



Resilience of SMEs — Concepts and Tools

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The topics of this presentation

- Resilience of SMEs: community property vs. individual capacity
- Frequency of disruptions and trade-off in company's behaviour
- Standard models to Organisational Resilience and Business Continuity
- How to leverage an 'individual option' to make it become a 'community capacity': a DITECFER practice to ease this for its SMEs

Resilience of SMEs: community property *vs.* individual capacity

SMEs' Resilience thanks to
"community property"

SMEs' Resilience thanks to
own capacity

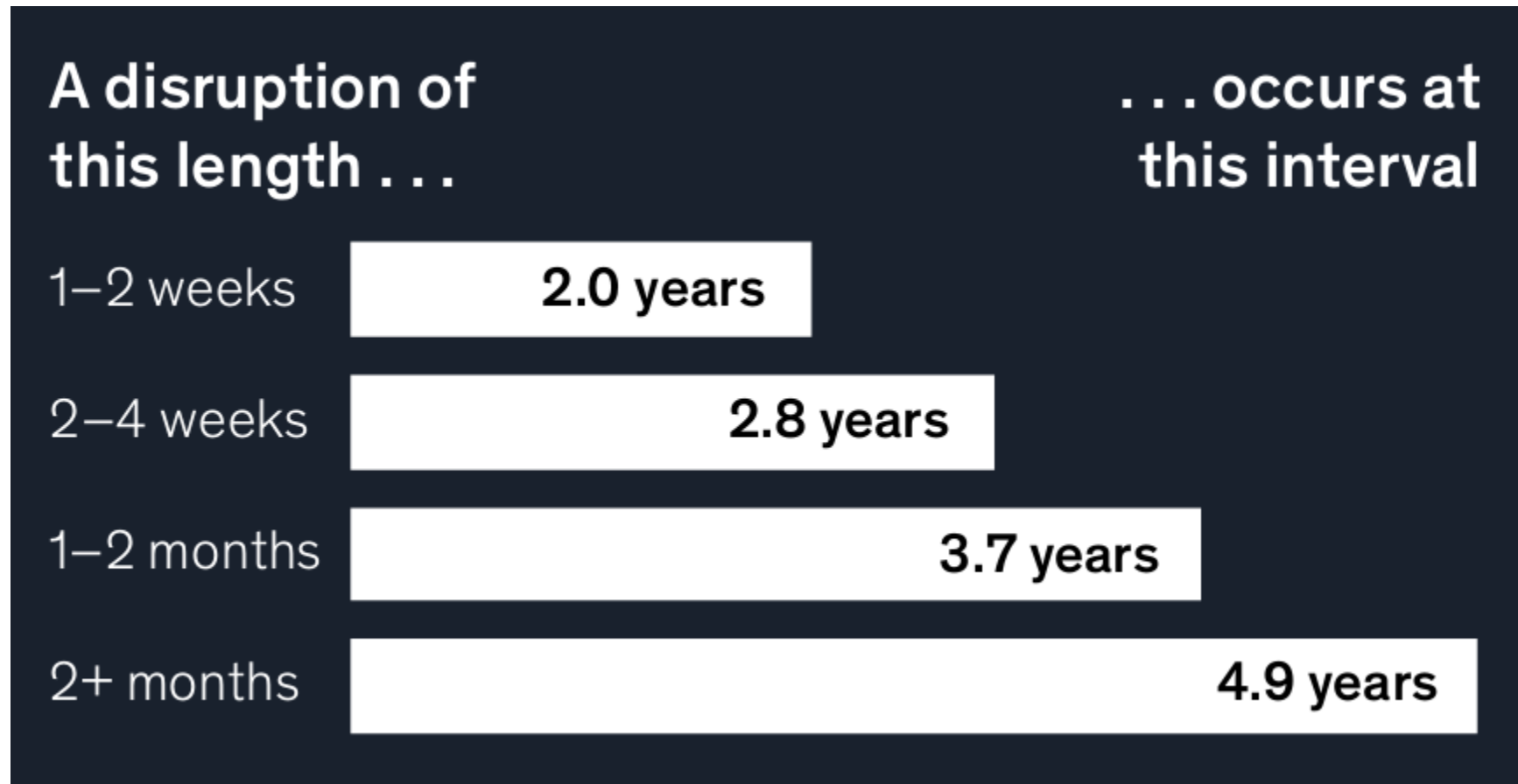


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Structural and Intrinsic Determinants of Resilience

- Resilience is an intrinsic property of the network!

