OBSERVATION OF DOING BUSINESS IN KOSOVO TRENDS THAT WILL SHAPE 2025



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### Approach and Methodology

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- Survey and internal analysis
- Methodologies that are used by leading companies like

### McKensey, Deloitte

- The same **approach** used by **Oxford Economics in 2023**,
  - in a **survey** of the worlds **500** biggest companies from
  - different industries and regions
- Adapting to the specifics of Kosovo market

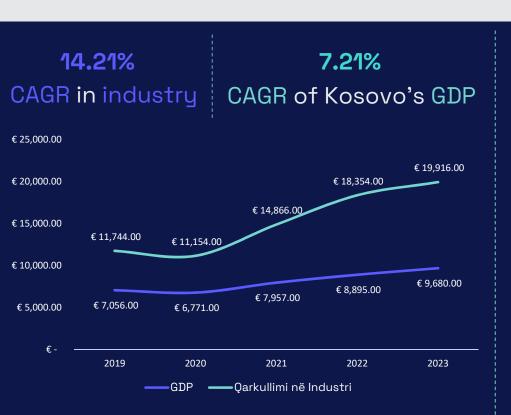
### Approach and Methodology

- Business priorities, the internal and external challenges in achieving them,
  and the readiness of businesses to tackle these challenges
- Maturity level of businesses across a)dimensions (Processes & Management, People & Culture, and IT & Infrastructure), b)function and c) industry.
- **Readiness** of businesses to transform and increase their maturity level.
- Talent Management
- Financing business activities and accessibility to funding
- Challenges with regulators (TAK and Customs)
- Adapting new technologies and readiness to implement those technologies
- 2025 Trends and Prediction and the readiness of businesses to adapt to these trends

### **Business landscape in Kosovo**

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The private sector is growing at a faster rate, mainly because of a)inflation b) formalization, and c) structure of consumer spending in industries such as retail and leisure which do not contribute at same rate in GDP growth. To catch up Government should increase a) capital investment, b)support to production and c) financial inceptives to sectors that contribute to GDP

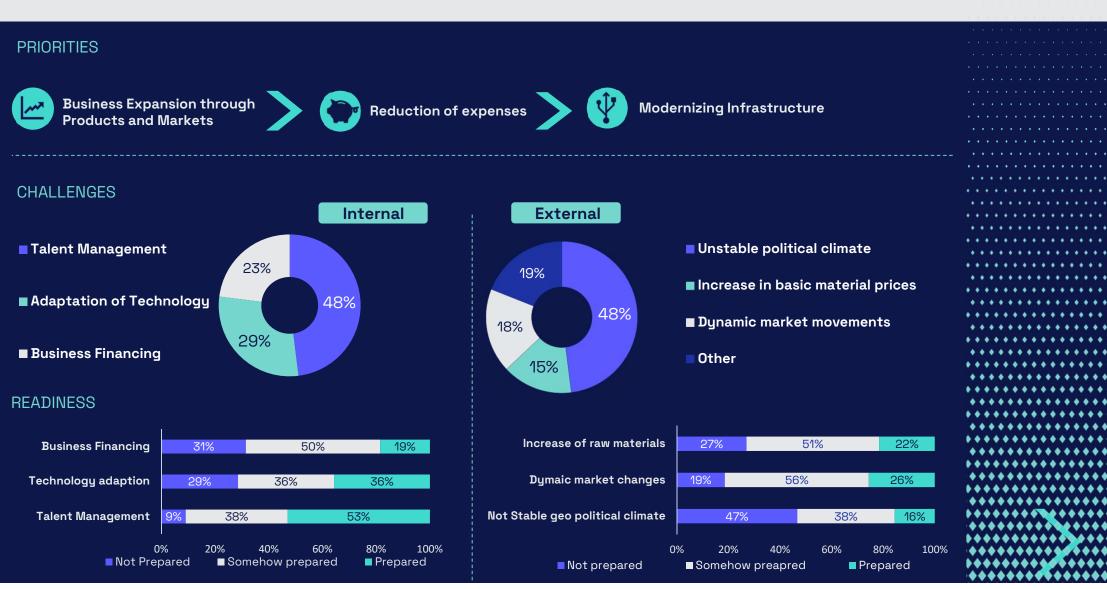
# Structure of Kosovo's businesses based on revenue

The table shows that most companies in Kosovo generate low revenues, while a small fraction of large firms contribute disproportionately to the total turnover.

