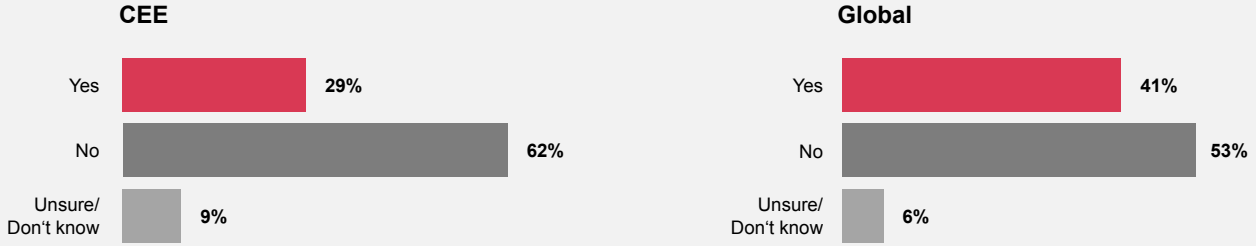


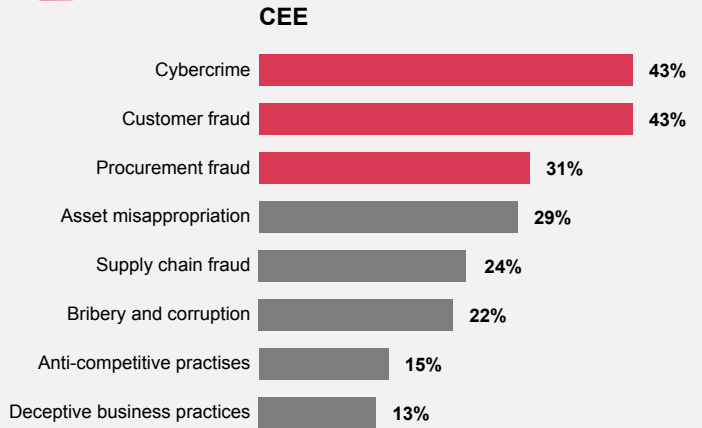
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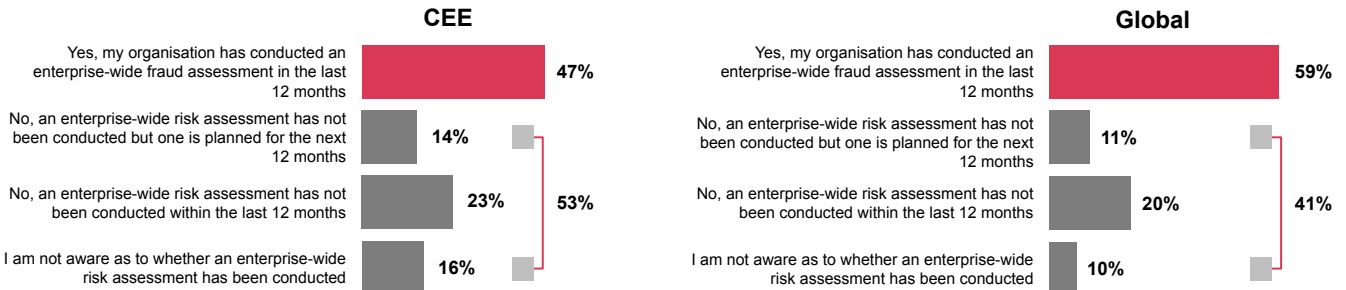
Has your organisation experienced any fraud, corruption or other economic/financial crime in your country in the last 24 months?



29% have experienced fraud in CEE in the last 24 months, with **cybercrime** and **customer fraud** being the most common, followed by **procurement fraud**.