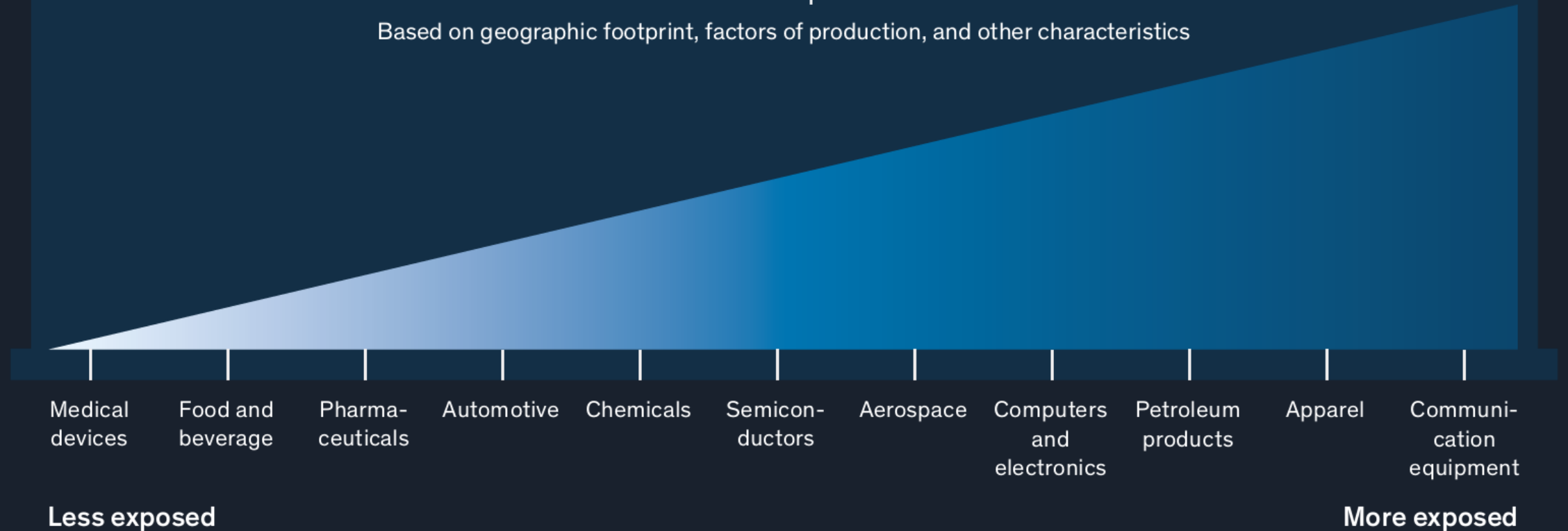
Frequency of disruptions and trade-off in company's behaviour



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Some value chains are more exposed to shocks than others

Based on geographic footprint, factors of production, and other characteristics



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Companies can
expect to lose

42%

of one year's EBITDA
every decade.

The good news is that companies can reduce those losses by taking preventive steps.

Yes, BUT...

resilience typically requires investment or even accepting higher current operating costs today to minimize potential losses in the future.

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At the company level, vulnerabilities can reside within 5 critical areas

- ① **Demand planning and inventory management**
Insufficient demand planning and **forecasting capabilities** can be a major vulnerability.
- ② **Supplier network structure**
To assess its vulnerabilities, any company has to identify all of the **players** in its supply chain — not a trivial task.
- ③ **Transportation and logistics networks**
As supply chains lengthen and become leaner, they have **less margin for error** in getting the right inputs to the right place at the right time.
- ④ **Financial fragility**
An individual company's **financial position** may prove to be a vulnerability or a source of flexibility when a shock hits.
- ⑤ **Product and portfolio complexity**
Product characteristics can create inherent vulnerabilities. Some products have short life cycles, for instance.

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Company accepting

Vs.

