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for the Black Sea



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Tourism 4.0 for the Black Sea – project presentation

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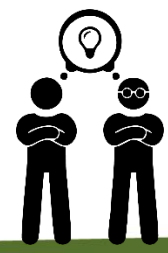
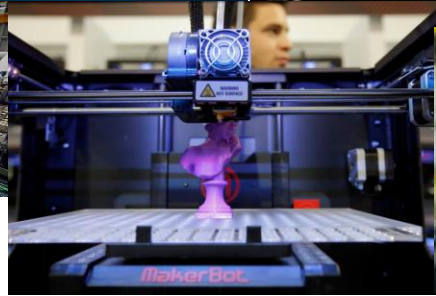
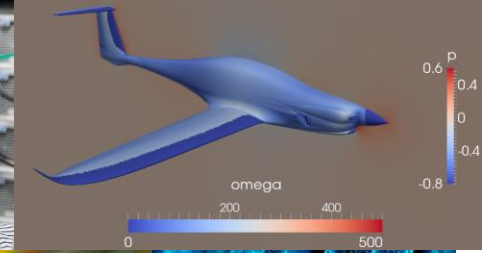
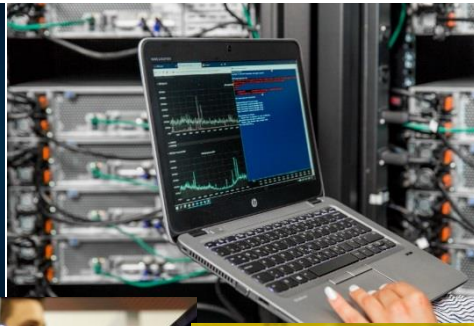


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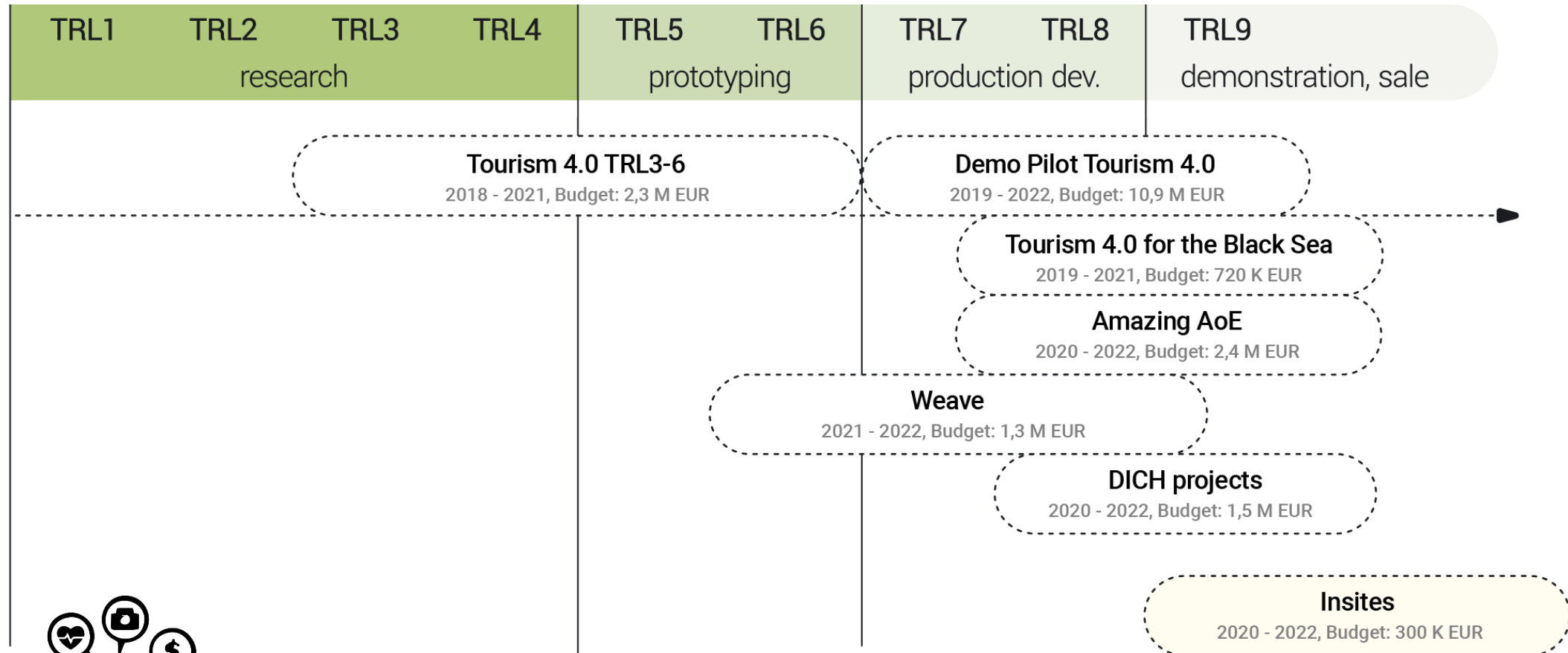
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Key enabling technologies

High Performance Computing
Internet of Things
Big Data Analytics
Virtual Reality
Artificial Intelligence
Additive Manufacturing
Blockchain
Simulations
3D Scanning and printing
Augmented Reality



R&D into tourism



TRL = Technology Readiness Level



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About the T4BS Project

General objective and aims

- Foster the commercialization of High Performance Data Analytics (HPDA) tools in tourism
- Demonstrate to regional stakeholders the benefits of Big Data Analytics
- Test a set of concrete (Blue) Tourism 4.0 HPDA services in the Black Sea region
- Stimulate (policy) dialogue on Tourism 4.0 potentials with regional and EU stakeholders



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About the T4BS Project

Key activities

1. Development and testing of **Tourism Impact Model (TIM)** at pilot tourism destinations in Romania, Ukraine and Georgia
2. **Big Data Analytics:** acquiring data from global platforms and performing analysis
3. **Demonstration to regional stakeholders** at 3 rounds of workshops:
 - Results of TIM testing
 - Potential for Big Data Analytics
4. **Capitalisation and commercialisation** of TIM and Big Data Analytics



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About the T4BS Project

Key results

1. TIM

- *Data availability*: difficulties in obtaining the data, especially from public institutions
- *Data reliability*: poor accuracy of existing data using TIM's Data accuracy methodology

2. Big data Analytics:

- big data sources are still too aggregated or inaccessible to offer a strong source of analysis at the destination level

3. Lack of experience and knowledge of local stakeholders of the proper data use and management

4. Lack of robust assessment of tourism impact weakens sectoral policies



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changing the perception of tourism



“ Tourism can only be sustainable, when it improves quality of life of the local community.

