



Risk, Trust & Vulnerability

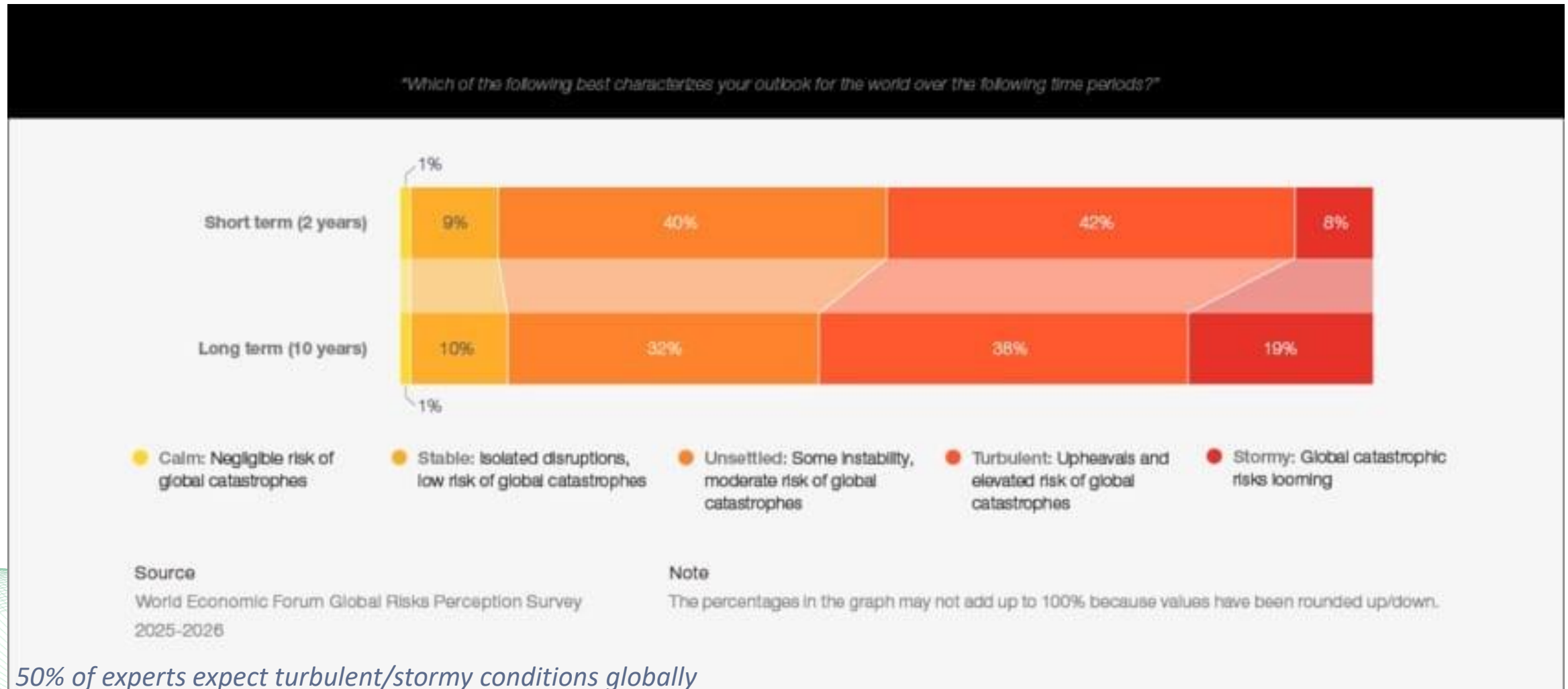
WEF Global Risks 2026 · Strategic Overlaps in Romania

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WEF Global Risk Report 2026

- Sondaj privind percepția riscurilor globale - peste 1.300 de lideri și experți globali din mediul academic, de afaceri, guvernamental, organizații internaționale și societate civilă.
- Oferă o imagine de ansamblu asupra riscurilor globale la începutul fiecărui an, concentrând liderii globali pe abordarea provocărilor emergente și a potențialelor lor efecte secundare.
- Oferă o gamă largă de scanarii de viitor- nu predicție ci prevenție și management

