

TOURISM AND RESILIENCE - HOW TOURISM DESTINATIONS CAN POSITION THEMSELVES RESILIENTLY FOR UPCOMING CRISES

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- Risks in Tourism
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- Resilience
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RISKS IN TOURISM

Overview

- Economic and financial crises
- Political crises
- Natural disasters
- Epidemics
- Crime
- Terrorism
- Unbalenced Tourism





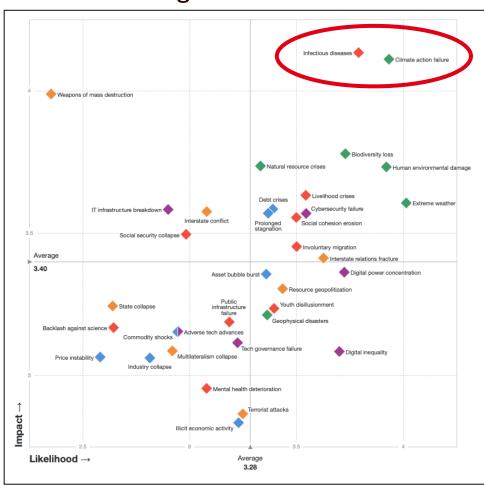






RISKS IN TOURISM

Global Challenges



World Risk Report 2021 Risks with the highest probability of occurrence and the highest impact:

- Climate action failure
- Infectious diseases

World Economic Forum (2021): The Global Risks Report 2021, 16th edition, S. 12. Online unter: http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_The_Global_Risks_Report_2021.pdf (zuletzt geprüft 16.3.2021).

QUESTION AND OBJECTIVE

Question:

How can tourism destinations and tourism stakeholders prepare for future - partly unpredictable - crisis situations?

Goal:

Developing a resilience concept

Creation of strategies and actions to achieve resilience

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RESILIENCE

Resilience (="resistance to crisis") determines how a system or an individual survives a crisis

Resilience factors:

- Robustness
- Flexibility
- Ability to learn
- not a status, but an ongoing process!



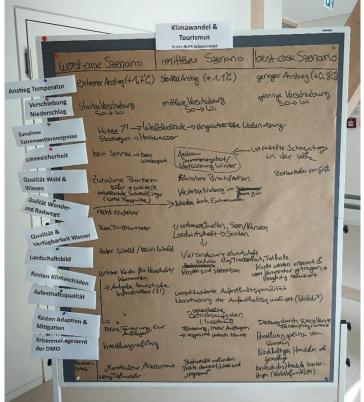
RESILIENCE

Different Perspectives



RESILIENCE CONCEPT





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Resilience Concept

Achieve financial independence & security

Strengthening communication & cooperation

Promotion of "balanced tourism" Expansion of a barrier-free, sustainable infrastructure

Increasing the quality of life (locals & guests)

How can resources be built up to manage risks?





CONCLUSION

- Destination management organisations (DMO) and tourism
 stakeholder have to deal with the issue of resilience more than ever before!
- The challenge is to ensure that all stakeholders are involved as far as possible.
- There is no blueprint. Each destination must develop its own path to resilience.



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