“ Providing competent and quick response of local governments with the use of Big Data.

Next Steps

“ T4BS DECLARATION for supporting a stronger Tourism 4.0 approach across the Black Sea:

- based on the results and lessons learned in the project
- in line with the Common Maritime Agenda (CMA)

Key follow up actions:

- Promoting a greater and more effective *digitalisation of tourism*
- Establishing permanent mechanisms for the *systematic collecting of data*
- Promoting access to and usage of *advanced data sources* (eg. space data)
- Promoting the use of advanced technologies and tools for the needs of *holistic management of tourism*
- Encouraging activities and projects that include at the forefront and among performance indicators *cooperation between stakeholders*



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Tourism Impact Model

Measuring tourism impact



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TIM is a tool using **real data** to create an **objective picture of the impact of tourism** in a certain micro-location.

300+ indicators

positive and negative effects of tourism

different societal aspects

By modelling the impact using different scenarios, TIM acts also as a **digital twin of tourist destination** and allows **data driven strategic planning**



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True impact of tourism



TIM brings **real data in the perception of the impact of tourism** to sharpen the real picture for everyone and allow data driven strategic planning.



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The benefits for a destination



- Built-in **transparency** and **inclusion of local inhabitants** in strategic planning.
- **Supervised collecting of data** from various sources and their **transformation into valuable information.**
- **Real picture** of the whole spectrum of positive and negative impacts of tourism **based on real data.**
- Complex concepts made simple and understandable through **visualisation of results and sets of recommendations for improvements.**
- Dynamic real data simulations of possible scenarios for quick and **competent response in all situations.**



SDGs

(Sustainable Development Goals)

- 17 goals
- 169 targets
- 244 indicators (232 non repeating indicators)

*<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/>



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How it works



Definition of the most appropriate geographical Micro-location



Mapping the data sources



Completing the questionnaire and launching the Automated Assessment Tool



Automatic report generation



Validation of the results and detailed recommendations by experts (optional)



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Questionnaire

300+ indicators used
(Impact and Collaboration)

5 groups

23 categories

67 question sets

138 SDAQ question sets

Min 2000 up to 100.000 data inputs

The screenshot displays the 'D2.2 Safety' questionnaire page. The navigation bar at the top includes 'BASIC QUESTIONS', 'ENVIRONMENT AND SPACE', 'ECONOMY', 'SOCIETY & CULTURE', 'COLLABORATION', and 'OVERVIEW (55%)'. The user is logged in as 'ALMOST PARADISE' (Claire Schmidt) and can click 'Logout'. The page title is 'D2.2 Safety' under the category 'Society & Culture / D2 Health and Safety'. A description asks for information about police reports. A question 'A. What is the number of visitors that filed a police report at your location?' is shown with a data table for 2019. The table has columns for months (JAN to DEC) and rows for months (JAN to DEC). The values are: JAN: 12, FEB: 134, MAR: 0, APR: 7, MAY: (empty), JUN: (empty), JUL: (empty), AUG: (empty), SEP: (empty), OCT: (empty), NOV: (empty), DEC: (empty). Below the table are 'NEXT' and 'SKIP' buttons. At the bottom, there is a 'Previous step' button and a progress indicator for 'D2.2'.

2019					
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
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JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC



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Report

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TOURISM IMPACT MODEL report

2 Management Abstract

The overall result of the impact of tourism at your location is presented with the TIM Destination Character Chart (TIM DCC) below.

Figure 1: TIM Destination Character Chart
You are: Sustainable sleeper

RESOURCE CONSUMPTION

TIM DCC combines the positive impact of tourism (Benefits), the negative impact of tourism (Resource consumption) and the general condition of your location.

Figure 2: Overall data accuracy level

4.4.5 Education (D15)

Education, vocational training, and general lifelong learning play vital roles in both an economic and social context. They offer citizens the ability to become a paid and productive member of the society while acknowledging their own wishes and wants.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION **TARGET 4.2**
TARGET 4.3
TARGET 4.4