Competition & Uncertainty



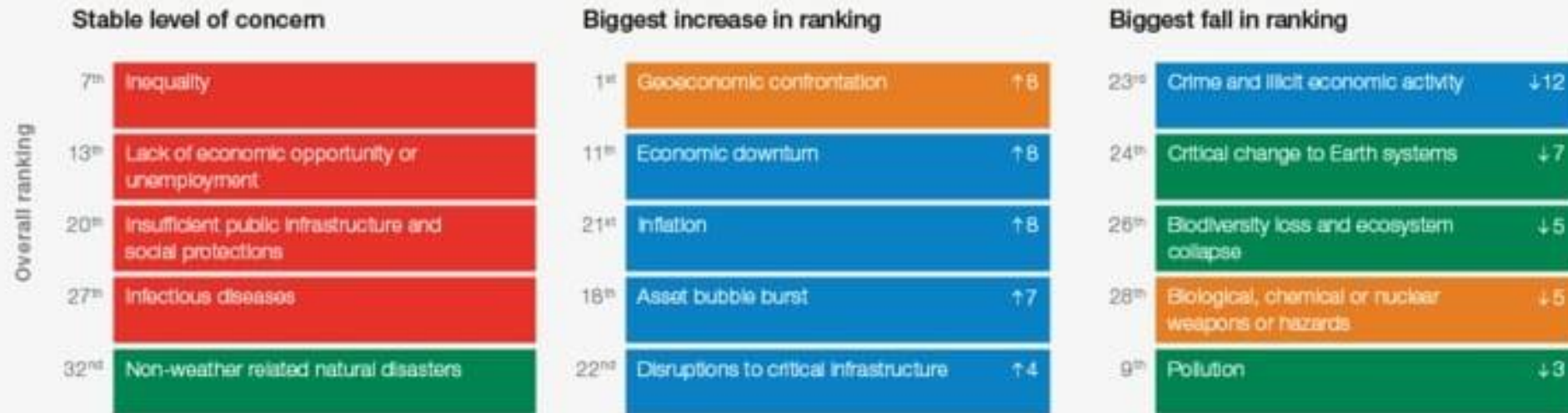
- 50% of experts expect turbulent/stormy conditions globally within 2 years and 57% within 10 years

"The Age of Competition": Key Global Risks – trust as currency for cooperation loses value



