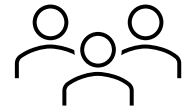




# Sparking Channel Growth

IDC EMEA Partnering Ecosystems

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# Customer Insights

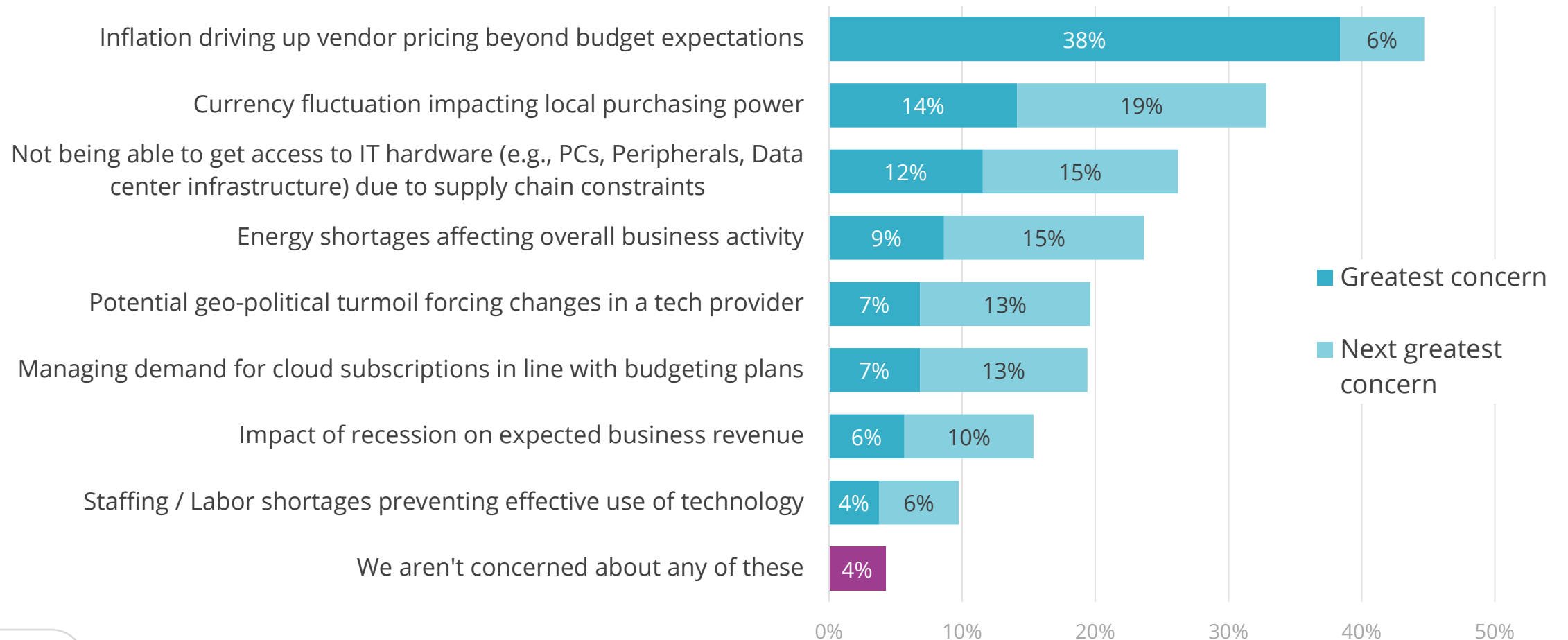
# The Litany of Winds of Change Keeps Growing...