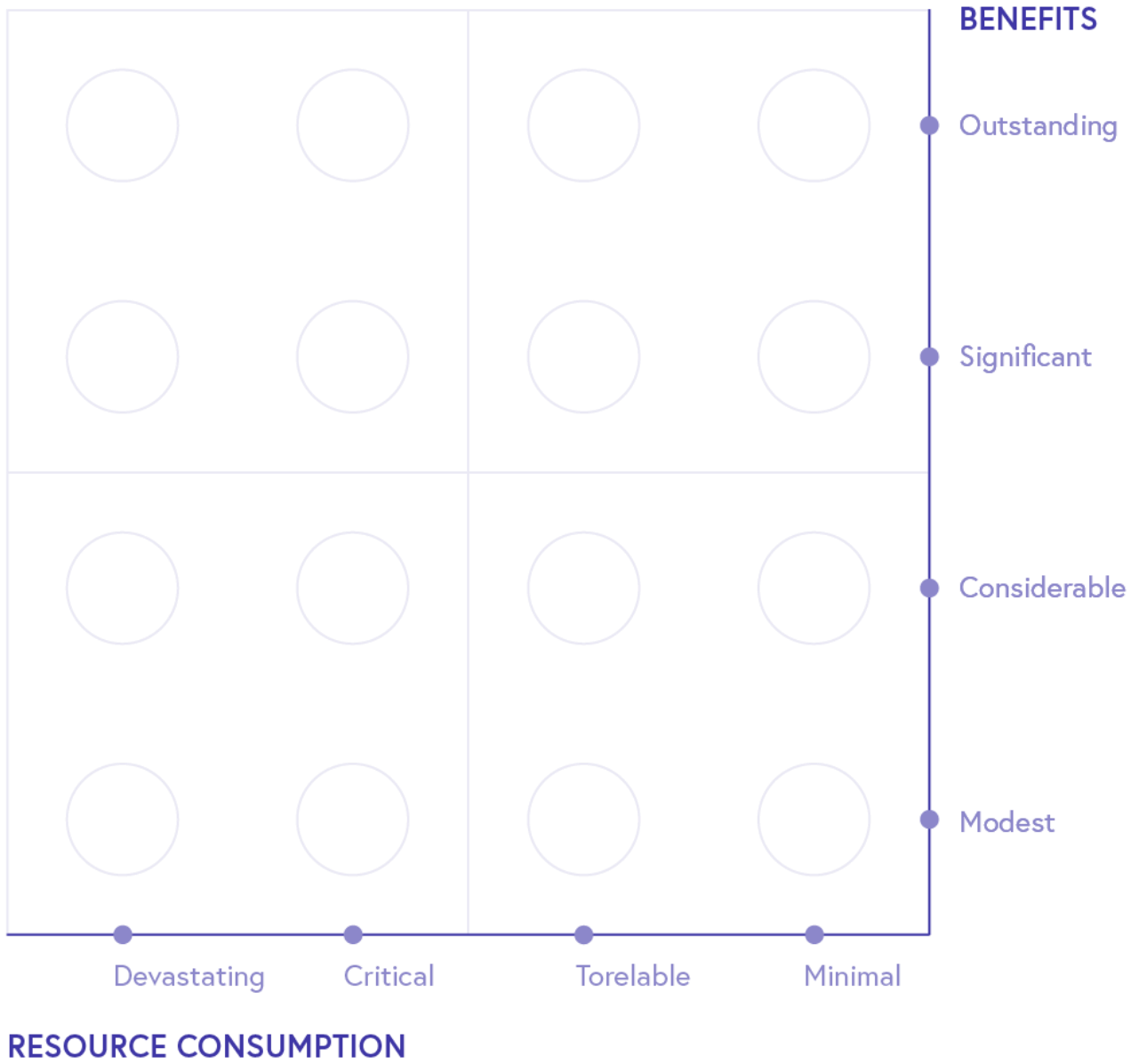
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Destination Character Chart™

Y – Benefits
X – Resource consumption
16 (4x4) possible positions.

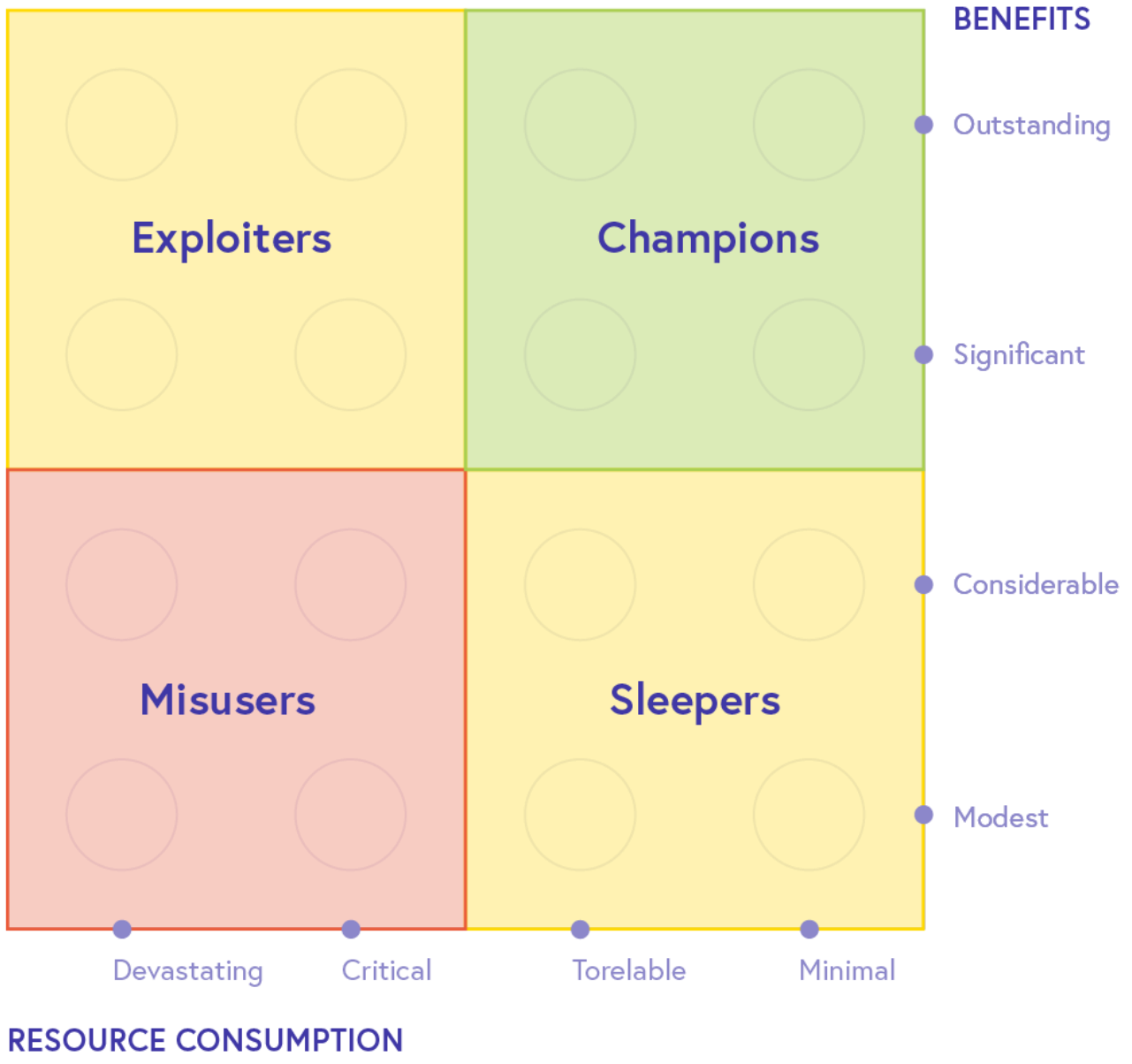


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Destination Character Chart™