Economic Risks on the rise threaten essence of global interconnected economy

FIGURE 4 Change in short-term (2 years) global risks perception from last year



Source

World Economic Forum Global Risks Perception Survey
2025-2026

Risk categories

Economic Environmental Geopolitical Societal Technological



European
Commission

Polarisation and inequality effects on democracy and decisions

4 Structural forces amplifying risks

Technological Acceleration

AI governance lag | Cyber vulnerability | Disinformation at scale

Climate & Environmental Crisis

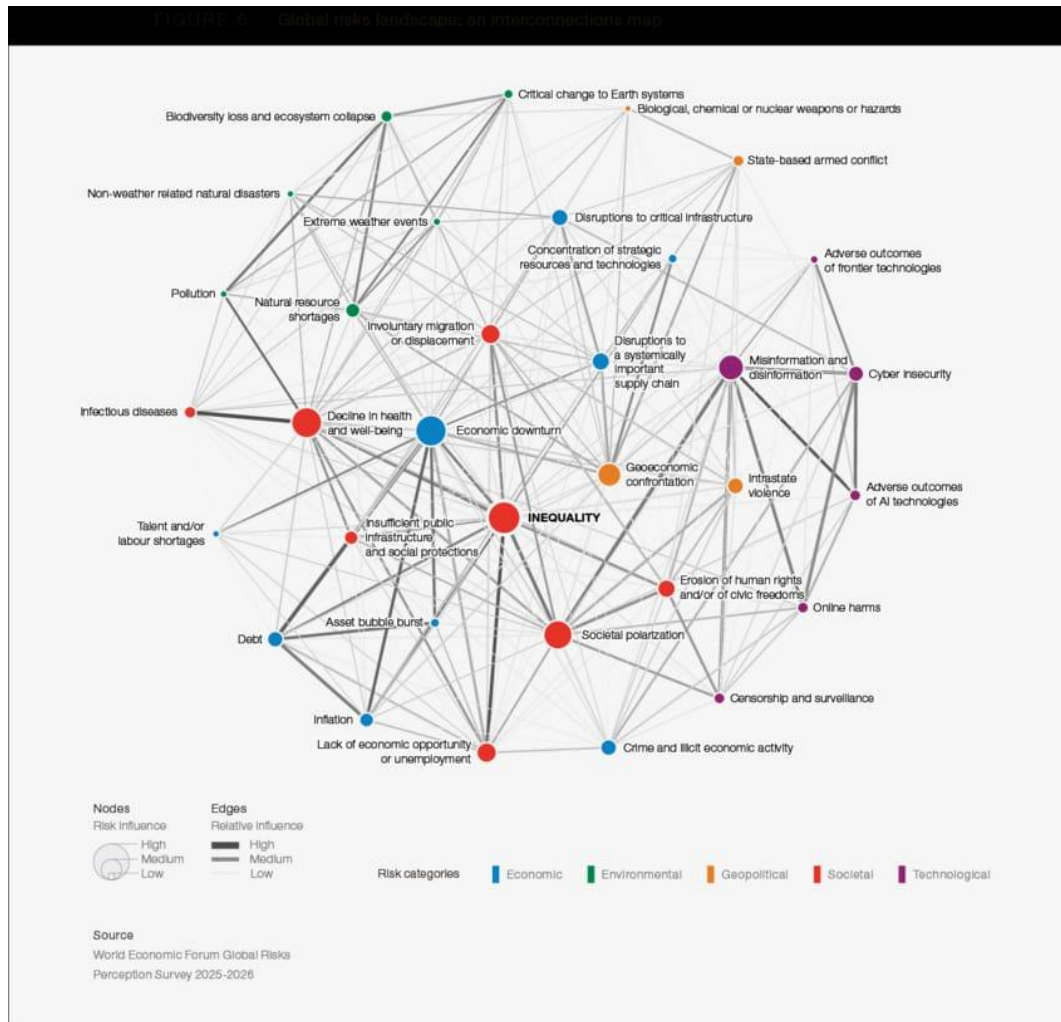
Extreme weather | Global warming impact on Earth systems |

Goeconomic Restructuring

Multipolar fragmentation | Trade weaponisation | Economic downturn | Critical infrastructure disruptions

Demographic & Social Change

Inequality as top risk node | Fraying social contract | Polarisation



Romania's Vulnerability: WEF Risks Mapped to Local Reality

ACUTE RISK EXPOSURE (WEF top risks → Romania)

Geoeconomic Confrontation

CRITICAL

Frontier state · 7.9 % deficit · twin-deficit trap

Misinformation & Disinformation

CRITICAL

2024 election annulled · PISA · 25% get news from social media

State-Based Armed Conflict

VERY HIGH

Borders Ukraine · Black Sea exposure · 46.5% feel RO unprepared

Societal Polarisation

HIGH

Urban/rural split · EU-exit sentiment doubled · institutional distrust · polls

Extreme Weather Events

MOD-HIGH

Floods · droughts · underweighted in public concern

STRUCTURAL FORCE EXPOSURE

Technological Acceleration

CRITICAL

32% basic digital skills · No AI governance framework

Geoeconomic Restructuring

CRITICAL

EU fund absorption 17–38% · Fiscal space exhausted

Inequality & Social Contract

VERY HIGH

Highest inequality in EU · Urban/rural divide drives all risk vectors · 1/5 in poverty risk

Climate & Environment

MOD-HIGH

Underweighted domestically · Long-term exposure significant

CORE VULNERABILITY: Romania faces maximum simultaneous exposure across economic, institutional, security & informational dimensions — with minimal shock-absorption capacity remaining.

CE FACEM CU UE?

QA6.12. How much trust do you have in certain institutions? For each of the following institutions, do you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it? - The European Union (%)

Interes strategic?

		
Tend to trust	51 3 ▲	48 6 ▼
Tend not to trust	43 2 ▼	46 6 ▲
Don't know	6 1 ▼	6 =

▲▼ (Mar/Apr 2026 - Oct/Nov 2025)

CE FACEM CU UE? Principalele beneficii:

- Libertatea de mișcare
 - Piața unică
 - Bani europeni
 - Educație și cercetare
 - Standarde calitate
 - Drepturi protejate
 - Solidaritate în criză
 - Pensii si asigurare medicală
 - Salariul minim
 - Supplier switch
- 27 % spun ca nu cunosc un proiect finanțate de UE.
 - 35 % spun ca bani UE nu au adus rezultate concrete la nivelul vietii lor personale.