Source: IDC European Macroeconomics Center of Excellence, 2022

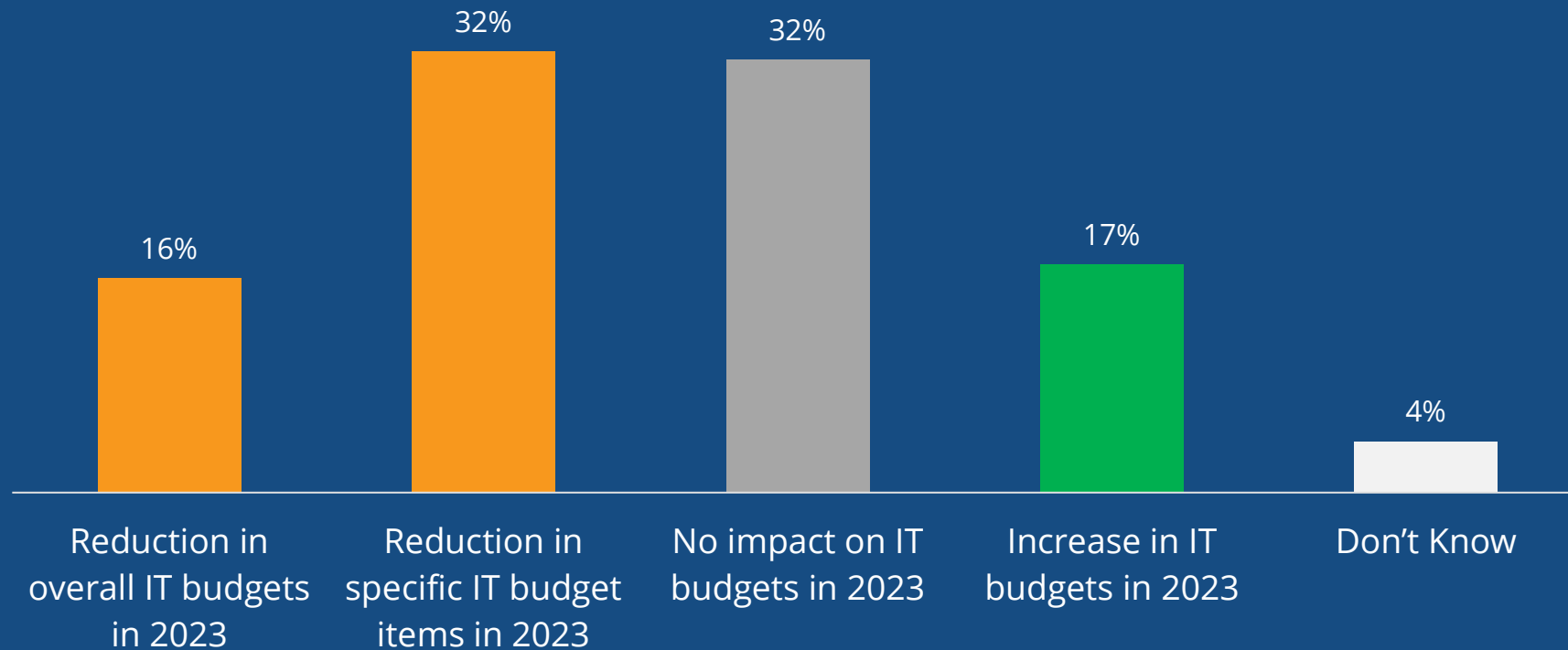
# Inflation, currency volatility, supply chain constraints & energy are top risk factors

Which of the following risk factors related to your organization's technology strategies and budgets for 2023 concerns you the most?



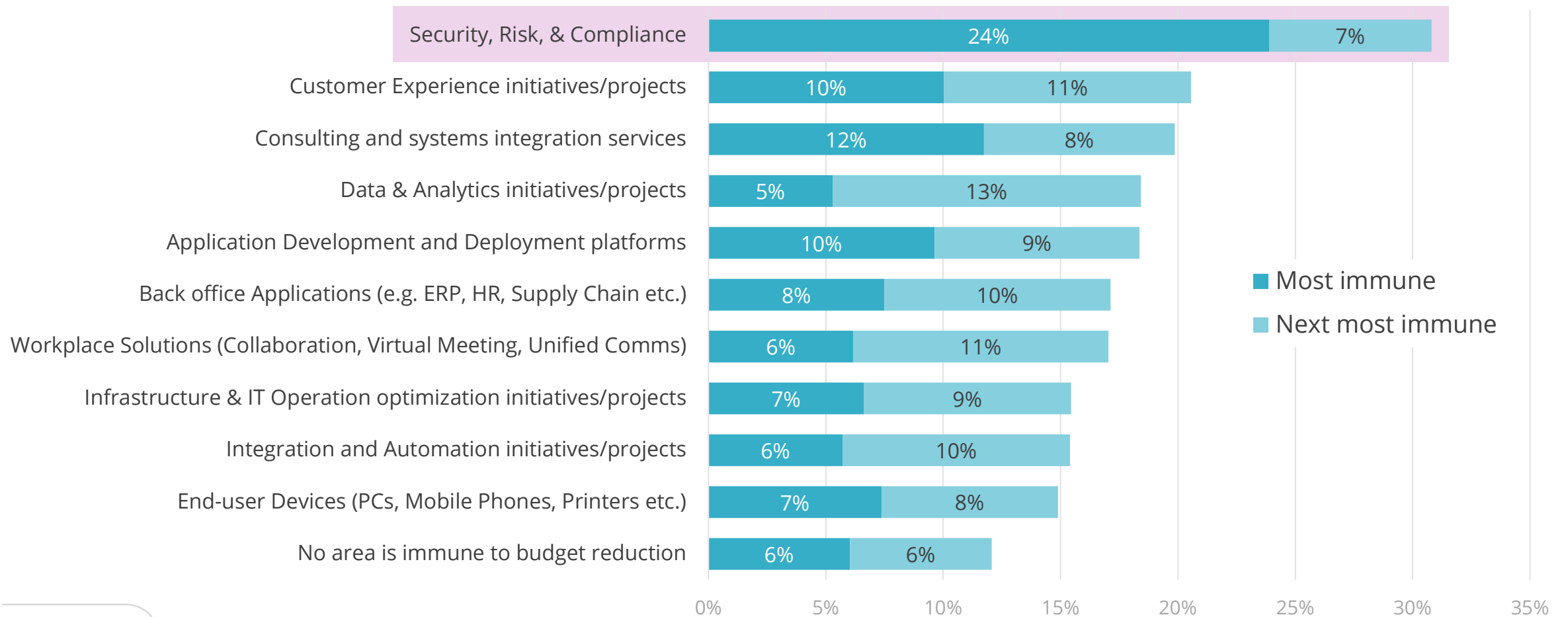
# About half expect recession-based reduction in IT budgets for 2023

