

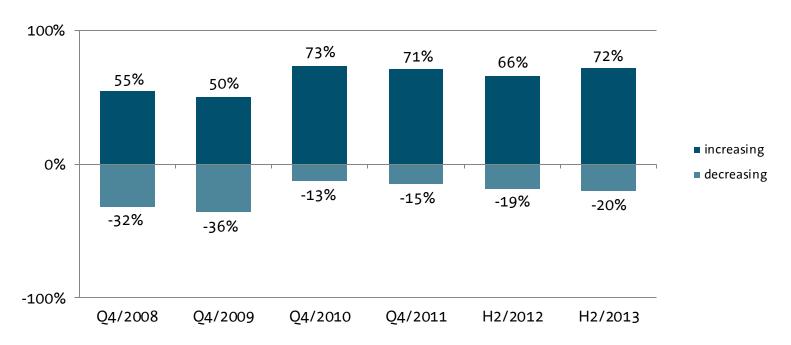
CeBIT Preview 2014 – Economic situation of the ICT industry

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Strong sales growth in the second half of 2013

ICT sales development in the past half year / quarter compared to the prior year period*



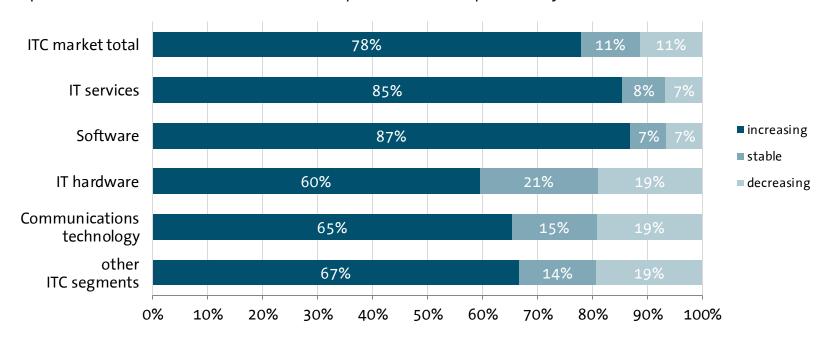


Base: All companies; missing value to 100%: stable sales *survey in the first quarter / first half of the year

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Confidence at the beginning of the year

Expected ICT sales for the first half of 2014 compared to the same period last year



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Good sentiment in the high-tech industry

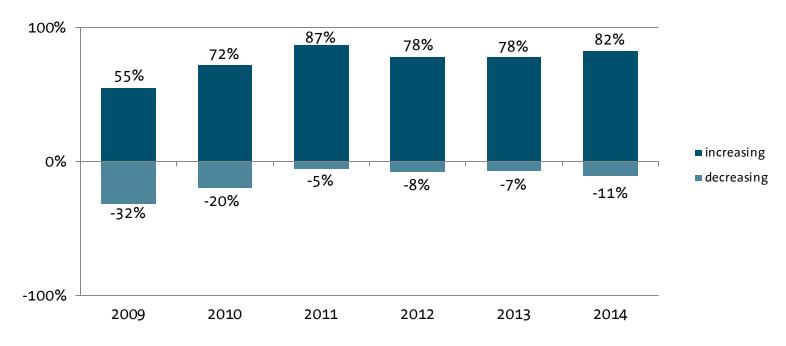






Optimistic outlook 2014

ICT sales forecast for the full year compared to the respective previous year *



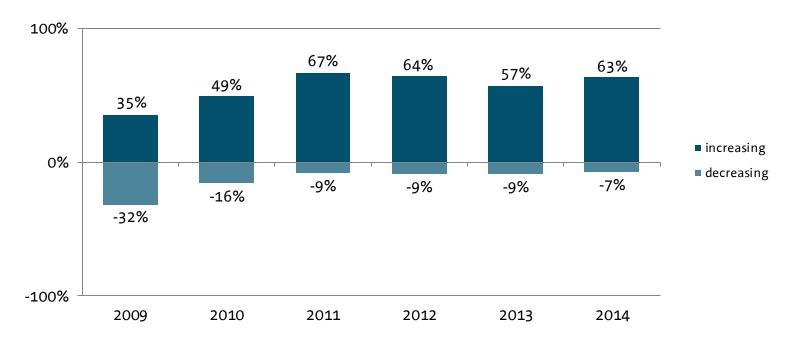


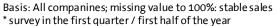
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Almost two thirds of ICT companies want to hire staff