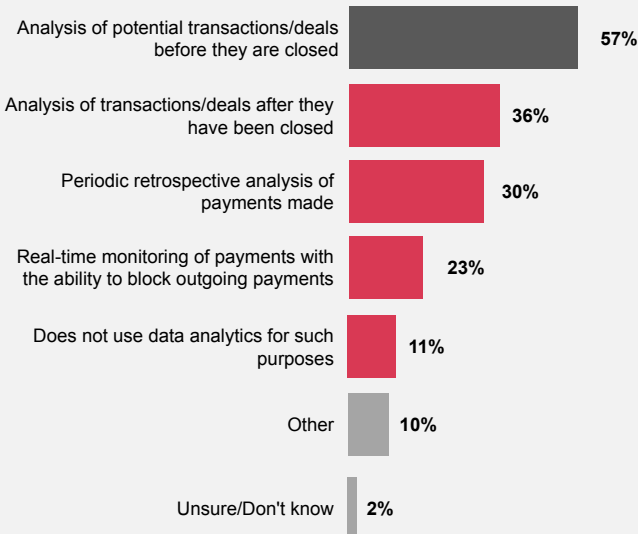


Has your organisation conducted an enterprise-wide fraud risk assessment in the last 12 months?

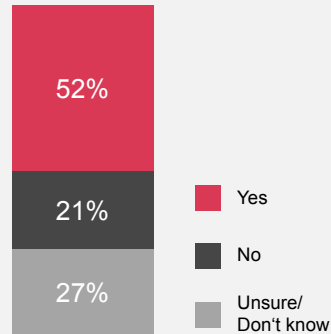


53% of the respondents have not performed an enterprise-wide risk assessment in the last 12 months or the respondents are not aware of it, whilst globally, 59% of the respondents have conducted such an assessment.

How does your organisation use data analytics to identify procurement fraud, waste or abuse?



Is procurement fraud a widespread concern amongst businesses?

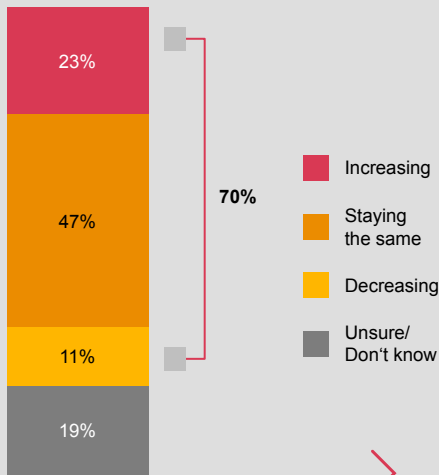


52% report that procurement fraud is a widespread concern in their country and most companies use some sort of data analytics for fraud detection.

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The risk associated with corruption or improper payments to government officials and or commercial customers in the last 12 months is...



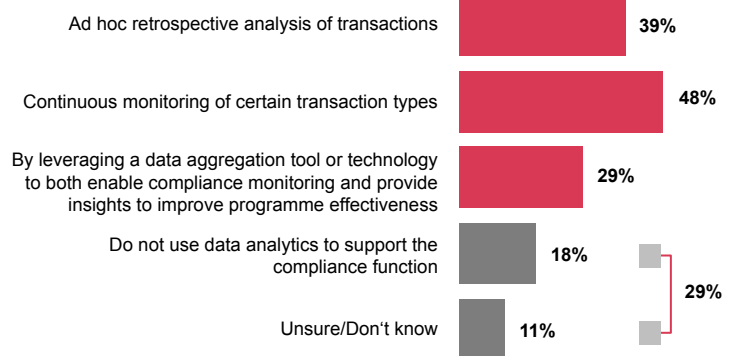
Has your organisation conducted an anti-bribery/anti-corruption audit at one or more of its third parties in the last two years?



70% of respondents are aware of corruption risks in their countries. However, more than 71% do not recall any anti-bribery/anti-corruption audits performed at third parties in the last two years.