How do you think a **recession** in 2023 would impact your organization's IT budgets?



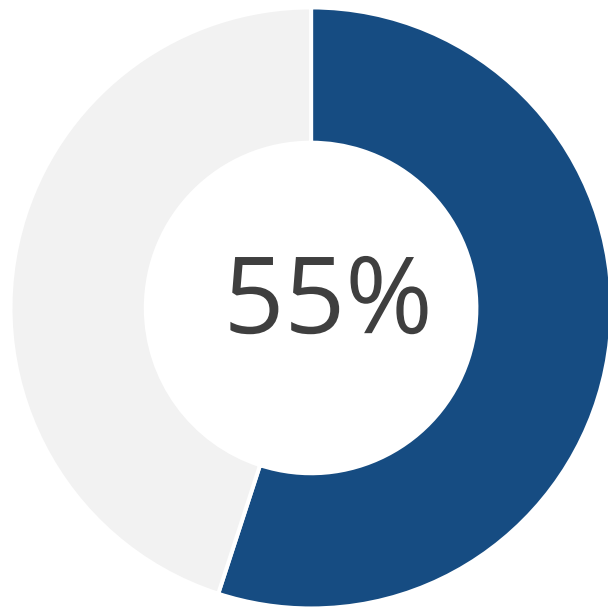
# Security is most immune to budget cuts – all other technology areas vie for investment and indispensability

Which of the following areas are most immune to budget reduction regardless of the economic environment? Continued investment is a must in 2023 for..... [Top 2 answers]

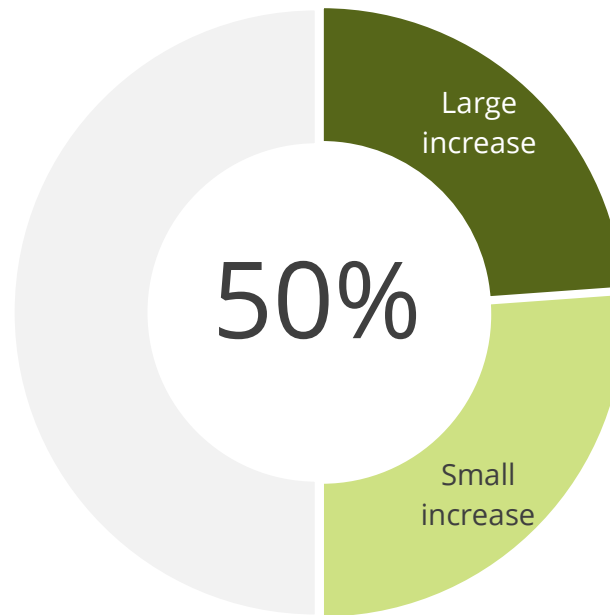


# Increase in cyberattacks raises strategic importance of “Cyber-Resiliency” and drives spending in IT Security Operations

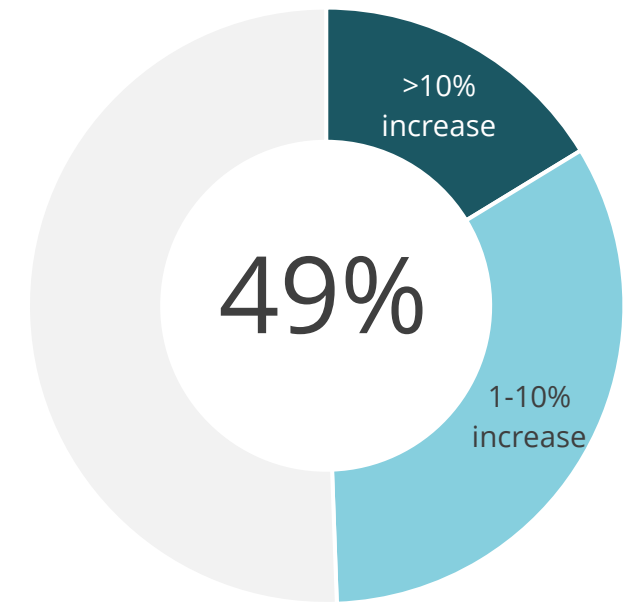
“Cyber-resiliency is a **top priority** for us”