Human resources planning for the current year *



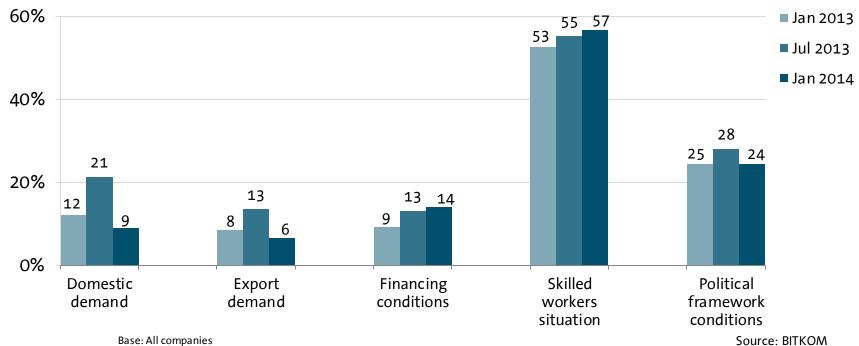




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Shortage of skilled workers remains the biggest challenge

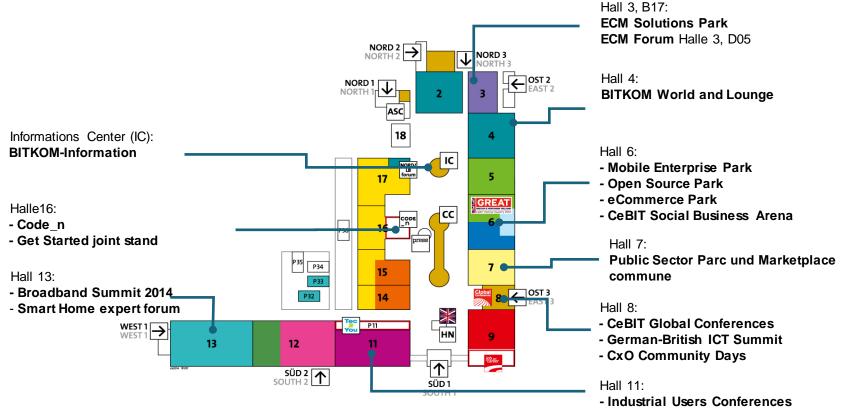
Development of the market obstacles over the course of time



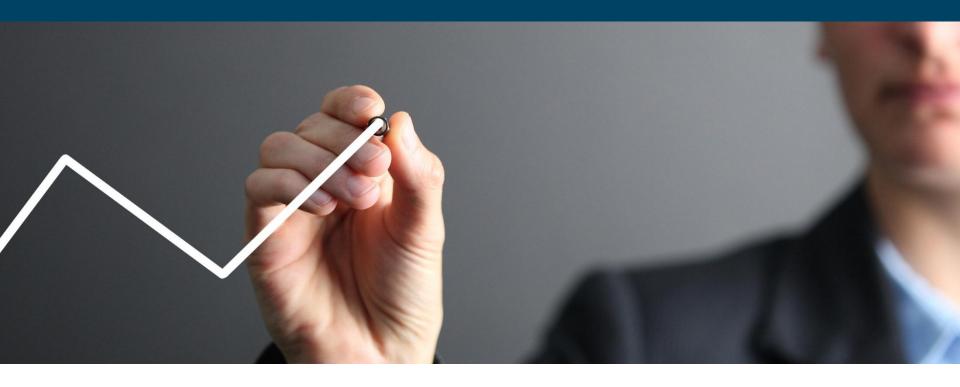


Percentages: Sum of the answers "hindering" and "very hindering"

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