Company not accepting

the ongoing cost of being prepared

Internal aspects

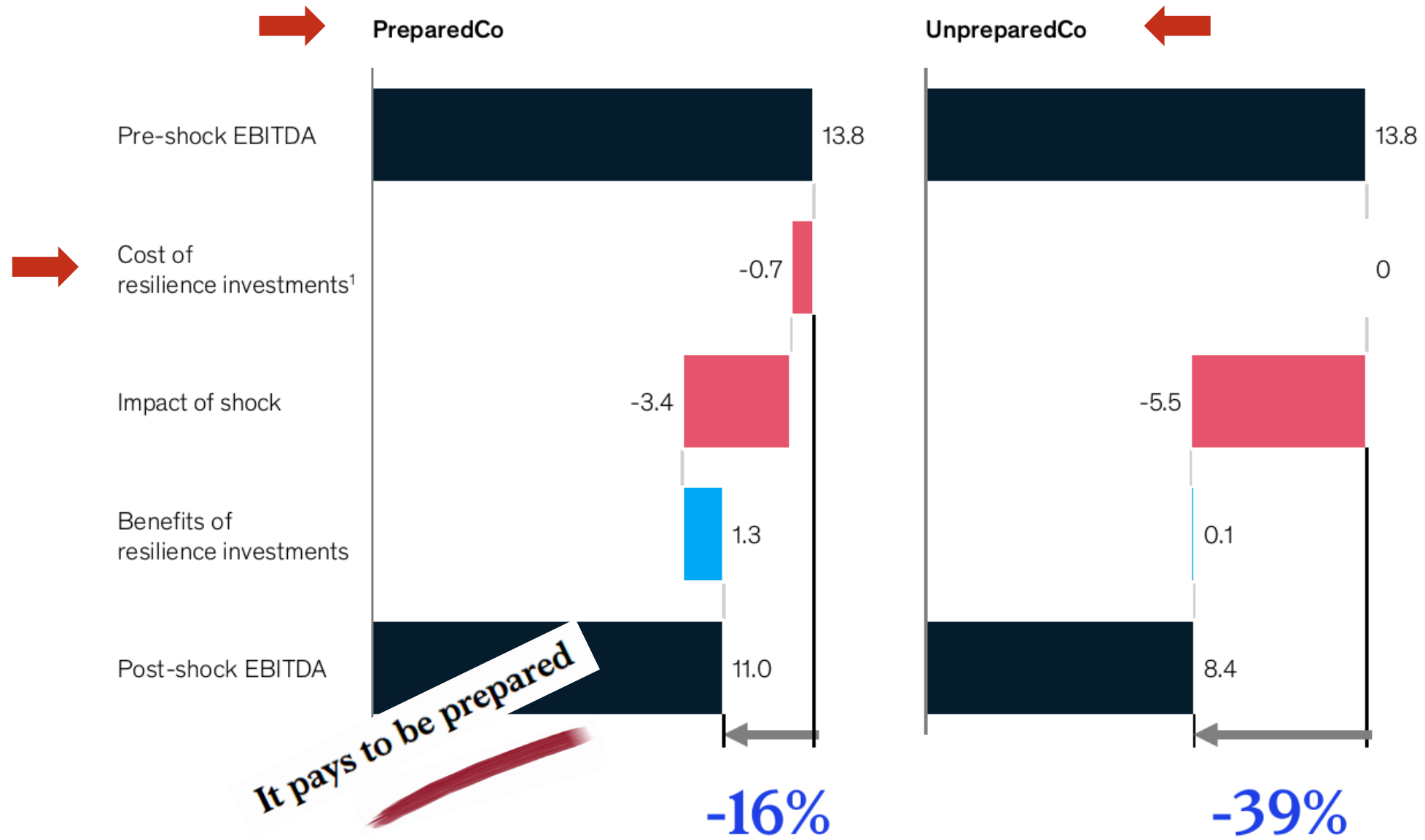
- Simplify product design
- Build alternatives in transportation and logistics systems
- Increase inventory/safety stock
- Improve financial and operational capacity to respond and recover
- Create cash-flow and balance sheet buffers

External aspects

- Strengthen critical suppliers or bring key production in-house
- Diversify supplier network and geographic footprint
- Flex production across suppliers, sites, and channels
- Build supplier financial health

Some examples

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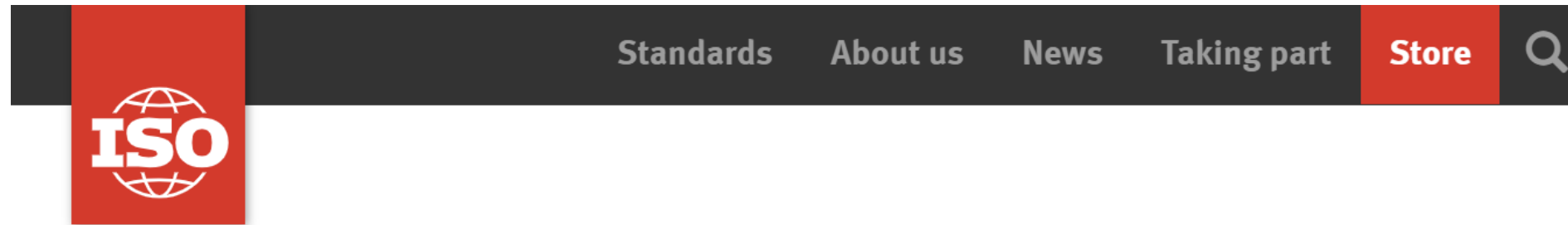
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Standard models to Organisational Resilience and Business Continuity



