

FECIF COVID-19 Survey: major short-term impact, cautious optimism in the longer term



Within its extensive European network, FECIF has gathered the views of 16 experts across 10 countries (Germany, France, Italy, Spain, UK, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Czech Republic) with regards to the impact of COVID-19 on our industry.

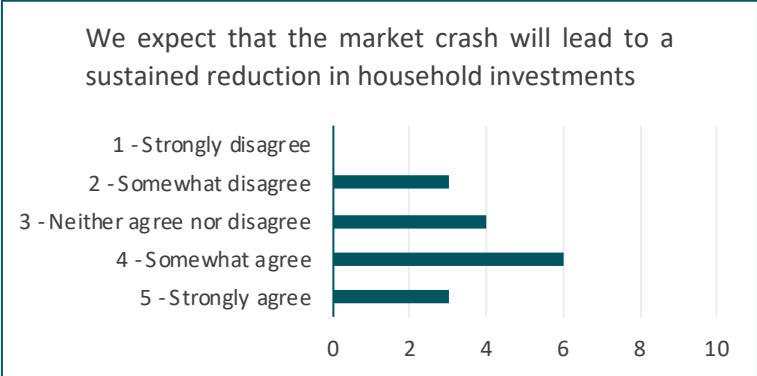
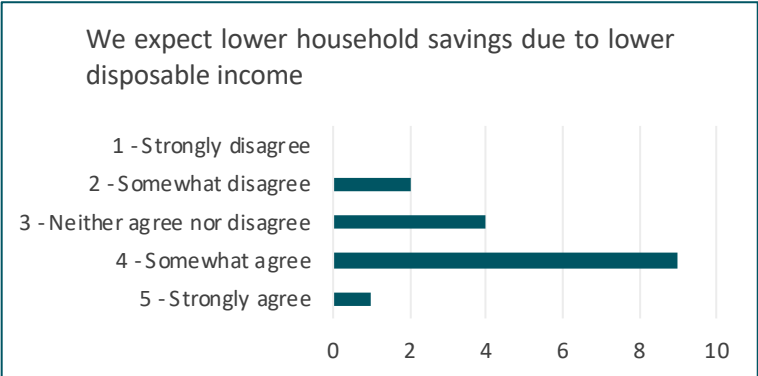
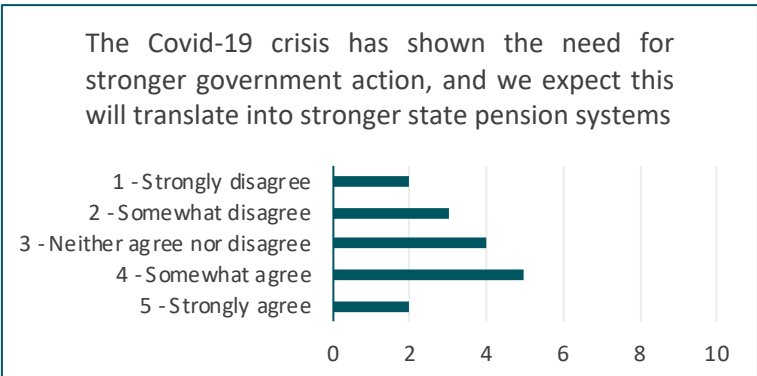
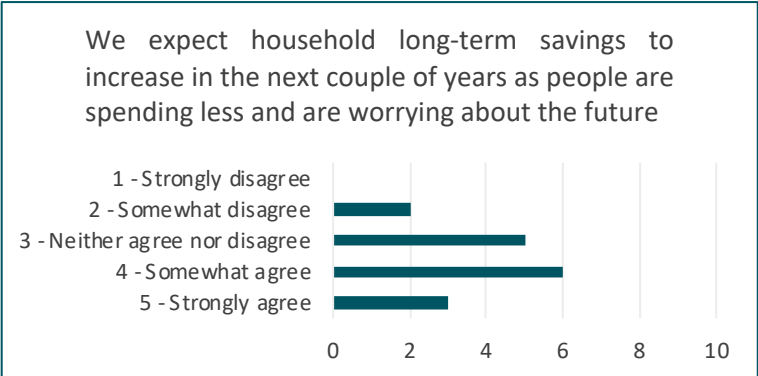
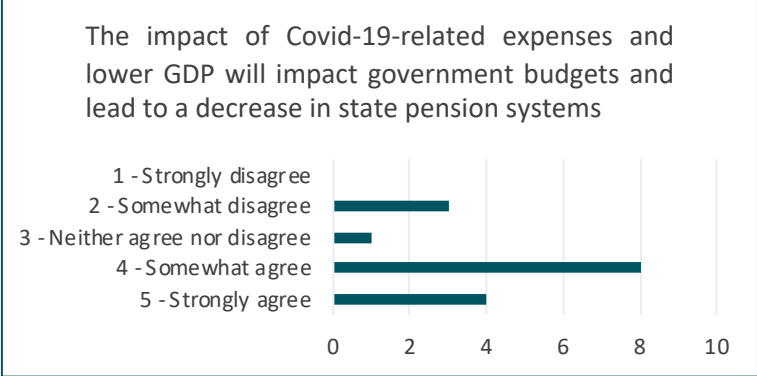
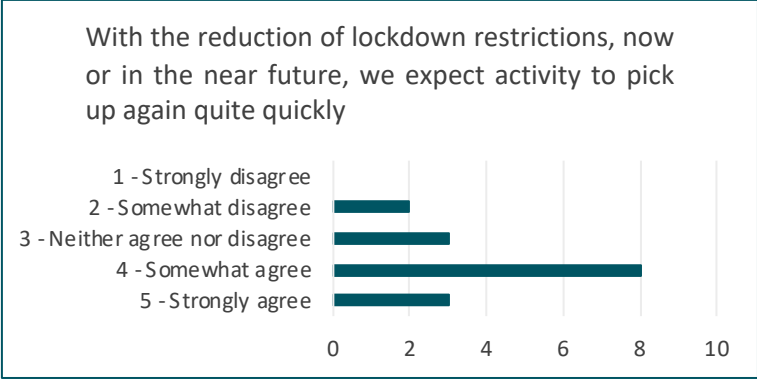
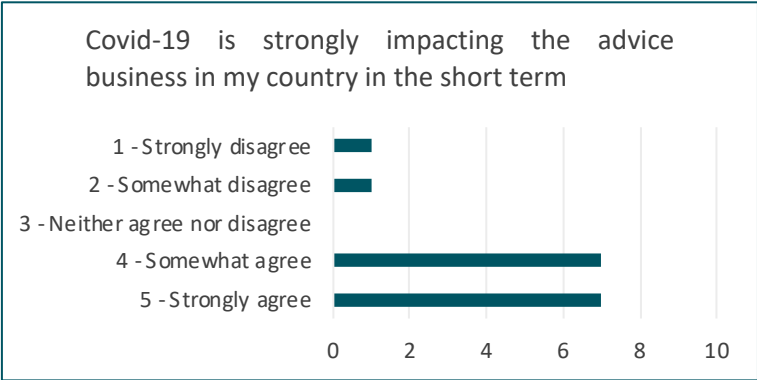
There is a strong consensus that COVID-19 has a clear negative impact on our sector's activity (87% think so). There is also a shared view that things will re-start once the lockdown is over.

Most participants believe that COVID-19 will have a profound impact on long-term matters like pension provision; the combination of lock-down, market crash, economic recession and increased health spending is expected to further deteriorate pension systems (80%).

There is no consensus on States' ability to act decisively on pensions (40% yes, 33% no, 27% maybe), and a shared view that increased savings will be needed.

On the long-term impact on savings, the views of our survey are very mixed again.

There is a shared view that the situation will generate an increased need to save (60%). But at the same time, participants are worried that lower disposable incomes will make it difficult to save more (60% as well). **Both responses should make us worried about consumption in the months/years to come.**



Source: FECIF Survey of 16 experts across 10 countries, May 2020