“We experienced an **increase in the volume of cyberattacks** in the past 12 months”

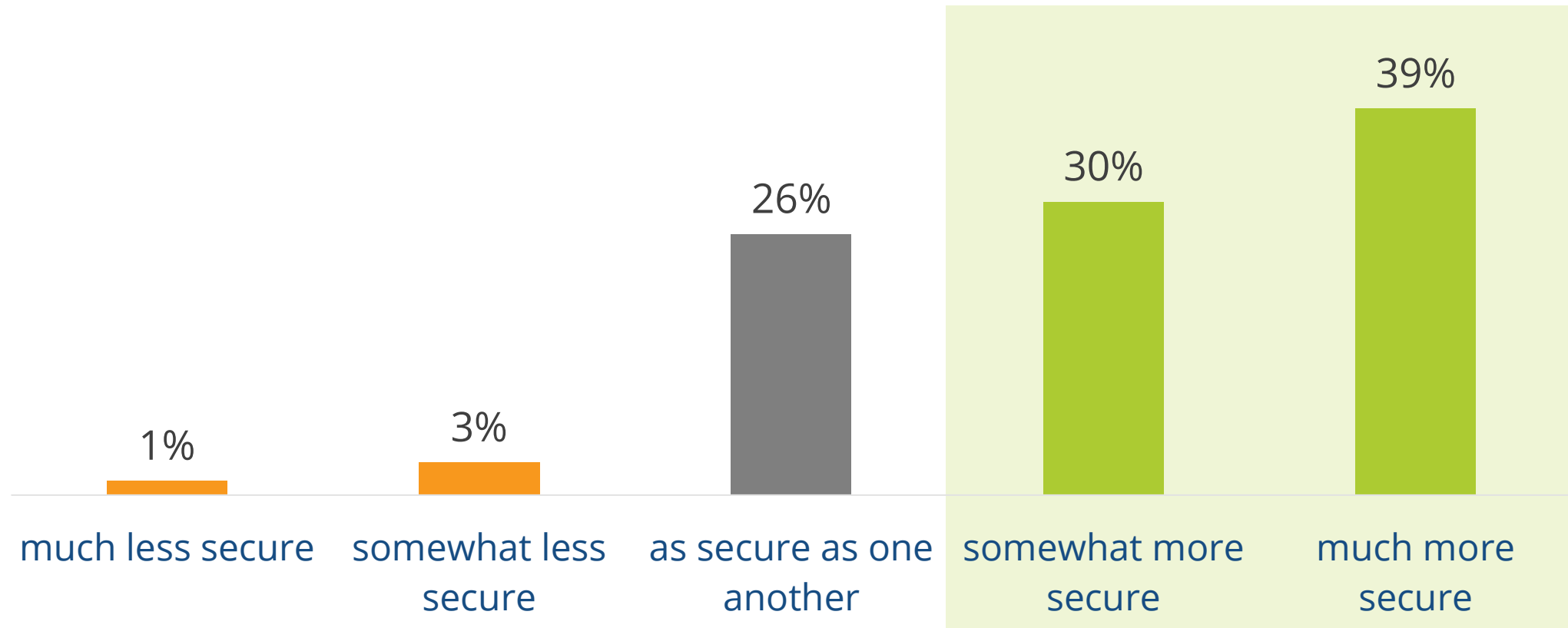


“We are increasing our **IT security operations budget**”



Public cloud has finally gained trust from organizations across Europe. Almost 70% of respondents regard public cloud as more secure than on-premises environments.