4 groups of primary characters
4 positions for each

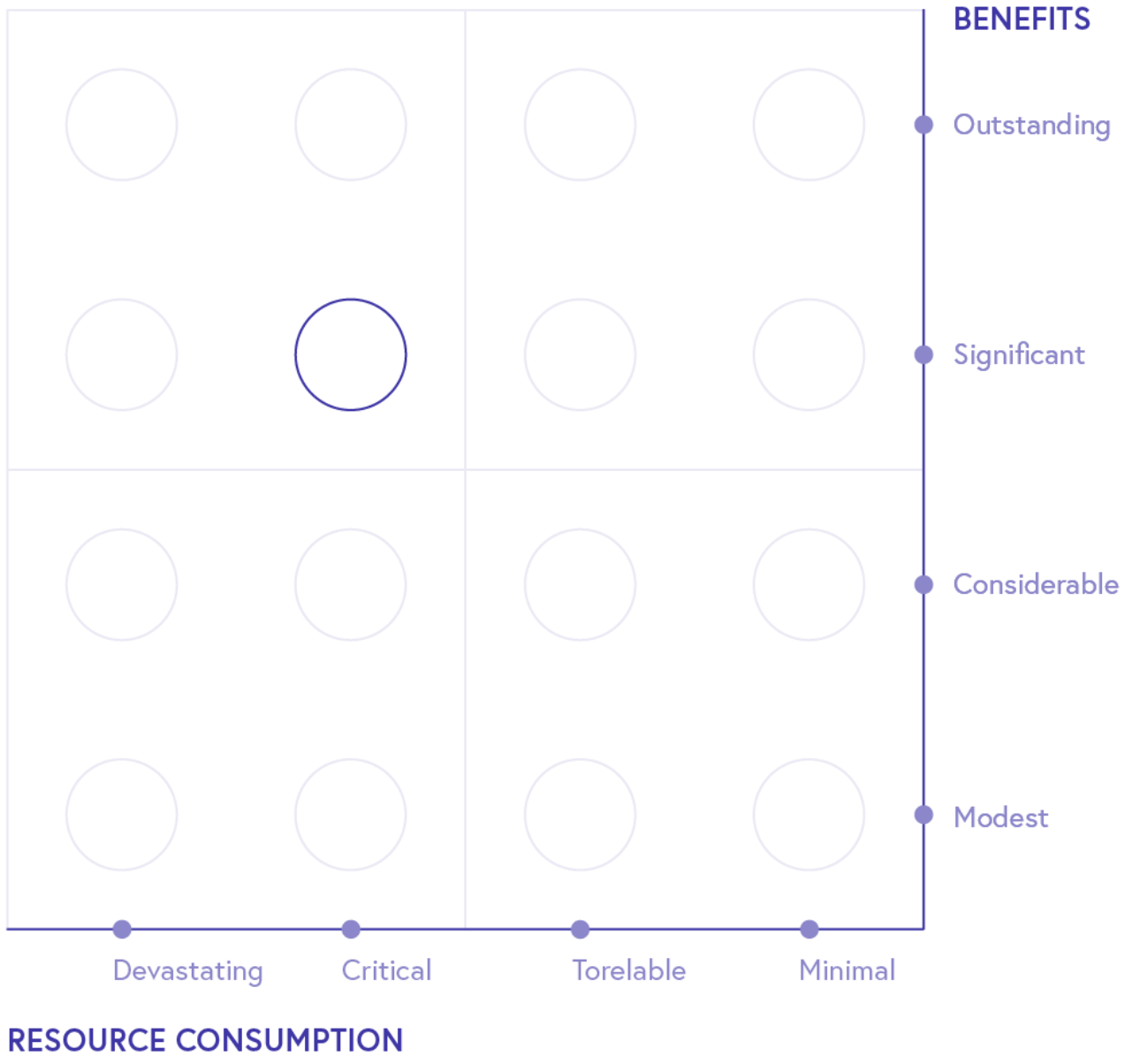


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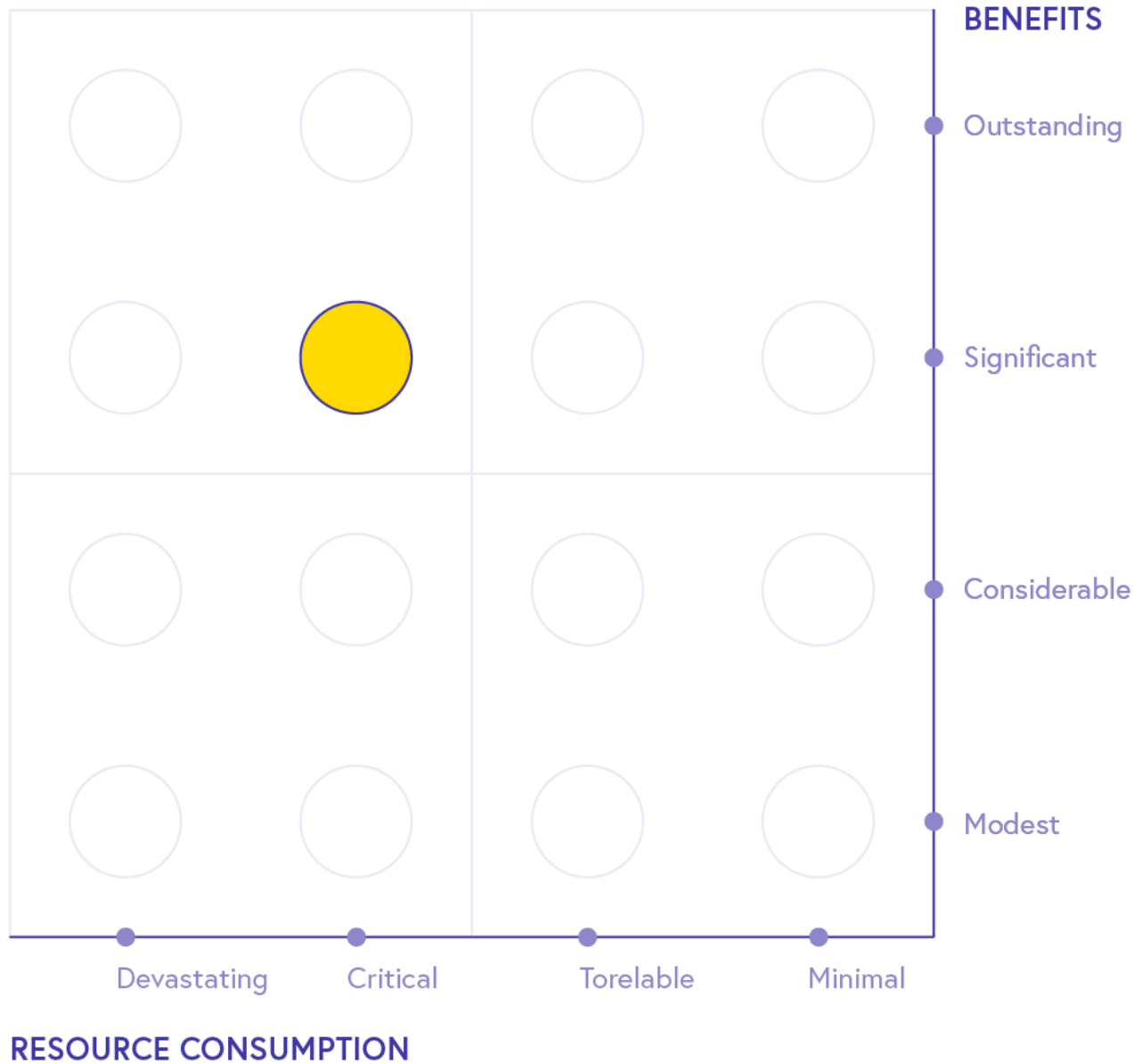
Destination Character Chart™

Destination is placed in one of 16 positions



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Destination Character Chart™

Colour of the circle presents the general condition of the destination

red – poor,
yellow – mediocre,
green – great.

