

# COVID-19 IMPACT ON TOURISM STARTUPS



As a result of a meeting held on March 16th between some of the Portuguese Travel Tech Community startups, a survey was created to analyze the impact of COVID-19 on the activity of Tourism Startups in Portugal.

This analysis results from the participation of 42 startups (not only tech-based startups) and was carried out between March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Impact is clear, with 75% of startups being affected with cancellations and postponed events from both B2B and B2C costumers. There are cases of Investors that no longer will fulfill their commitment.

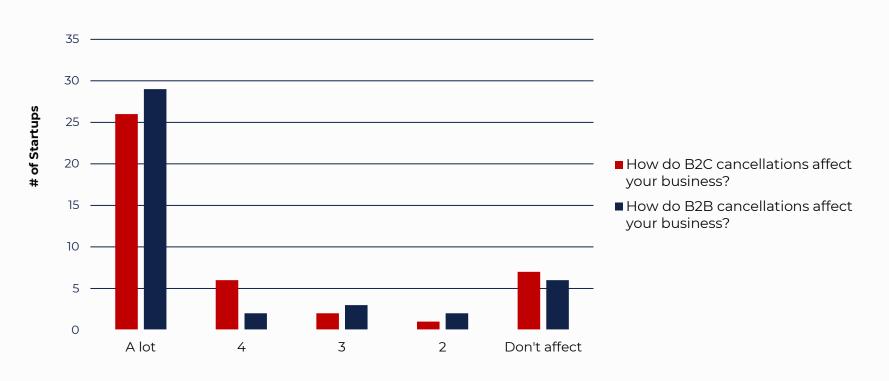
On average, there is a loss of **16.000€** from cancelled events and **20.200€** from postponed events. Biggest loss from a startups is 150.000€ and 130.000€.

This situation is expected to worsen in the coming weeks, with most of the founders being worried with the possible closure of their startup.

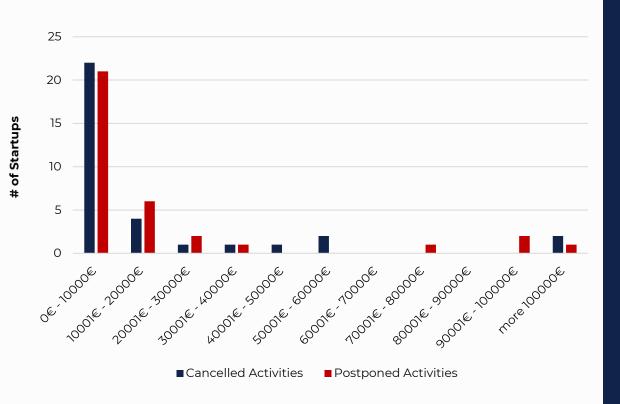
# 95% - 100%

business dropped in the last 7-10 days compared to the value it would have been without Coronavirus

#### **HOW DO B2C OR B2B CANCELLATION AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS?**



### WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY LOSS WITH CANCELED AND POSTPONED DEALS SO FAR?



Taking into account cancelled and postponed activities, the amount of money loss is between 0€ to 10.000€.

The main reason for this is that some startups are still in an initial stage and don't present a relevant number of sales.

Additionally, it is still low season for startups working in the tourism sector.

#### **MOST CANCELLATIONS ARE FROM:**

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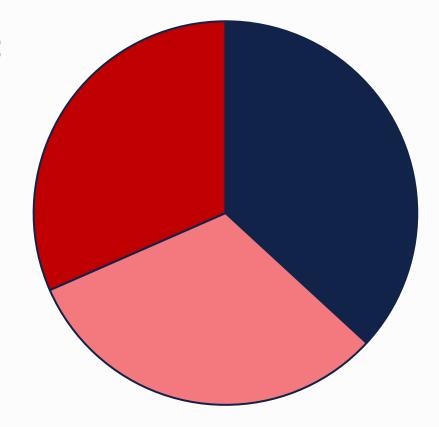
**B2B**\* Cancellations

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B2B\* and B2C Cancellations

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**B2C Cancellations** 



Most cancellations come from the **leisure** segment, following by **business**.

\*Companies and groups

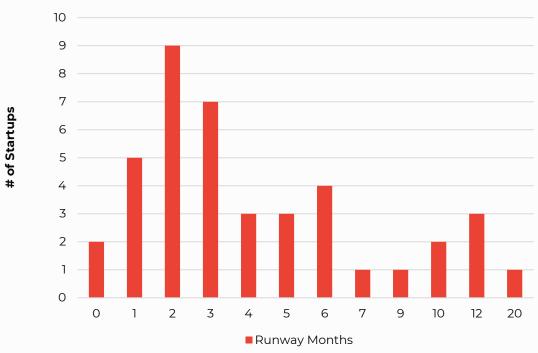
# 666.400€

Value of CANCELED deals so far

## **827.320€**

Value of **POSTPONED** deals so far

#### HOW MANY MONTHS STARTUPS WILL BE ABLE TO "SURVIVE"?



With the current situation, **60%** of startups won't last more than **4 months**, with 16 startups having as their runway, maximum, 2 months.

(Number of months a startup can survive with current costs and no revenue)

#### **MEASURES TAKEN TO KEEP THE COMPANY GOING?**

#### **CUT/SUSPENSION OF COSTS**

Reducing all the costs (marketing, staff, etc.) and suspending supplier contracts.

#### **LAYOFF**

Temporary suspension of the employee contracts.

#### **REVIEW BUSINESS MODEL**

Re-strategizing go-to-market and business plans.

#### **NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

New business opportunities such as new products, marketing strategies.

#### MEASURES TO SUPPORT STARTUPS

Taking into account that it is not expected that tourists start to travel (in a regular/normal basis) 2 to 3 months after this period:

Access to finance (short & medium term), aligned with the situation of startups;

2

Tax exemption and reduction of contribution burden

(TSU, Corp Tax, Social Security/IRS of Employee)

3

Access to lines of credit (non-refundable or at least 50% non-refundable);

4

Acceleration of payments and reimbursements obtained via Portugal 2020.



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