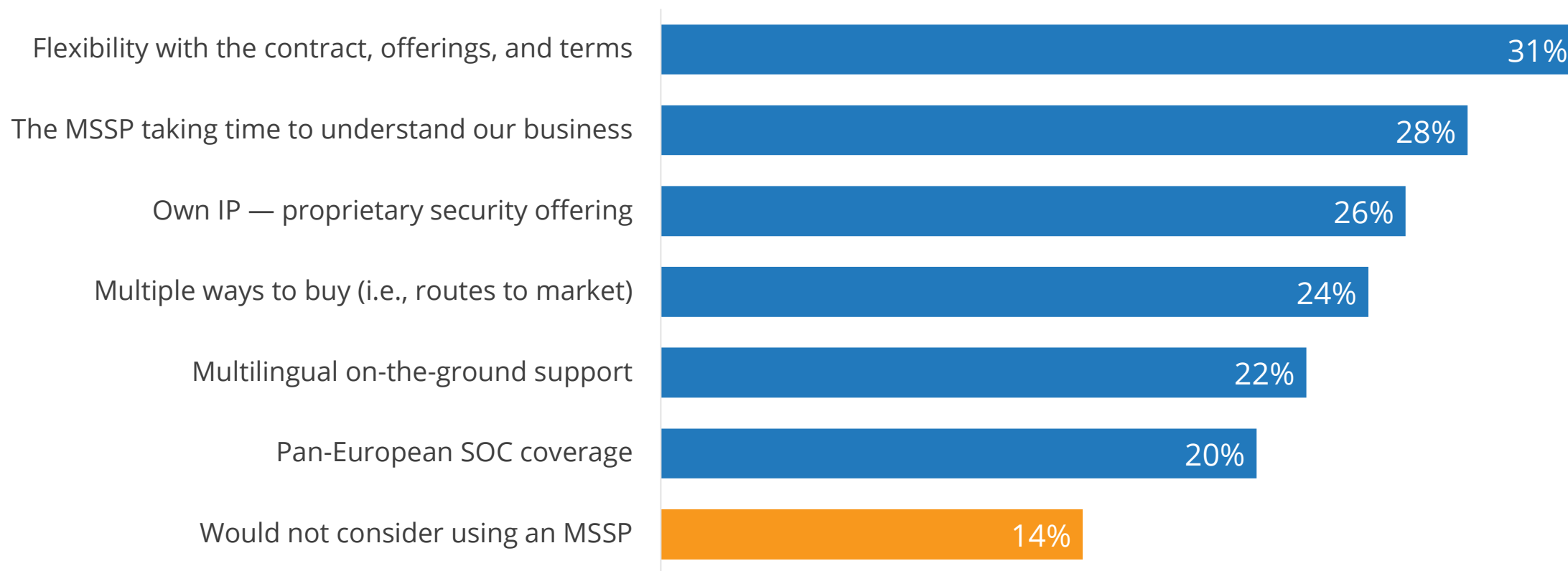
Compared to on-premises environments,  
**public cloud is ...**

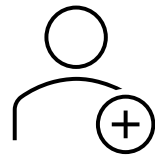




European customers value MSSPs that offer flexibility (both in terms of SLAs and payment methods), understand the client's business, and lead with their own security IP.