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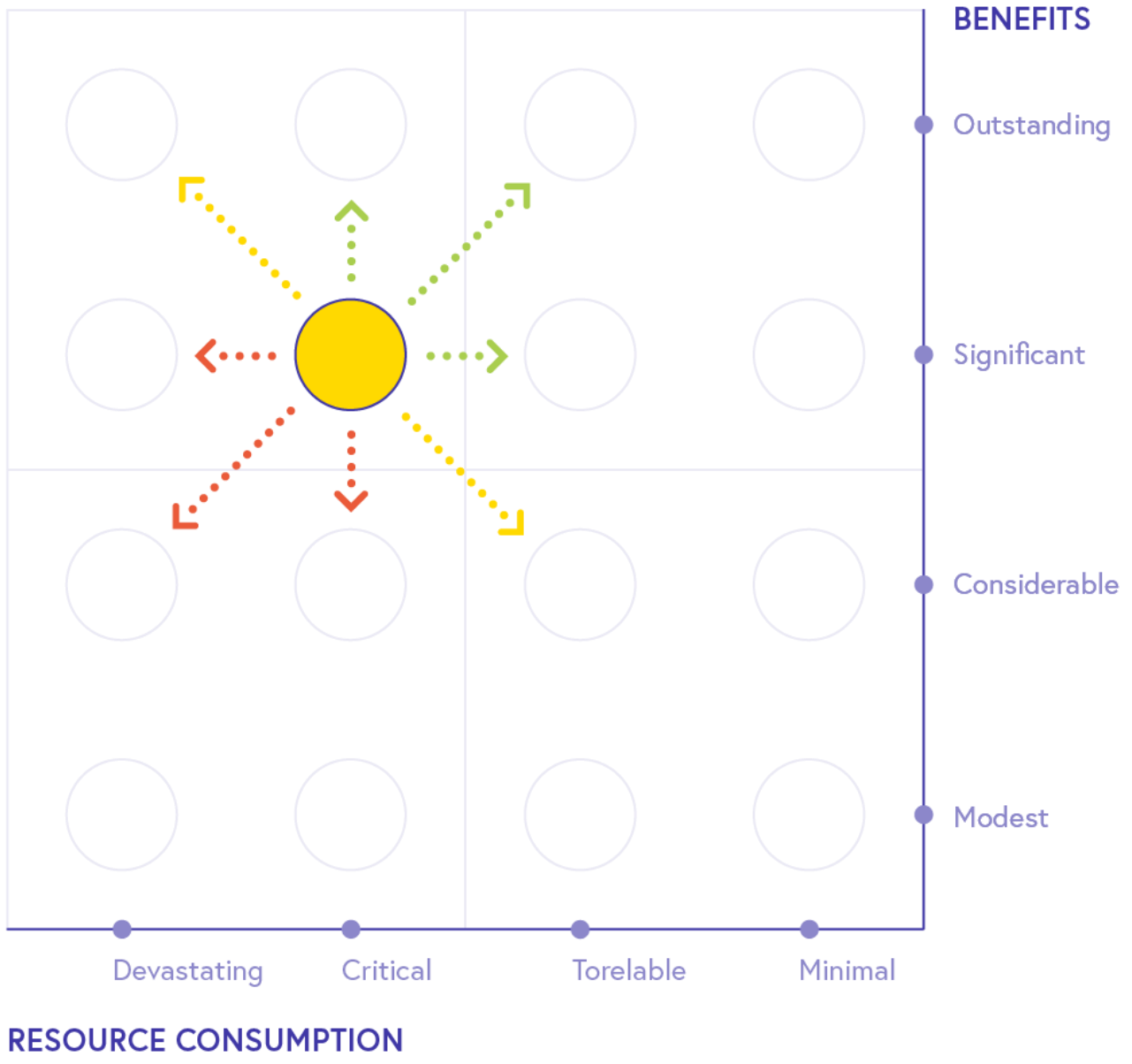
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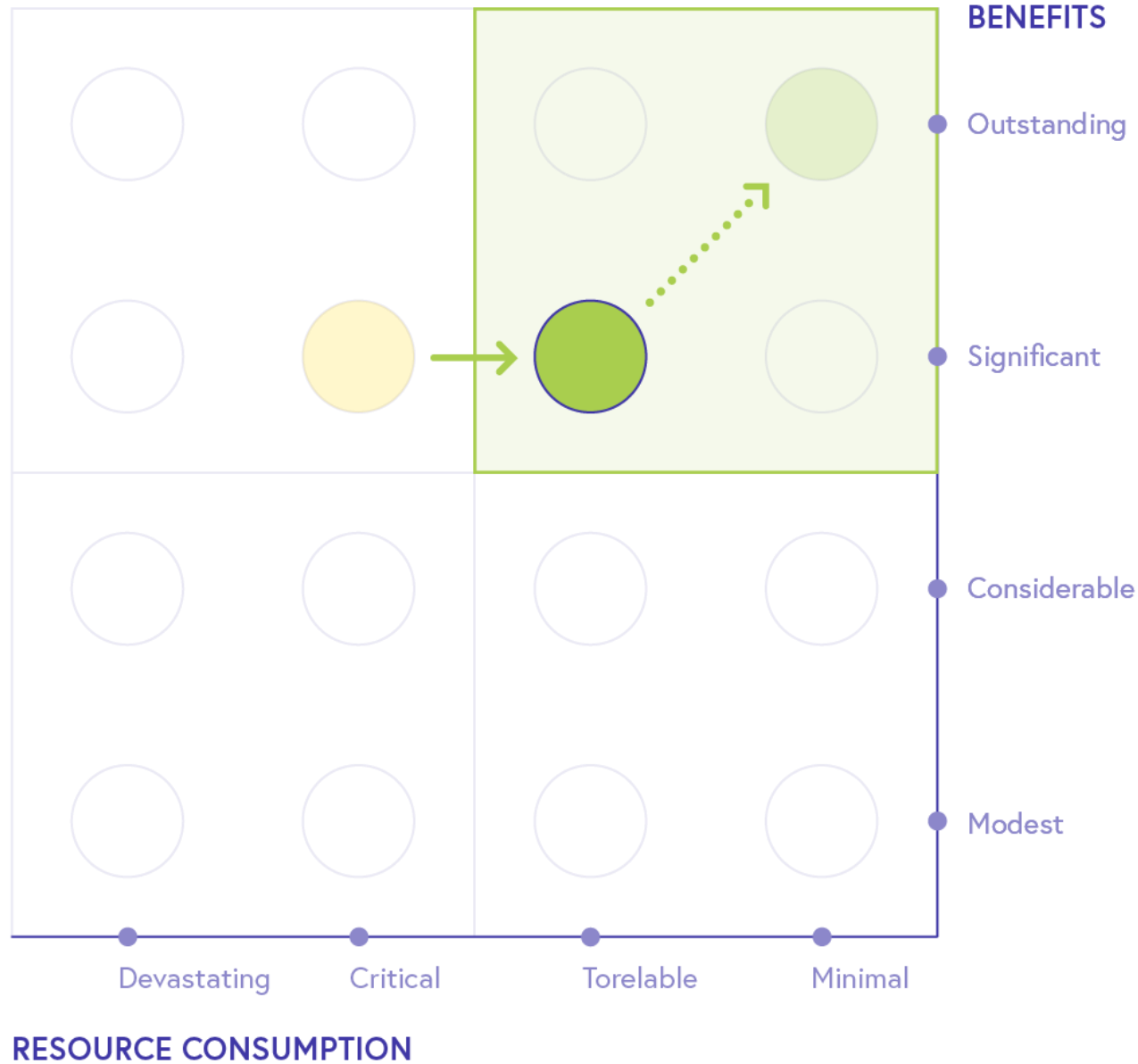
Possible directions of the trend vectors



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You are: **Sustainable champion**



Destination Character Chart™

Final result – Destination character

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TIM development

TIM prototype was tested at 6 pilot tourism destinations: 2 in Romania, 2 in Ukraine and 2 in Georgia

Specifics of the pilot destinations:

- *2 destinations in the Danube delta: S. Gheorghe – RO and Vylkove – UA*
- *Different size destinations: big cities – Odessa (UA) and Constanta (RO), one region and a tourism destination within region (Adjara and Batumi – GE)*



TIM development

Development (2019-2021):

- Arctur and key feedback from project partners
- Technical and content improvements to TIM

Demonstration (2020-2021):

- *2nd cycle of workshop with local stakeholders (2020):* TIM features and usage; basis for improvements
- *3rd cycle of workshop with local stakeholders (2021):* TIM results, lessons learned and challenges



TIM results

Data challenges:

- Quite a lot of missing data
- Generally low accuracy of collected data (a lot of expert estimations)



TIM Data accuracy report

TOURISM IMPACT MODEL

report

2 DATA ACCURACY overview

The general accuracy level which displays the combined score for the entire TIM report/TIM questionnaire.

Overall data accuracy level



Please note that SDAQ questions can cover one or multiple "topic" questions in the TIM questionnaire. To help you identify these "topic" questions, we have marked them in brackets (ie. A1.1e, A1.1f-A1.1i).

A) Basic

The basic accuracy level displays the score for all basic questions about the location.