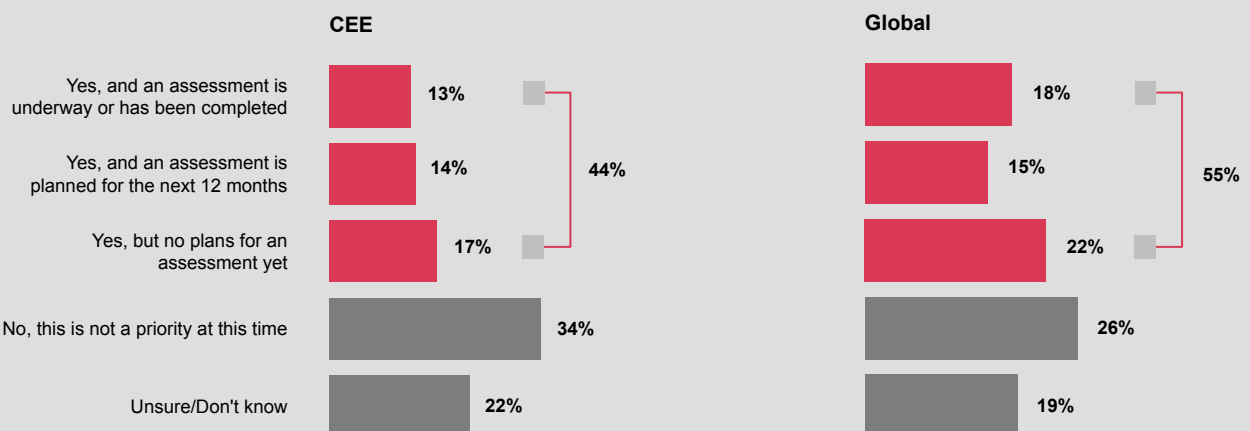
How does your organisation use data analytics in support of its anti-corruption compliance objectives?

Even though there is an increase in concern over corruption risk, almost **one-third of companies are not using data analytics** for anti-corruption compliance.



Regardless of whether your company is covered or not by the EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), do you believe that assessing the risk of forced labour in your supply chain is a priority for your organisation?

Rising public scrutiny and a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape are placing increased pressure on companies to identify and mitigate risks associated with forced labour and other human rights abuses in their supply chains.



In CEE, 44% of respondents recognise assessing the risk of forced labour in their supply chain as a priority, which is lower compared to the global figure (55%).

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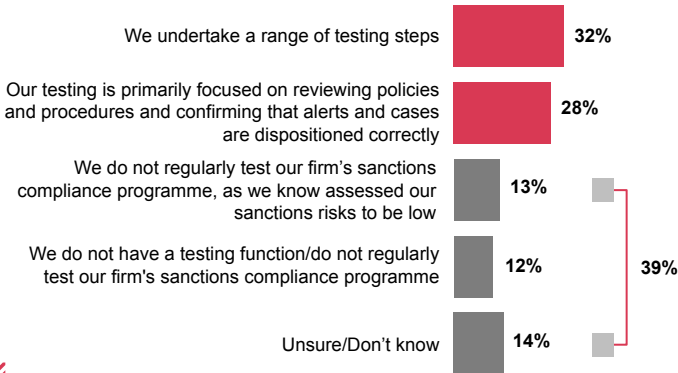
To what extent is sanctions risk compliance a priority within your organisation?



Which of the following do you think poses the greatest sanctions compliance risk for your organisation?



Which of the following best describes your organization's approach to testing the strength of your sanctions compliance programme?



Compliance in the field of sanctions risk management is a **significant priority for almost every second organisation in CEE**, with third parties being the greatest source of concern regarding sanctions compliance. However, **almost 40% are not testing their sanctions compliance programme regularly** or are unsure whether it is conducted.

Key findings for the CEE region

- Procurement fraud, customer fraud and cybercrime are the most disruptive crimes experienced in CEE in the last two years.
- Whilst only 30% of the respondents have reported fraud, corruption or other economic/financial crime in the last 24 months, almost half of the respondents in CEE have not performed enterprise-wide risk assessment in the last year or are not aware of such assessment.
- The majority of companies are taking a proactive approach to detection of procurement fraud.
- More than two-thirds of the respondents recognise corruption risk. However, a majority of the respondents have not performed any anti-bribery/anti-corruption audits at third parties in the last two years, and one-third are not using data analytics for anti-corruption compliance.
- More than a half of the respondents prioritise forced labour risk as part of their supply chain assessment.
- Sanctions risks are a great priority for a majority of companies; however, there is substantial room for improvement in testing the strength of their sanctions compliance programme.

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Whistleblowing programmes are critical to an organisation to protect itself from bad actors. It is important not just to have a whistleblowing policy on paper, but for it to be an effective mechanism which allows employees to understand why and how they should use it, know that they will be protected if used and that the matter will be properly investigated by the organisation



"Leveraging digital technology and AI is crucial in fighting economic crime. In the CEE region, data analytics is key to identifying risks like procurement fraud and corruption. Moving forward, businesses must not only adopt these technologies but also use them effectively to counter evolving threats."



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