Impact of Innovation and and Digitalization in Tourism



Trends transforming tourism





Innovation and digitalization are transforming and reshaping tourism

Digital adoption and consumption are rising

Consumers are increasingly using technology solutions in everyday life

Digital is transforming the process of communicating with tourists and marketing tourism services

Cybersecurity concerns are increasing

Digital convergence: New technologies are merging with other technologies, and with the physical world (e.g. wearable technologies, AR, image recognition)

Increased demand for employees with a digital or technical skillset, despite people and soft skills also remaining key for the business

In the current context, companies may prioritize retention and invest in upskilling of their workforce



Digitalization brings opportunities and challenges for SMEs

Access to new markets, develop new tourism products and services

Increase capacity to develop new business models

Free time and resources to focus on strategic tasks

Enable businesses to achieve scale without mass

Lack of access to finance, information, knowledge networks, skills and time

Displacement of traditional employment relationships by more precarious independent contractor arrangements

Restructuring of workforce – fewer frontline jobs and demand for digital expertise growing



Covid 19 – Lessons learned

"Never waste a good crisis"

Rebuild for the better – rethink tourism through a sustainability lens

Reputation and recovery will go hand in hand

Health & safety protocols are here to stay

Need to invest in reskilling and upskilling to create a more resilient workforce

"It always seems impossible until it's done"



Are you reframing the future or is the future reframing you?