Basic questions data accuracy level



A1.1e) Number of residents

- Source of the data: **Third party source**: State Statistical Service, <http://www.ukrstat.gov.ua/>
- Frequency of data collection: **Once per year**
- Accuracy of data: **Data is not accurate**

A1.1f - A1.1i) Number tourism service providers, types and scale of tourism

- Source of the data: **Own analogue source**
- Frequency of data collection: **Once per year**
- Accuracy of data: **Data is not accurate**

A1.1l - A1.1m) Number of one-day visitors and number of overnight stays

- Source of the data: **Expert estimation**
- Frequency of data collection: **Several times per year**
- Accuracy of data: **Data is not accurate**

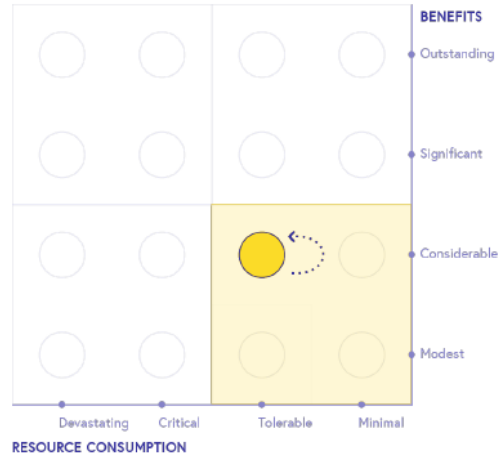


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TIM results

Figure 1: TIM Destination Character Chart

You are: Consistent sleeper



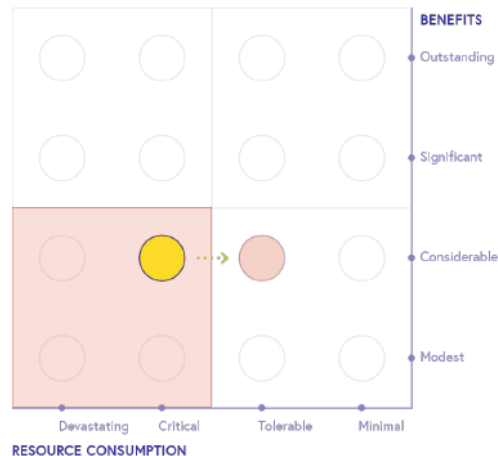
Sfantu Gheorghe (RO)

Data accuracy



Figure 1: TIM Destination Character Chart

You are: Recoverable misuser



Batumi (GE)

Data accuracy



- *All destination have a dominant Sleeper character - small benefits from tourism but also small negative impact of tourism*

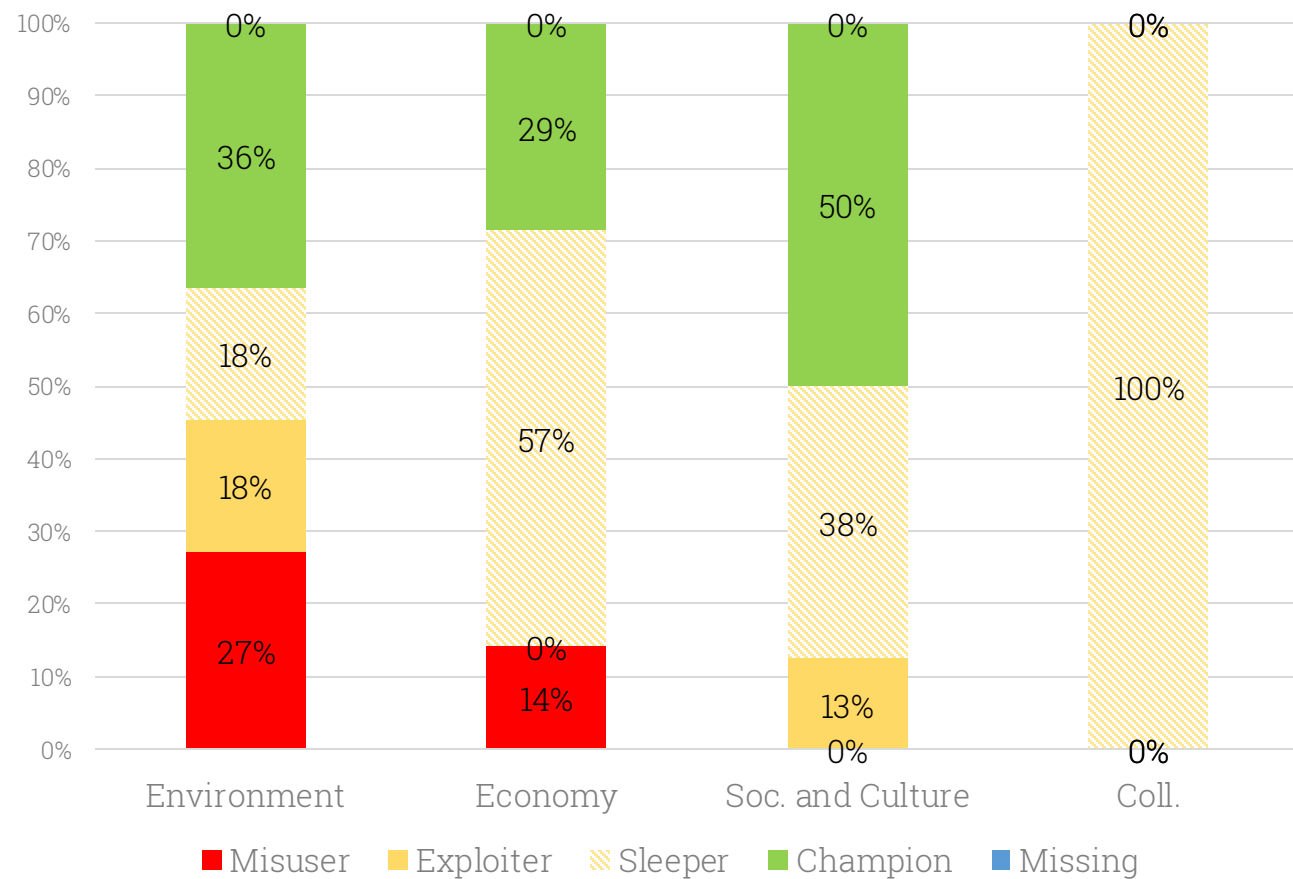
- *Big destinations (Odesa – UA, Batumi – GE, Constanta – RO) show more negative impacts of tourism (Misuser and Exploiter character)*



