

Reimagining the workforce: how Europe measures up

See how your peers in Europe are transforming their workforces – and how these efforts compare around the world.



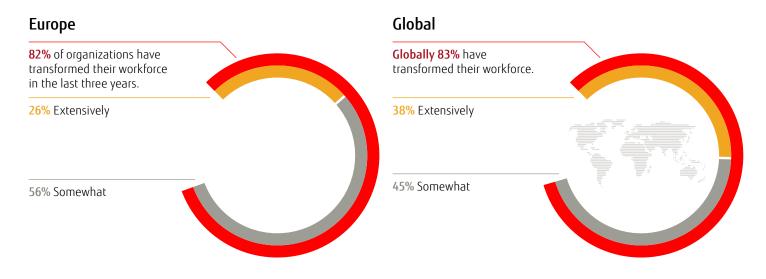
Reimagining the workforce: the key points in Europe

- Organizations have started to transform, but haven't made extensive changes like others around the world
- The CIO is more likely to lead than the CEO
- There's more focus on training and skills
- The biggest barrier is lack of data
- Organizations want an experienced, efficient and tech-savvy workforce





1 What's the state of workforce transformation in Europe?



How many organizations in Europe have delivered on their strategic objectives?

70% achieved what they aimed to – across defence, innovation and growth goals.

24% significantly exceeded their goals compared to 34% globally



Why does the workforce need to change?

From improving profitability to innovating to developing new business models, organizations across Europe have a wide range of strategic objectives.

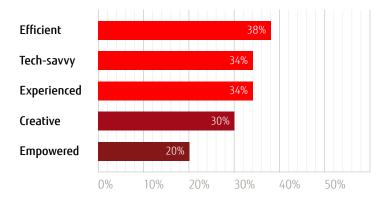
And to achieve them, their workforces need to change.

To meet these goals, organizations in Europe want a workforce with more:

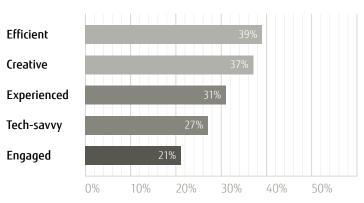
- Digital skills
- High-value skills
- Collaboration
- Employees
- Tasks and jobs that are automated

So, what does the ideal workforce look like?

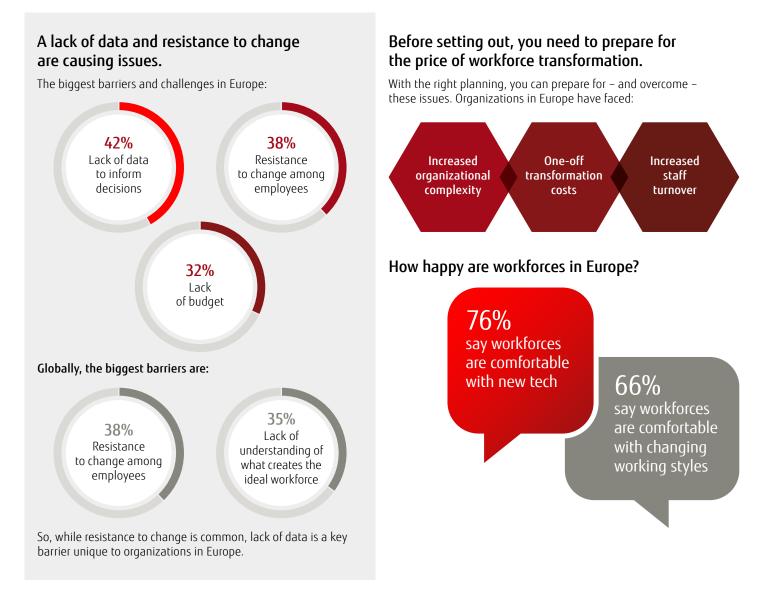
The top five qualities respondents in Europe want in their people:



Compared to organizations around the world:

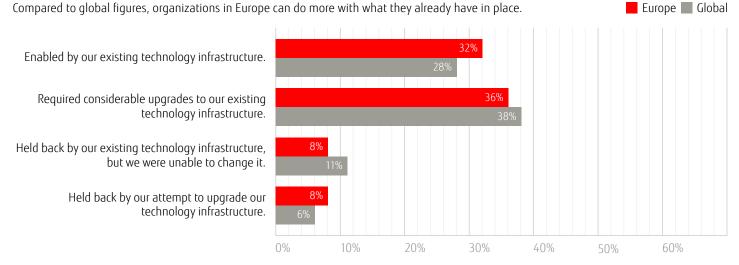


What are the barriers to workforce transformation?



Does existing IT help or hinder in Europe?