### What are the most important attributes that you seek in an MSSP? [Choose up to 3]

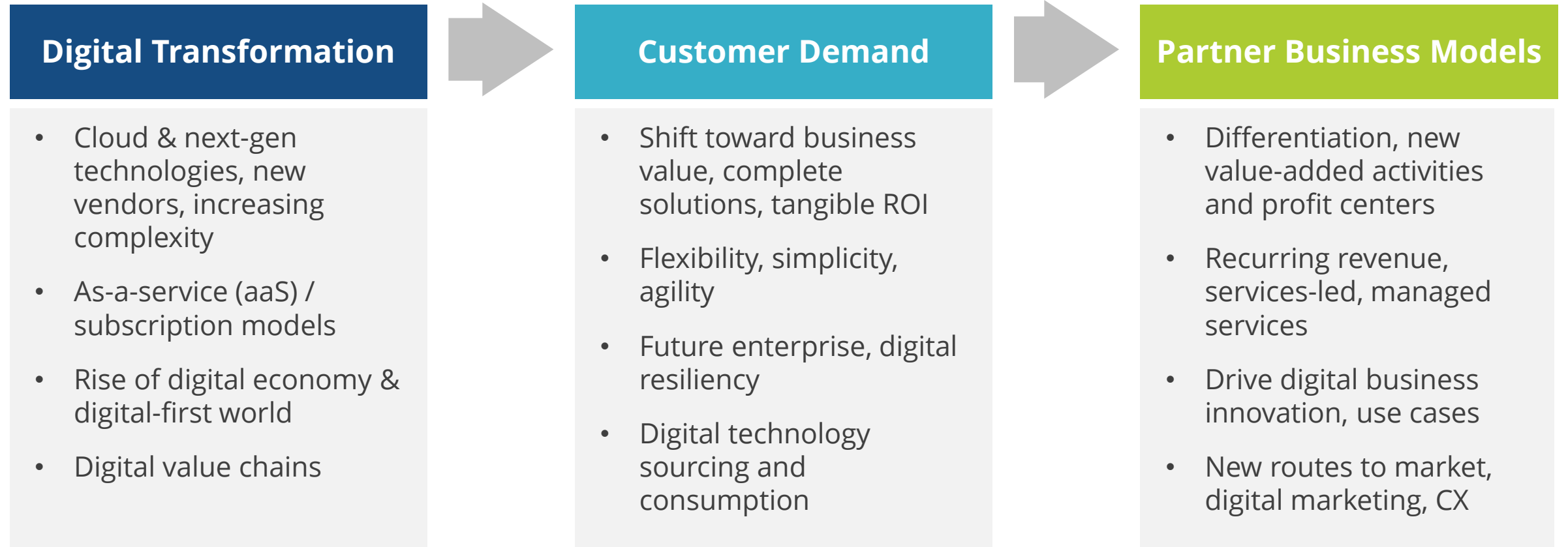




# Partner Transformation

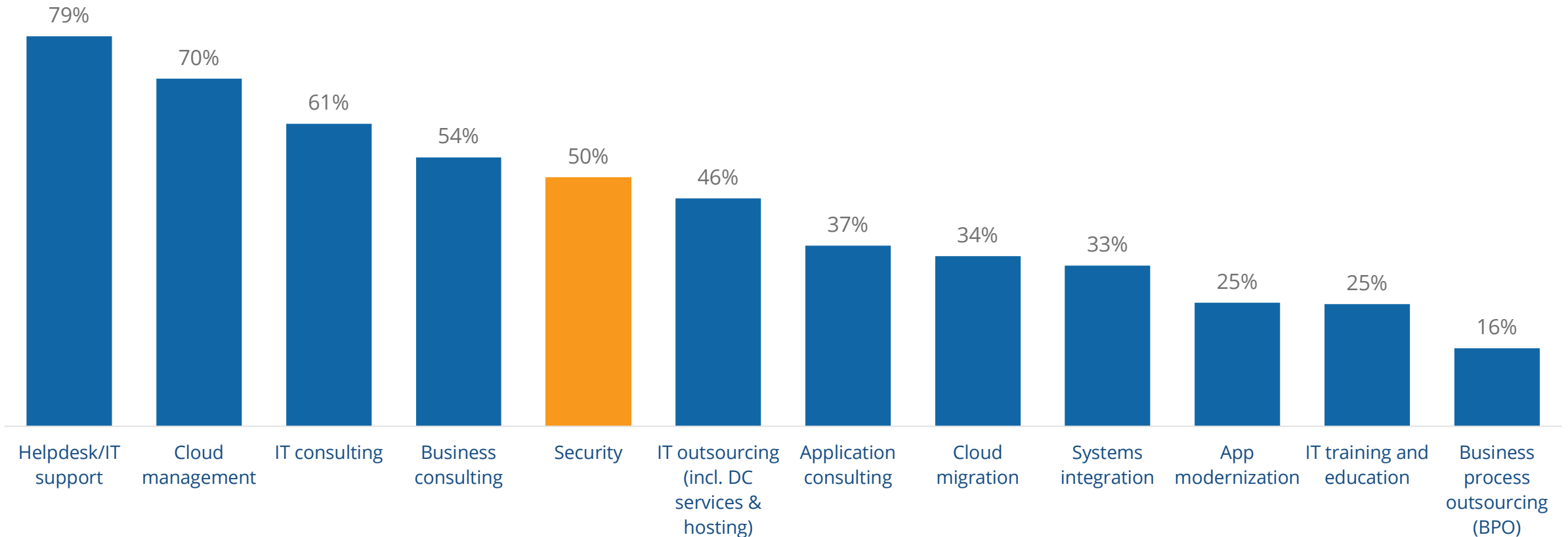
# Key trends reshaping the role of partners

Navigating a period of accelerated transformation.



