

A silhouette of a person standing by a large window, holding a coffee cup and a suitcase. An airplane is visible flying in the sky outside. The scene is bathed in a warm, orange glow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

# COVID-19 Exclusive Survey: Get inspired & rethink your International Mobility Strategy

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# Get inspired & rethink your International Mobility Strategy: Meet our **Panelists**



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# Profile of **Survey Respondents**: Business sector / Size of internationally-mobile population

**57 organizations** responded to this survey\*:

✓ Mostly **large organizations** (+50 mobile employees), representing **various business sectors**



## Sector of activity

- 1/ Manufacturing (30%)
- 2/ Consumer Goods (19%)
- 3/ Oil & Gas & Energy Services (14%)
- 4/ Financial & Professional services (12%)
- 5/ Engineering & Construction (5%)
- 6/ Other: Food industry, Retail, NGOs, etc.



## Size of internationally-mobile population

- ✓ more than 250 internationally-mobile employees (32%)
- ✓ between 50 and 250 internationally-mobile employees (19%)
- ✓ less than 50 internationally-mobile employees (49%)

*\*survey carried out from  
September 4, 2020 to September 25, 2020*

# Profile of **Survey Respondents:** Location of internationally-mobile employees

✓ Internationally-mobile employees are located **in every continent**, and **particularly in Asia**



## **Location of mobile employees**

1/ **Asia (65%)**, as one of the locations of internationally-mobile employees

2/ Europe (61%) “

3/ North America (35%) “

4/ Africa (33%) “

5/ Middle-East (32%) “

6/ South America (21%) “

7/ Oceania (5%) “



# How do respondents see **prospects for development** for their **business sector** / their **own activity** by the end of 2020?

✓ **Two thirds** of the respondents **anticipate a positive development** for:

- their **business sector** (65%)

- their **own activity** (63%)

**by the end of 2020.**



# How do respondents see **prospects for development** for their **own activity** by the end of 2020?

- ✓ **Large companies** operating in **Consumer Goods** and **Manufacturing** sectors are more optimistic



## Size of internationally-mobile population



**Between 50 and 250 mobile employees**

91% positive development of their activity



**More than 250 mobile employees**

78% positive development of their activity



**Less than 50 mobile employees**

43% positive development of their activity



## Sector of activity



**Consumer Goods**

91% positive development of their activity



**Manufacturing**

65% positive development of their activity



**Oil & Gas, Energy, Engineering, Construction**

45% positive development of their activity



**Financial services**

43% positive development of their activity

# How do respondents see **prospects for development** for the size of their **total workforce** by the end of 2020?

- ✓ While **large companies (+50 mobile employees)** have a **positive view** of the development of the size of their total workforce, **smaller companies are more pessimistic**



## Size of internationally-mobile population



**Between 50 and 250 mobile employees**

64% positive development of the size of their total workforce



**More than 250 mobile employees**

56% positive development of the size of their total workforce



**Less than 50 mobile employees**

39% positive development of the size of their total workforce



## Sector of activity



**Consumer Goods**

82% positive development of the size of their total workforce



**Financial services**

43% positive development of the size of their total workforce



**Manufacturing**

41% positive development of the size of their total workforce



**Oil & Gas, Energy, Engineering, Construction**

36% positive development of the size of their total workforce

# What **impact** has COVID-19 had on **the size of the internationally-mobile population** of respondents?

✓ **75%** of respondents have **kept all / most of** their internationally-mobile workforce



✓ **18%** of respondents have **repatriated most of** their internationally-mobile workforce



✓ **Very few** respondents have **increased (3.5%)** or **repatriated (3.5%)** all of their internationally-mobile workforce



# What **impact** has COVID-19 had on **the size of the internationally-mobile population** of respondents?

✓ Respondents who have **kept all / most of** their internationally-mobile workforce:



- 😊 **Between 50 and 250 mobile employees (82%)**
- 😊 **More than 250 mobile employees (78%)**
- 😊 **Less than 50 mobile employees (71%)**



- 😊 **Financial services (86%)**
- 😊 **Consumer Goods (82%)**
- 😊 **Manufacturing (82%)**
- 😞 **Oil & Gas, Energy, Engineering, Construction (45%)**

✓ Respondents who have **repatriated most of** their internationally-mobile workforce:



- 😞 **Oil & Gas, Energy, Engineering, Construction (45%)**
- 😊 **Manufacturing (18%)**
- 😊 **Financial services (14%)**
- 😊 **Consumer Goods (0%)**

# What **impact** has COVID-19 had on **the length of international assignments** of respondents' employees?

✓ 75% of respondents have **not changed the length of international assignments**



## Significant trend to

- extend the length of international assignments
- not reduce the length of international assignments:

- ✓ **Consumer Goods / Financial services**
- ✓ **Over 50 internationally-mobile employees**

✓ Among the respondents who have **reduced the length of international assignments**  
2 categories of respondents are over-represented



## Significant trend to

- reduce the length of international assignments
- not extend the length of international assignments:

- ✓ **Oil & Gas / Energy / Engineering / Construction**
- ✓ **Less than 50 internationally-mobile employees**

# How will respondents manage their international mobility policy by the end of 2020?

32% are continuing with their policy of sending employees abroad as before COVID-19.

39% would be prepared - from an economic point of view - to resume their policy of sending employees abroad, but the constraints related to COVID-19 are an obstacle (visas, quarantines, restrictions on international flights etc.).

24% are forced - from an economic point of view - to restrict their policy of sending employees abroad, due to the consequences of COVID-19.

5% have suspended their policy of sending employees abroad until further notice.

71%



29%



# Who would like to continue with / resume their existing international mobility policy (without current constraints)?



## Sector of activity

- 😊 **Consumer Goods** (82%)
- 🙂 **Manufacturing** (76%)
- 😞 **Financial Services** (57%)
- 😞 **Oil & Gas, Energy, Engineering, Construction** (45%)



## Size of internationally-mobile population

- 😊 **Between 50 and 250 mobile employees** (82%)
- 🙂 **More than 250 mobile employees** (72%)
- 🙂 **Less than 50 mobile employees** (64%)



# What new forms of international mobility could we see in the future?

35% Shorter, more frequent stays abroad

17.5% Commuting (working abroad during the week and coming home at the weekend)



17.5% Virtual assignments (often associated with commuting)

} 74%

7% No change from current situation

5% Flexible mobility periods

3.5% Longer, less frequent stays abroad

14.5% Others



# Statements on **International Mobility** (in descending order)

## In your opinion, international mobility...

**1** ...Is an **integral part of your development strategy** for 2021

Particularly for:

- Organizations with over 250 mobile employees (ranked # 1 or # 2 at 91%)
- Consumer Goods, Manufacturing sectors (ranked # 1 or # 2 at 82%)

**2** ...Is **necessary to retain and develop talent** within the company

Particularly for:

- Financial Services sector (ranked # 1 or # 2 at 100%)
- Organizations with between 50 & 250 mobile employees (ranked # 1 or # 2 at 73%)

**3** ...**Must be supported** to promote economic recovery

Particularly for:

- Organizations with less than 50 mobile employees (ranked # 1 or # 2 at 71%)
- Oil & Gas, Energy, Engineering, Construction sectors (ranked # 1 or # 2 at 82%)

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