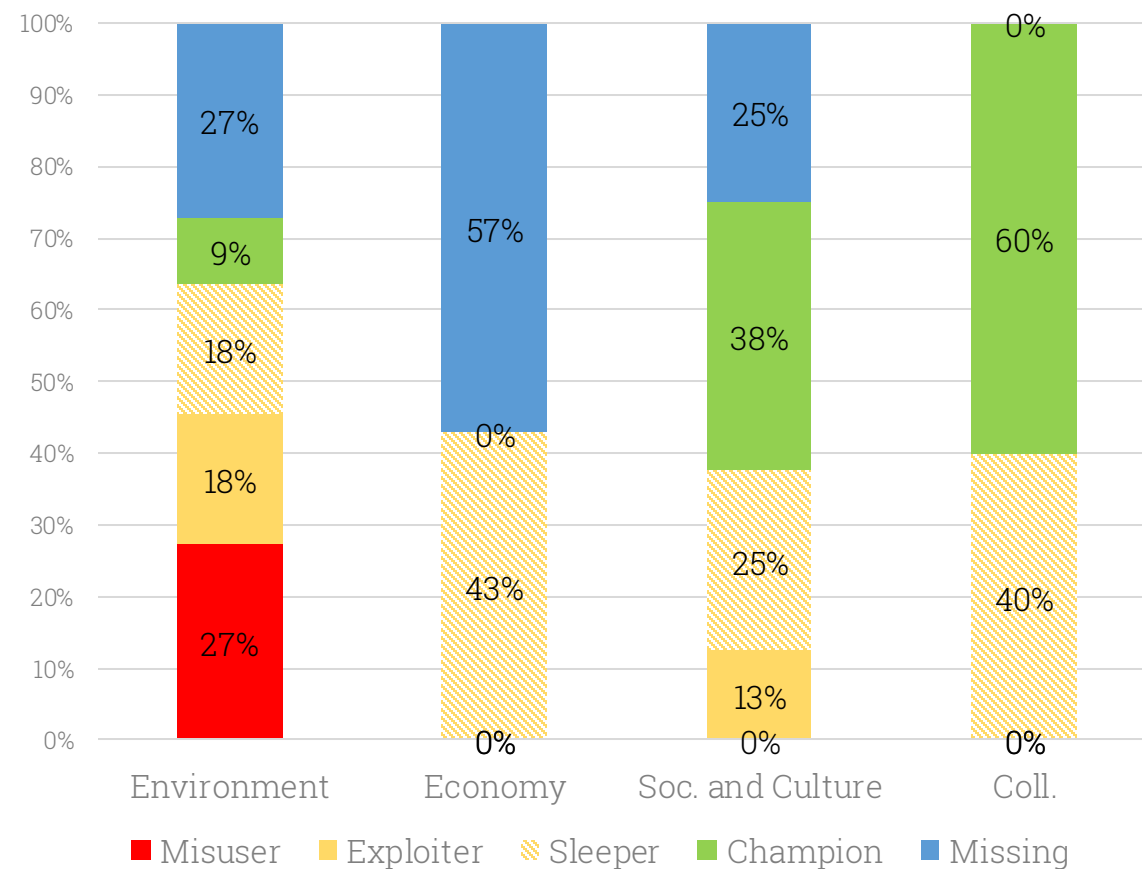
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TIM results

BATUMI TIM RESULTS



ODESSA TIM RESULTS



How to improve TIM results

PRIORITY ON SOLVING DATA CHALLENGES

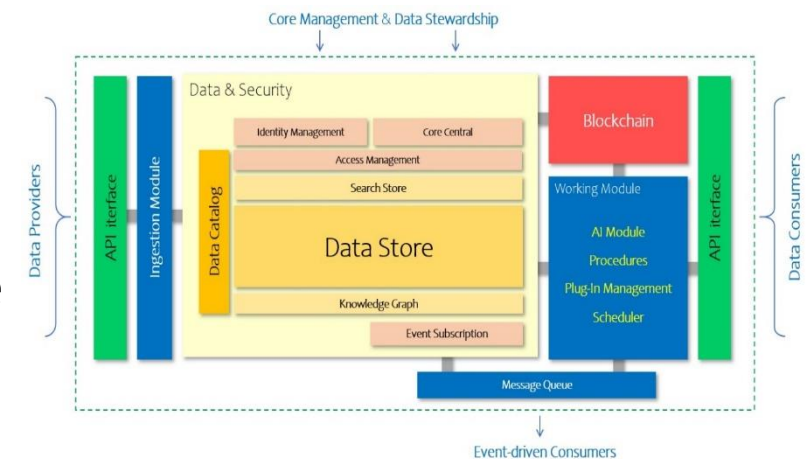
1. **Self-assessment of Data readiness for TIM:**
 - Using TIM technology (AAT), already in development
 - Readiness tools works in connection with TIM Data accuracy report

2. **Big Data and automatic data collection through T4.0 Core:**
 - Aggregated data feed and validate TIM data
 - Better understanding; reduced work for the user
 - Digital / real time data collection using APIs and Data catalogue of T4.0 Core



BETTER DATA MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM DECISIONS

- Performed self-assessment and improved data accessibility
- Action plans to improve data usability and TIM results
- Implementation of tourism strategies, marketing, sales



Picture of T4.0 Core. Author: Arctur d.o.o.



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First hand experience with TIM

Tinatin Zoidze

*Head of Department of Tourism and Resorts of
Adjara AR, Georgia*



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A look into the future

Enriched tourism experience through data



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A look into the future

- T4BS achievements are a pilot for a future work on digitalisation of tourism in the Black Sea
- Potentials for a more holistic picture of tourism through good cases of data sharing