To balance this structure, we should implement targeted financial and training programs to help mid-sized companies (100K–1M EUR revenue) scale up and compete more effectively in the market.

Revenue range	% of companies	% of revenues
<100K	64%	9%
100K-249K	12%	7%
250K-499K	10%	12%
500K-1M	6%	15%
1M- 5M	3%	26%
5M-10M	0.28%	8%
10M<	0.22%	24%

### **Business Pulse – Priorities, challenges and readiness**



### **Talent Management**





### Towards the future

Improve turnover rate of employees through

- a) Improvement of the employee experience with the company
- b) Empowerment of first line managers
- c) Building the missing capacities

### Business Financing – Source , suggestions and loan criteria



#### LOAN REQUESTS

OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, BUSINESSES CONSIDER INCREASING THE VALUE OF LOANS BY **61%** 

24% RETAIL TRADE27% WHOLESALE TRADE56% MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES

#### LOAN CRITERIA

**32%** STATE THAT THE WAY MORTGAGES ARE ASSESSED IS AN OBSTACLE TO EXPANSION THROUGH LOANS

#### **Requirements for Government and Policymakers**

#### Improvement of the legal framework

- a) Law on Losses & Damages b) Appraisal of mortgages
- c) Monitoring the implementation of laws

#### Support in financing through

a) Extension of support from KCGFb) Capital market

#### Fiscal incentives and support

a) Tax breaksb) Interest subsidies for producers

## **NEW FINANCIAL PRODUCTS**

**7.9%** of businesses declare that they do not receive loans and seek **other financing products** 

**30%** would consider bringing in investors to **accelerate business expansion** 

**Digital Wallet** although rated as low impact there will be pressure from clients

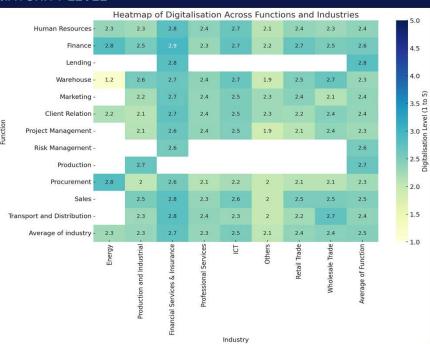
### **Business Transformation – Digital Maturity**

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The methodology used includes the assessment of the level of maturity in a) Process, b) Infrastructure and IT, and c) People and culture across business functions

1. It doesn't exist 2. Defined, 3. Developing, 4.Advance, 5.Leader

#### MATURITY LEVEL



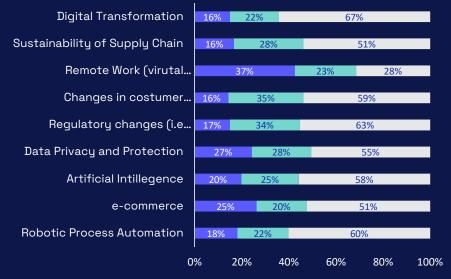
Financial services and ICT are in **phase 3**, while other industries included are still in the definition phase. The lending function has the highest level of digitization followed by Production and Finance.



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### Trends, Prediction and Technology Adaption

#### Trends



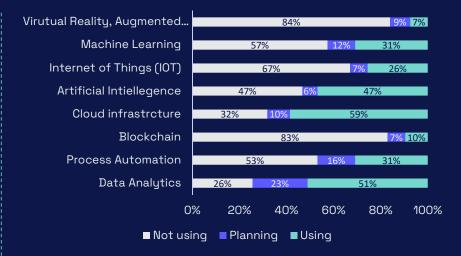
■ No Impact ■ neutral ■ high impact

#### Prediction

21 billion turnover for 2024 23 billion forecast for 2025 4 billion retail trade in 2025

Leaders prioritize growth through product & market expansion, and transformation but face talent management challenges and external insecurities.

### **Technology Adaption**



**Cloud Infrastructure** leads by implementing technologies followed by **data analysis** 

Artificial Intelligence, Robotic Process Automation and Machine Learning are at the beginning of applicability

**Blockchain** and **loT** have no applicability at all, also the developments are not in process

Neutrality in the face of challenges shows uncertainty in planning and building strategies. The focus of businesses should be on improving management and processes before entering the transformation.