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To protect against

To reduce the likelihood of the occurrence of

To prepare for

To respond to

To recover from

DISRUPTIONS

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An organization's resilience:

- a) is enhanced when **behaviour** is aligned with a shared vision and purpose;
- b) relies upon an up-to-date **understanding** of an organization's context;
- c) relies upon an ability to absorb, adapt and effectively respond to **change**;
- d) relies upon good **governance** and **management**;
- e) is supported by a **diversity** of skills, leadership, knowledge and experience;
- f) is enhanced by **coordination** across management disciplines and contributions from technical and scientific areas of expertise;
- g) relies upon effectively managing **risk**.

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A coordinated approach

The organization should develop a coordinated approach that provides:

- a mandate to ensure its leaders and top management are **committed** to enhance organizational resilience;
- adequate **resources** needed to enhance the organization's resilience;
- appropriate governance **structures** to achieve the effective coordination of organizational resilience activities;
- mechanisms to ensure **investments** in resilience activities are appropriate to the organization's internal and external context;
- systems that support the **effective** implementation of organizational resilience activities;
- arrangements to **evaluate** and enhance resilience in support of organizational requirements;
- effective **communications** to improve understanding and decision making.

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business continuity

capability of an **organization** (3.21) to continue the delivery of **products and services** (3.27) within acceptable time frames at predefined capacity during a **disruption** (3.10)

disruption

incident (3.14), whether anticipated or unanticipated, that causes an unplanned, negative deviation from the expected delivery of **products and services** (3.27) according to an **organization's** (3.21) **objectives** (3.20)

business continuity plan

documented information (3.11) that guides an **organization** (3.21) to respond to a **disruption** (3.10) and resume, recover and restore the delivery of **products and services** (3.27) consistent with its **business continuity** (3.3) **objectives** (3.20)

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Business Continuity Management System

Context of the organisation

Leadership

Planning

Support

- Resources
- Competence
- Awareness
- Communication
- Documented Information

Operation

- Operational planning and control
- Business impact analysis and risk assessment
- Business continuity strategies and solutions
- Business continuity plans and procedures
- Exercise programme
- Evaluation of business continuity documentation and capabilities

