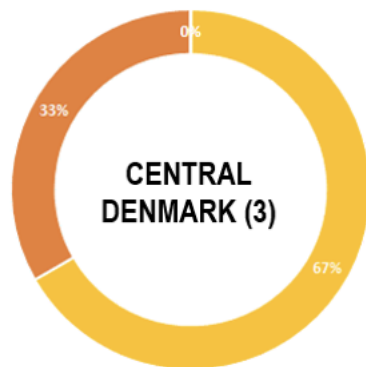
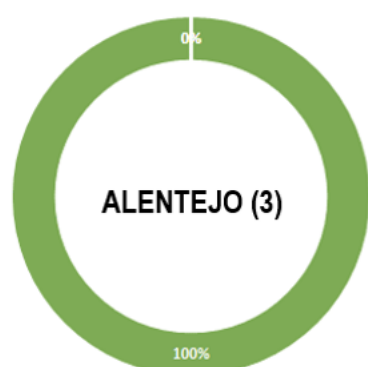
The type of support received by BSOs changes with the enterprise size. SMALL and MEDIUM received less support than MICRO. 50% of SMALL and 47% of MEDIUM did not receive any support against 22% of MICRO.

In addition, a larger share of MICRO has received financial support (i.e., 54%) against 29% of the SMALL and 27% of MEDIUM.

## BSOs' focus (Chart 40)

Has the COVID-19 experience structurally improved the cooperation among the key actors in the region (e.g. SMEs, large enterprises, BSO, local/regional authorities, universities) of the regional international business support ecosystem?\*

The COVID-19 experience facilitated cooperation among key actors in the region which improved the regional international business support ecosystem for most of the BSOs in all EIS regions. A significant increase in cooperation was perceived by 100% of the BSOs in Alentejo, by 33% of the BSOs in Donegal and Emilia-Romagna, by 25% of the BSOs in Pomerania and by 13% of the BSOs in Hampshire. The pandemic did not facilitate cooperation among key actors supporting international business according to 38% of the BSOs in Hampshire, 33% of the BSOs in Central Denmark and 8% of the BSOs in Donegal.



- Yes, significantly
- Yes, marginally
- No
- I do not know/No answer

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# Conclusions

## ***How to enhance resilience:***

1. Orientation/adapting the offer
2. Internationalisation diversifies risk
3. Reflection/taking stock
4. Regional actors step up
5. Policy-makers act in an agile way
6. Collaboration is key & permanent

# Thank you!

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