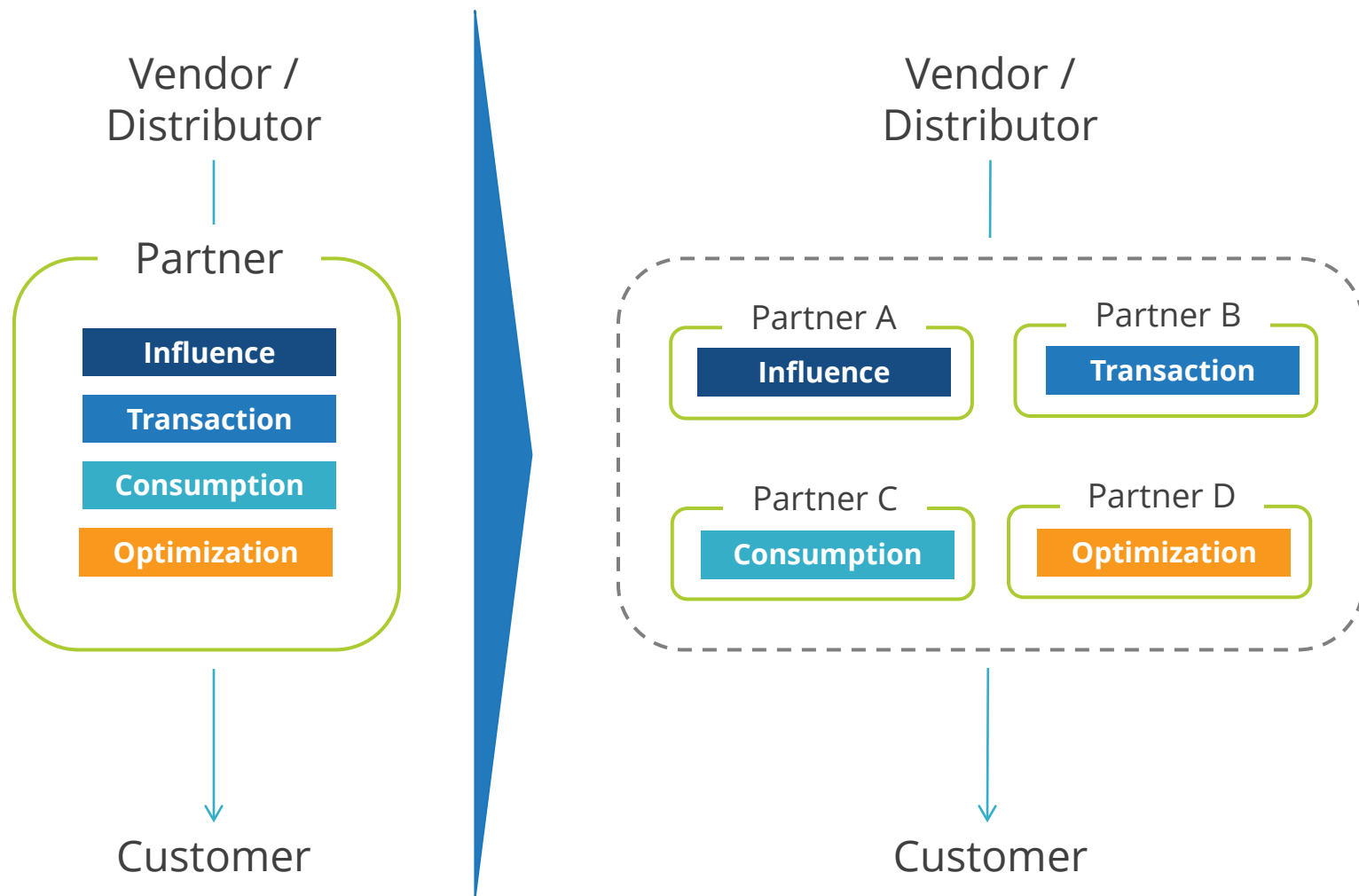
50% of EMEA partners that provide their own services have a security-specific services offering

Which of the following **service types** does your company offer? This refers to your company's own services only.



Source: IDC's EMEA Partner Survey, September 2022 (n = 806)

# Changing partner roles in dynamic ecosystems



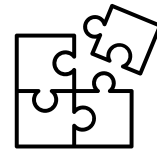
We **influence** millions of dollars of licenses every year but we're not actually selling those licenses because most enterprises already have those relationships. We sell our own services.

IDC Partner Advisory Board, 2022



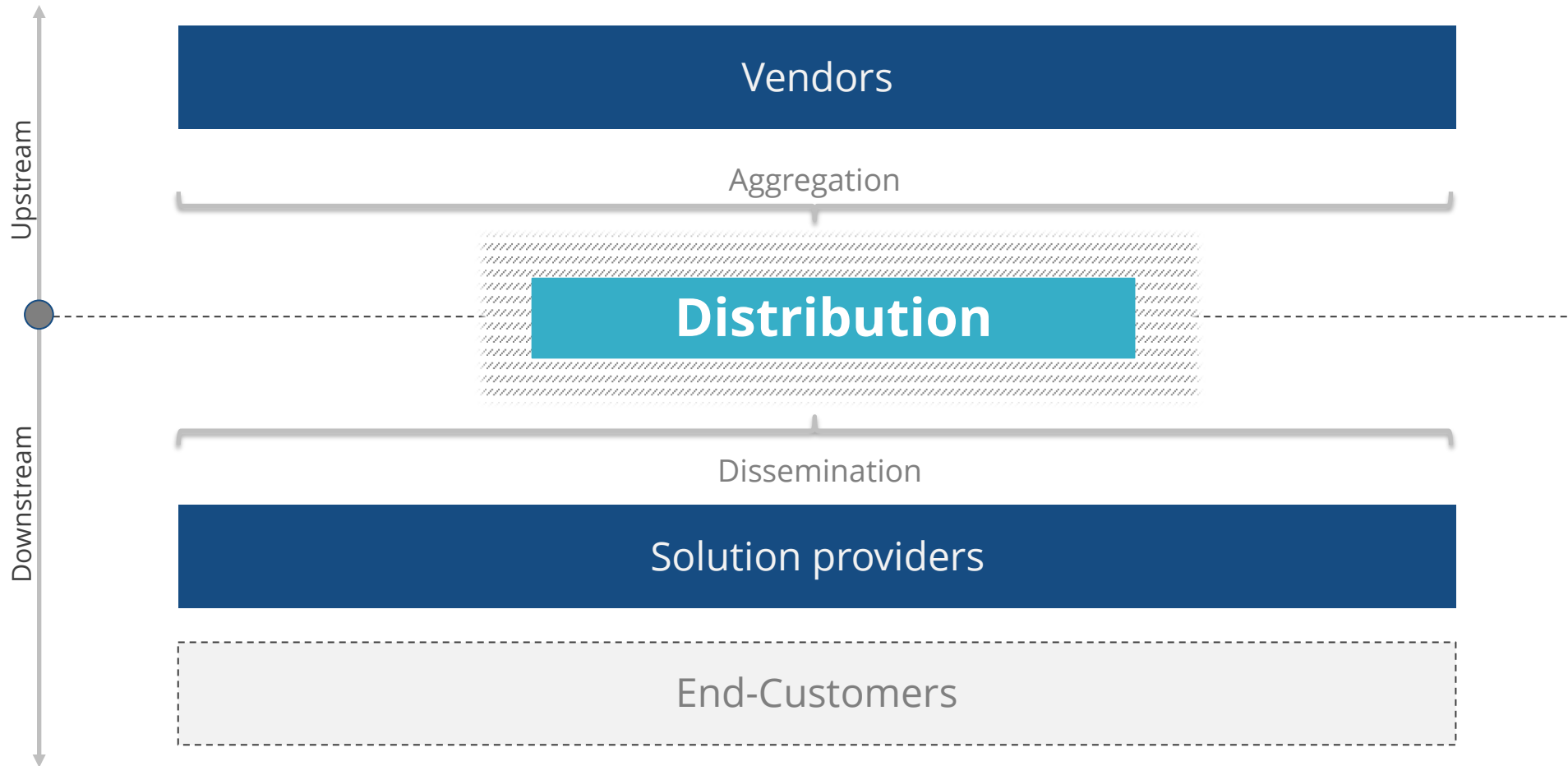
We're a small company that is very flexible, but we drive extremely high **consumption** and I think that makes us an interesting partner for vendors.