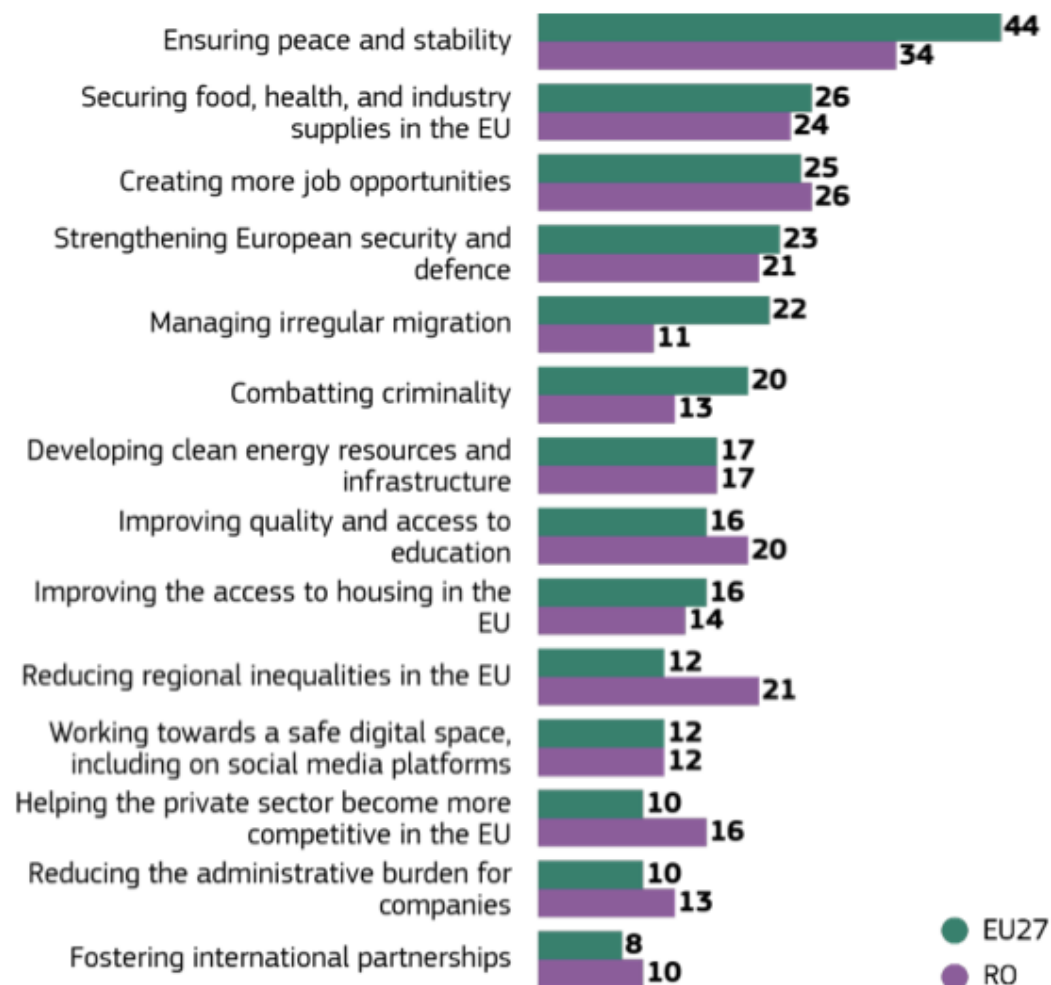
(Când) le comunicați?

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3. EU CITIZENS' PRIORITIES

QB8ab. Which of the following actions at the EU level do you think would have the highest positive impact on your life in the short term, i.e. in the next year? First? And then? (MAX. 3 ANSWERS) (%)



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QA3. What do you think are the two most important issues facing (OUR COUNTRY) at the moment? (MAX. 2 ANSWERS) (%)