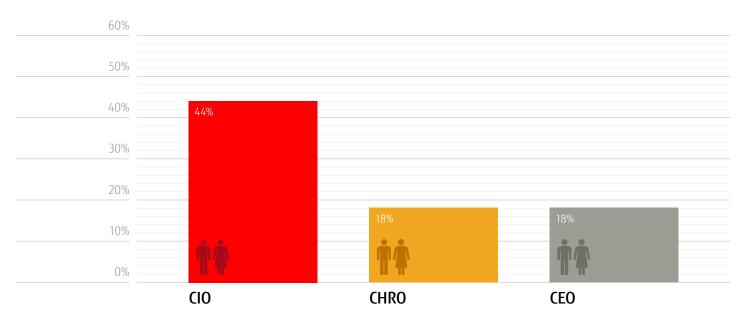
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3 Who leads workforce transformation in Europe?

To avoid the barriers and challenges, you need the right leaders.

According to our respondents, it's led by the:



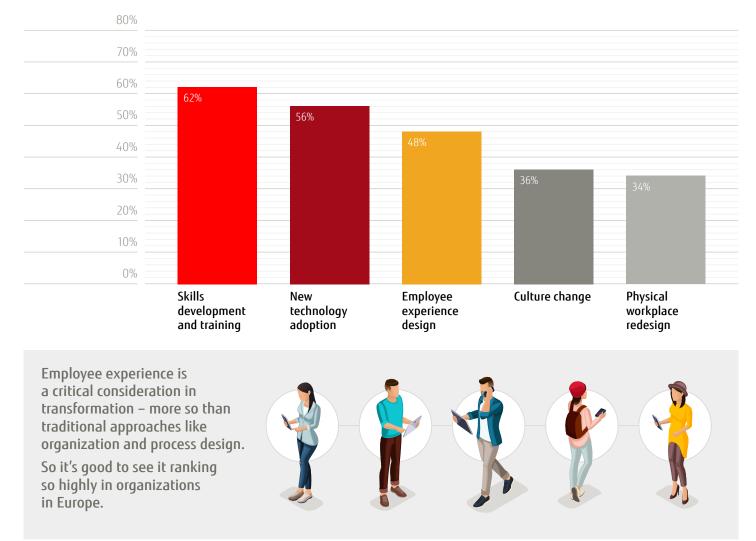
This is a big regional difference. CIOs are far more likely to lead workforce transformations in Europe – almost twice as likely as they are globally.



4 Split the focus between people and technology

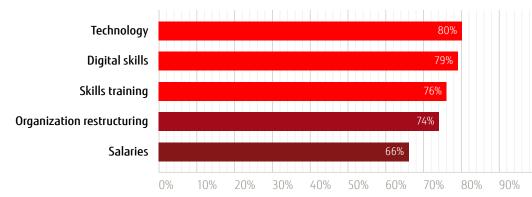
Many workforce transformation initiatives are related to technology. However, in Europe, skills development is slightly more important.

European organizations support their workforce transformation initiatives with:



Where's the money going?

Organizations in Europe have increased their investments in:



This equal focus on technology and people is key to success. Organizations need to invest in both, if they want to create their ideal workforce.

Plus, **70% of organizations** say their workforce transformation and digital transformation share common objectives.

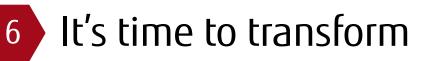
What can you do to help with your workforce transformation?

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Let strategy inform the make-up of the workforce. Make decisions about your workforce based on your strategic goals. From skills and training to using contractors, build a workforce that can deliver on your aims. Develop and articulate a clear vision. Leadership teams must think deeply about the ideal workforce that's needed for the whole business. Each department will have their own specific objectives in mind. Understand where digital and workforce transformation do not overlap. These two initiatives need to work in parallel. But digital should enable workforce transformation – not hinder it. There are plenty of non-digital factors to think about with workforce change. Accept there will be costs but make plans to minimize their impact. Any major change initiative will entail costs. With workforce transformation, you need to

Any major change initiative will entail costs. With workforce transformation, you need to invest in skills development and upgrading technology. But you need to be vigilant to make sure it doesn't unduly increase complexity.





For your business to thrive in a post-pandemic world, you need to transform your workforce. Flexibility, empathy and empowerment are crucial to meeting increased employee expectations in these unprecedented times. You've seen what organizations across Europe have done.





What do we mean by workforce transformation?

It's the agility to move with evolving workforce requirements in the post-Covid 19 era. It might include flexible working arrangements and training your staff to develop new skills.

All statistics come from research by The Economist Intelligence Unit, sponsored by Fujitsu and Citrix. Taken from 200 respondents from across Europe (50), the US (50), Japan (50), and Australia and New Zealand (50). Company annual revenue: 50% \$100m-\$1bn, 50% \$1bn+.

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