Austrian cloud + AI partner, 2022



# The Evolution of Distribution

# Distribution Continues as the **Glue** that Enables the Tech Industry



# Evolving Vendor and Partner Needs from **Distribution**

**Expanding requirements represent opportunities for differentiating, value-added distributor services**



- ✓ Modular portfolio of next-generation tech
- ✓ Multi-cloud services
- ✓ Partner transformation support
- ✓ Digital go-to-market services
- ✓ Customer Success through partners
- ✓ P2P (partner collaboration) support & ecosystem orchestration
- ✓ Managed services support
- ✓ Developing and selling Partner IP
- ✓ Mitigating the skills shortage
- ✓ Next-generation partner recruitment



# 3 Key Characteristics Shaping the **Future of Distribution**



*Ecosystem-centric*



*Platform-enabled*



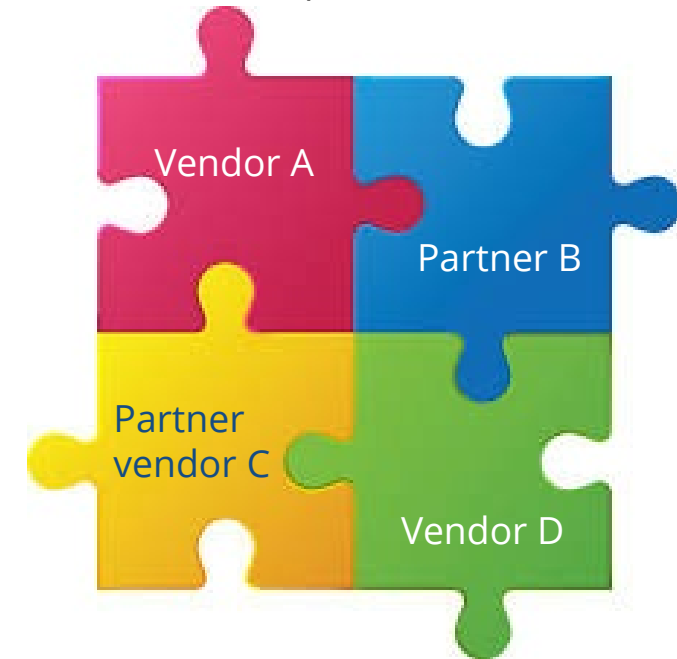
*Data-driven*



# What is Driving the Shift from Channel to **Ecosystems**?

- ✓ Increasing **complexity**
- ✓ Diverse IT **environments**: Rise of hybrid, multi-cloud, and edge
- ✓ Evolving **customer demand** toward business outcomes and complete solutions:
  - ✓ Requiring modular, multi-vendor solutions
  - ✓ Leveraging expertise from multiple partners, increased need for partner-to-partner collaboration (“P2P”)
- ✓ **Digital Transformation** enabling new digital value chains and business models

Rise of multi-provider solutions



**Platforms** enabling Ecosystem relationships and business models



# What partners need to prioritize in 2023





Thank You



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