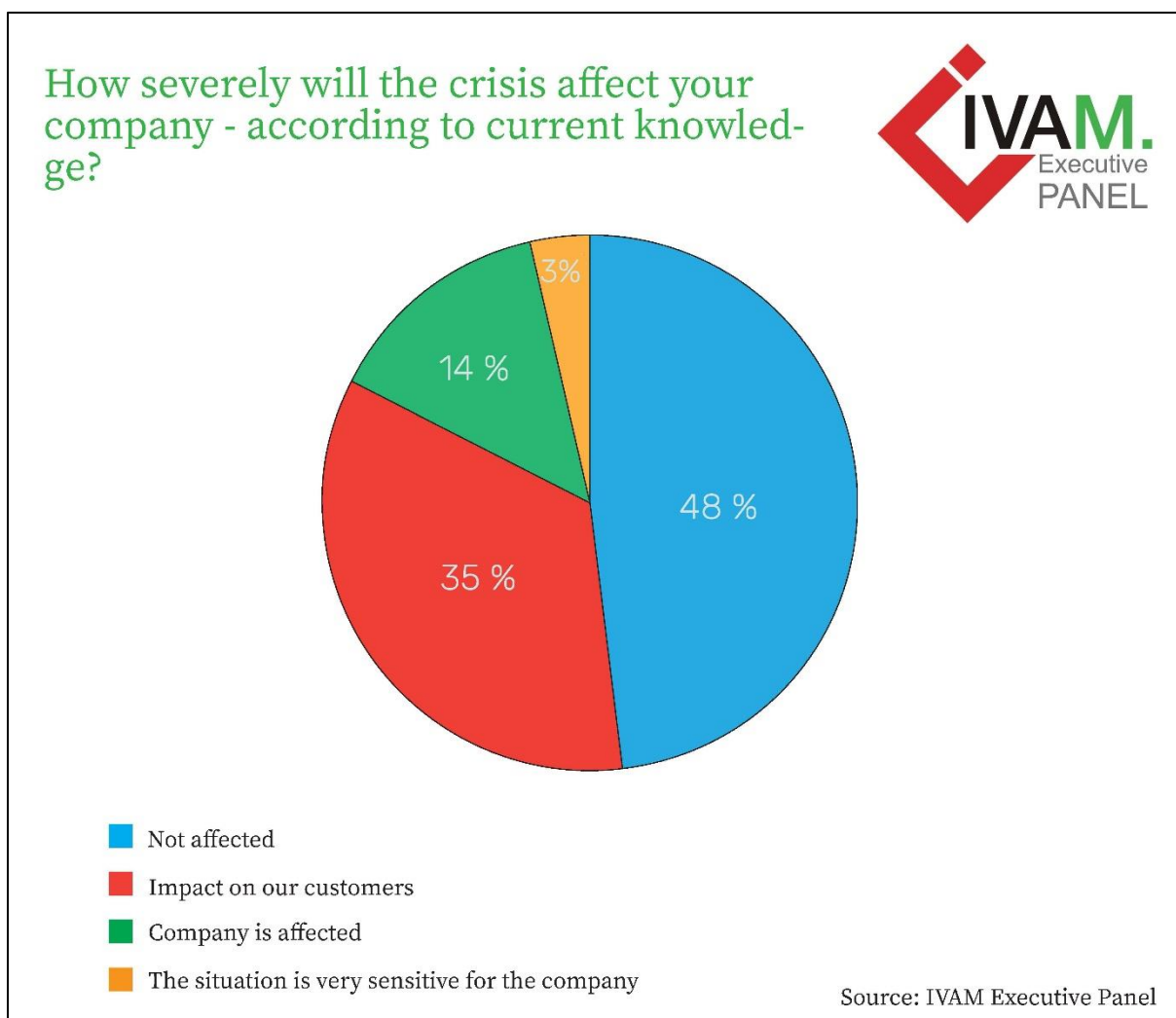


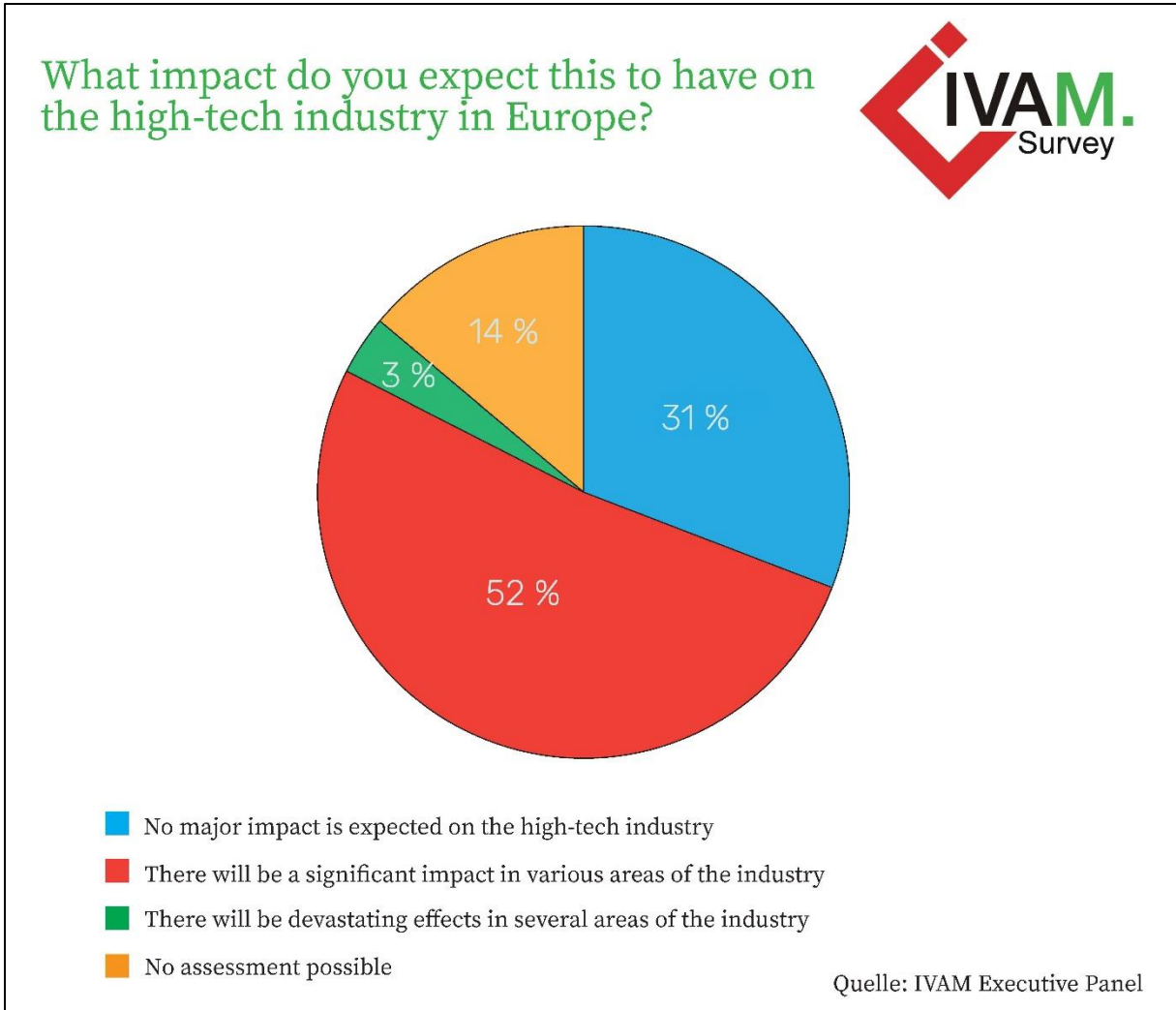
War in Ukraine also affects high-tech companies. Industry experts back sanctions against Russia

At the present time, 48% of the companies surveyed are directly or indirectly affected by the war in Ukraine. For 3% of the companies, the situation is even highly critical. 49% of the respondents stated that their own company is not currently affected by the war in Ukraine.



With regard to the general impact on the entire European high-tech industry, the majority (52%) of respondents expect to see significant effects. 3% even expect devastating effects in various areas of the high-tech industry.

Furthermore, 14% of the experts were still unsure at the time of the survey whether effects of the war will be felt in Europe, 31% were confident and do not expect any further effects on the industry.



Regarding the sanctions imposed on Russia, the industry experts were united: the sanctions are at least appropriate, if not too weak. None of the respondents stated that the sanctions were too drastic or that no sanctions should be imposed.

About the IVAM Executive Panel

The IVAM Executive Panel is the mood indicator for the microtechnology industry. Experts from business and science comment on a current topic from the fields of business, politics, or society. For this purpose, we conduct short surveys among selected executives in mainly small and medium-sized companies and leading scientists in Germany and further European countries.

29 representatives from the following high-tech industries took part in the survey on the war in Ukraine and its effects: microfluidics, sensor technology, photonics/optics, microelectronics, mechanical engineering, robotics, medical technology, aerospace and metrology. Also participating were experts from the fields of research & development and higher education. The survey period was from 25.02.2022 - 02.03.2022.