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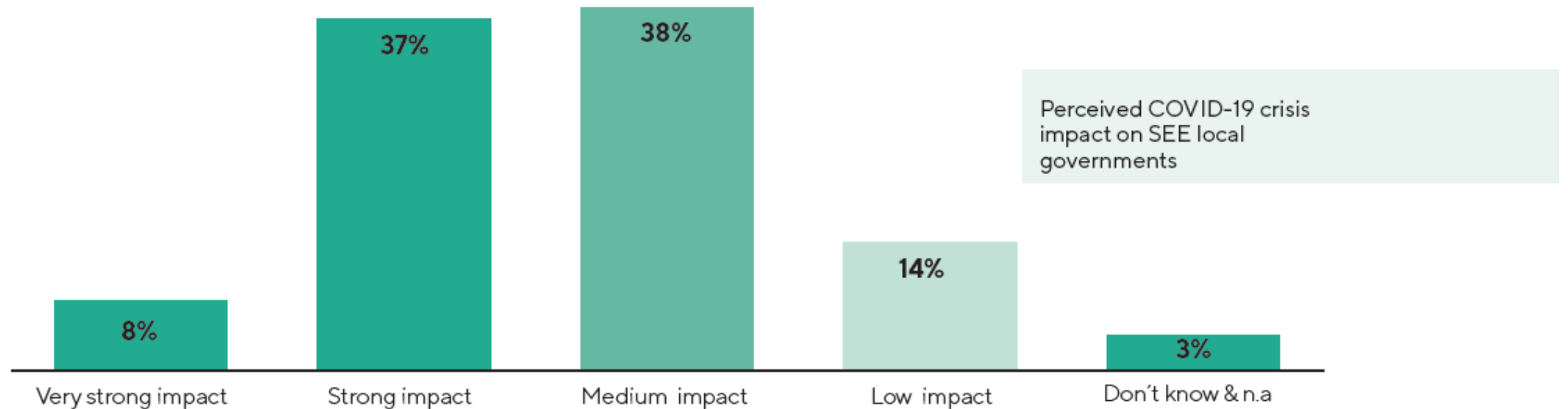
Panel Discussion “Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: Challenges and responses of local governments in the Danube Region”

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COVID-19 has had major impact on all SEE local governments



Major challenges of SEE local governments

At the outbreak

- Lack of adequate financial resources

Now

- Reopening and revival of local communities and economies

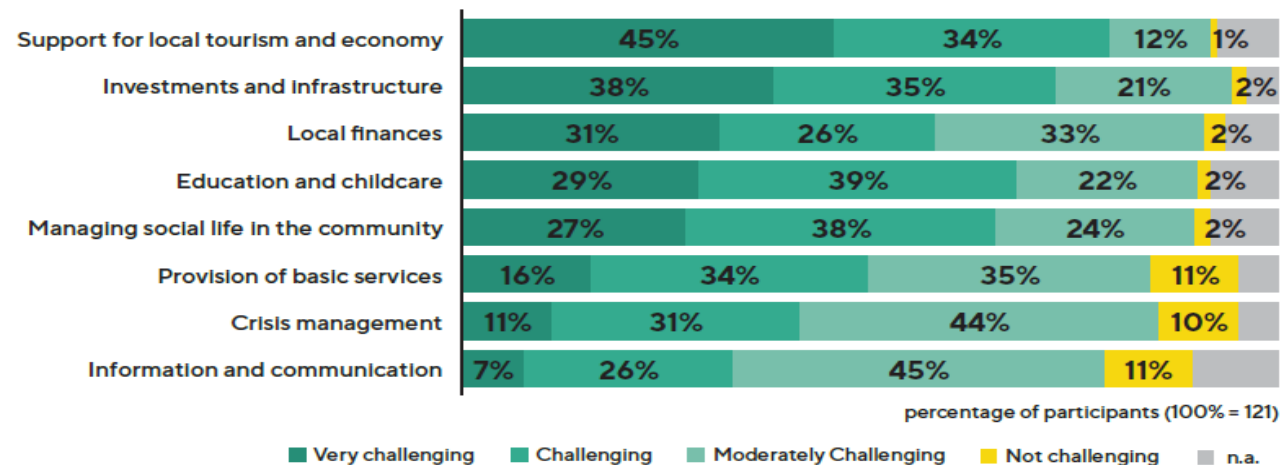


Figure 4 The top challenges in local governments after the immediate outbreak and response to COVID-19

Source: NALAS: Online-Survey of NALAS-members and Local governments, July 2020.

Three important points from the Study

- The dramatic impact of the crisis on local finances
- The need for intergovernmental policy consultation and coordination
- The importance of cross-border cooperation in coping with the crisis



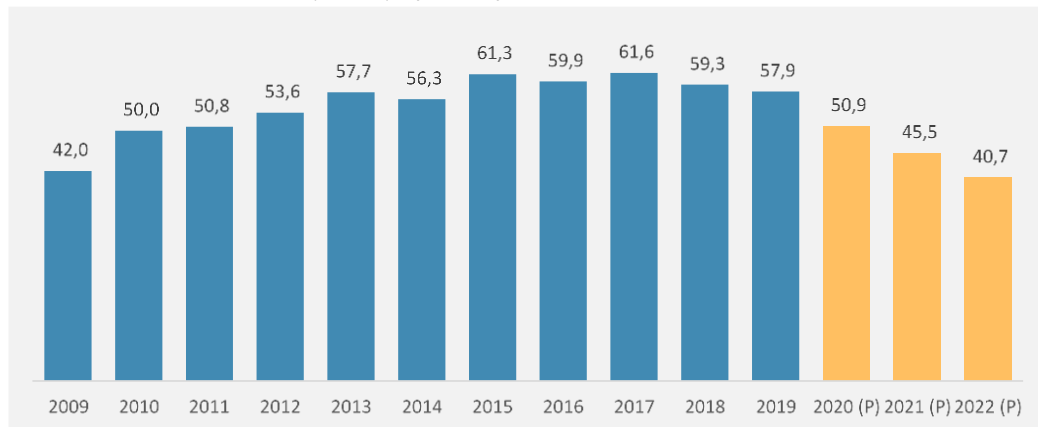
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Projected Financial Impact

By 2022, SEE local governments may lose up to 30% of their revenues compared to 2019, or **17 billion Euro**

- SEE local revenues: 57.9 billion Euro → 40.7 billion EUR
- WB local revenues: from a high of 5.5 billion Euro → 3.9 billion EUR

LG Revenues in South-East Europe and projections for 2020-2022, in billion Euro



LG Revenues in the Western Balkans and projections for 2020-2022, in billion Euro