Performance evaluation

Improvement

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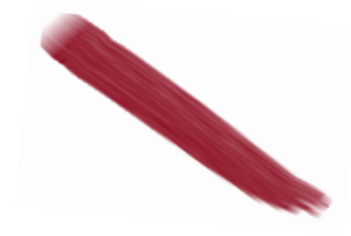
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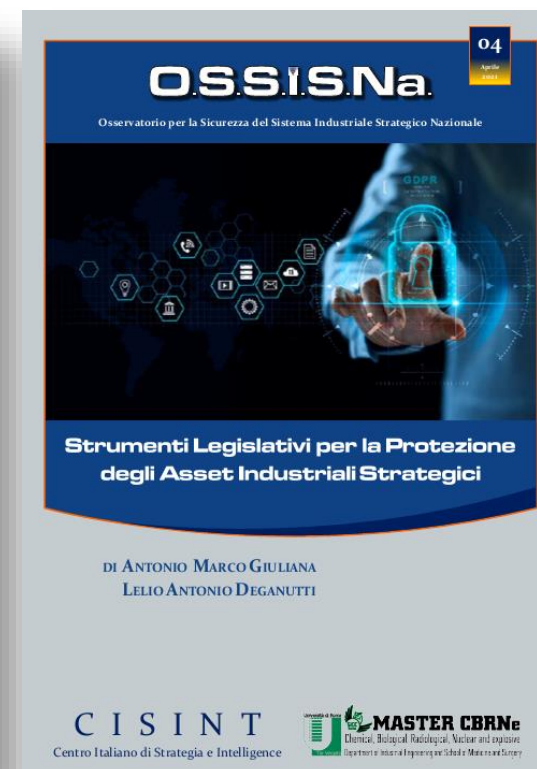
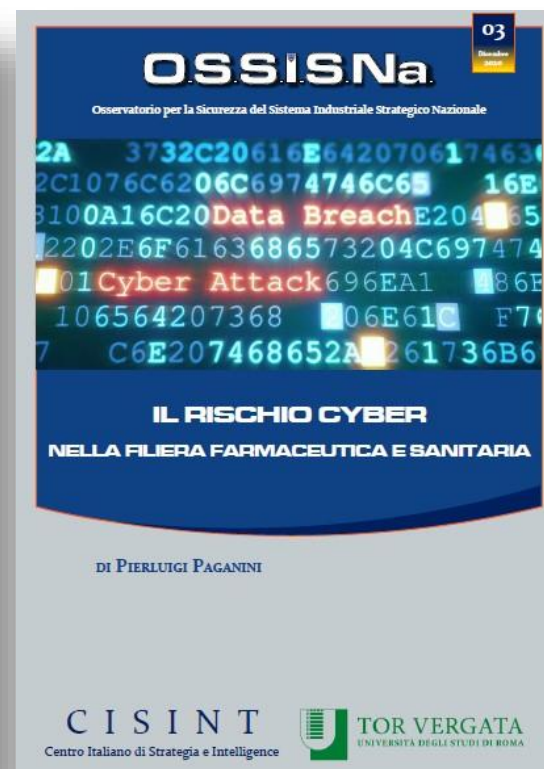
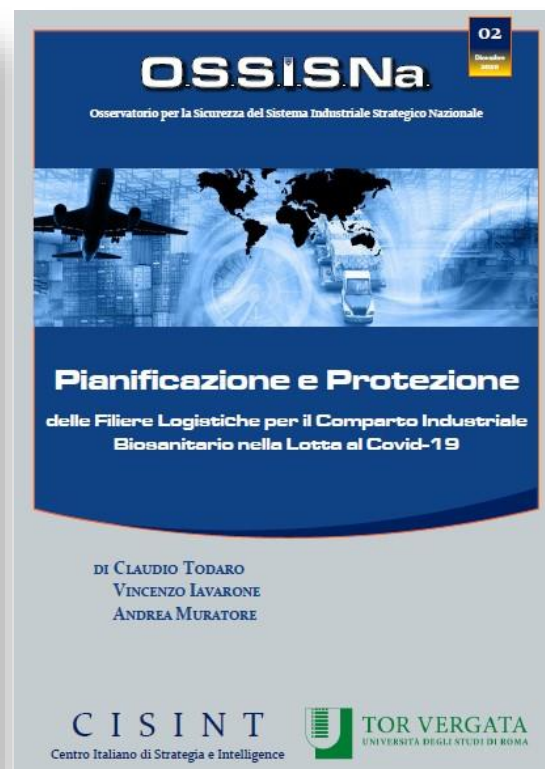
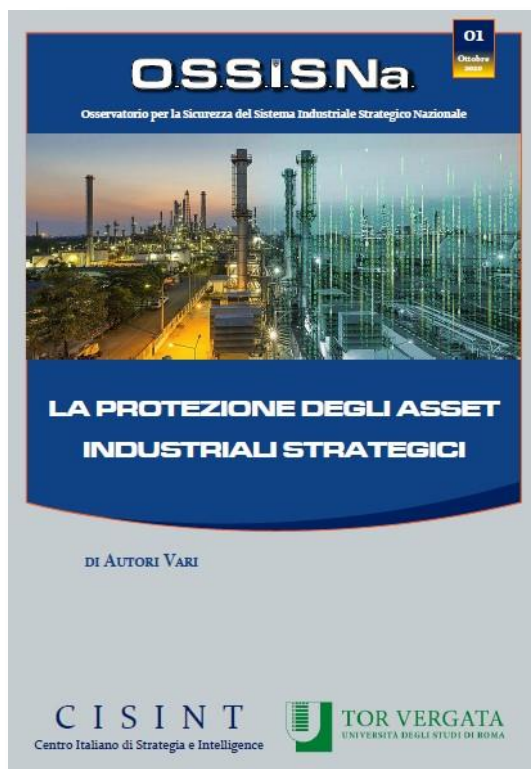
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The link here is:
to promote this individual capacity
as a community



making this feasible for SMEs





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For **SMES** of National Strategic Industrial Value Chains — and Railways are so classified — **we have developed a Protocol aiming to assess, and offer tools for resilience and business continuity in crisis scenarios**

- ✓ Criteria and requirements for the *Security Plan*
- ✓ Criteria and requirements for the *Operations Continuity Plan*
- ✓ Criteria and requirements for the *Crisis Communication Plan*

Plus, we plan to (try to) negotiate lower insurance policies for those adopting it.

We are now **scaling the model as best practice within the G20**, that this year is chaired by Italy.

In conclusion:

Disruptions and crisis happen at a higher frequency than we might think

Such disruptions may cost a company 45% of one year's EBITDA every decade

The good news is that companies may get prepared to this, to reduce such risk

Getting prepared means investing in ongoing operational costs — global statistics show how such costs are self-reimbursed

Standards helping companies to get prepared are available — other tools may be created ad hoc — the importance is, as Clusters, to foster their adoption by our SMEs in order to obtain a « community effect ».