THE IMPACT OF CRISES ON THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM: BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS

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Abstract: In emerging countries, tourism is a very important economic sector that generates considerable income and alleviates poverty, but at the same time, it is very vulnerable to environmental changes and events with a negative impact on the national, regional, or global level, such as natural disasters, explosions, global financial and economic catastrophes, medical pandemics (Saha & Yap, 2014; Chirilă et al., 2020; Song et al., 2022; Mirza et al., 2023).

The objective of the research is to carry out an analysis of the literature that deals with the issue of the impact of crises on the business environment in the field of tourism. For this purpose, we proceeded to carry out a study on the scientific literature using the Structured Literature Review (SLR) research method applied to two databases: Scopus and Web of Science. By querying these databases, 227 papers were initially identified, out of which, only 55 studies were retained in this research, which was processed with the help of the RStudio software.

Through our research, we want to contribute to the identification of the various crises that have affected entities in the tourism sector. To recover their activity, entities in the tourism sector should resort to innovative, agile, and sustainable business strategies to increase resilience in the business environment.

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1. Introduction

Tourism is an important sector of economic activity and contributes to sustainable economic development, poverty reduction in developing countries, increased employment opportunities and increased foreign currency inflows (<u>Badulescu et al., 2020</u>; <u>Brida et al., 2020</u>; <u>Chirilă et al., 2020</u>). But at the same time, this sector needs a constant environment and is influenced by international politics, economic cycles and marketing campaigns carried out (<u>Kaur, 2017</u>; <u>Khan et al., 2020</u>; <u>Nundy et al., 2021</u>).

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Tourism as a business can have both positive and negative impacts on the local community (<u>H.-W. Lin & Lu, 2016</u>). <u>T.-l. Chen et al. (2021)</u> argue that positive effects in tourism depend on the investments made, profitability and job creation. Although the tourism sector fosters economic growth (<u>Kum et al., 2015</u>), crisis situations can nevertheless greatly affect this sector, especially when tourism holds a significant share of a country's GDP (<u>Jiang et al., 2019</u>; <u>Ritchie & Jiang, 2019</u>)

The economic history has shown that the cyclicity of crises has manifested in both developed and less developed economies, including the world economy (Schumpeter, 2008, p. 146).

The word crisis comes from the Greek *krisis*, meaning rupture and interruption. <u>Björck</u> (2016) points out that the concept of crisis has an inflationary manifestation and refers to any change in daily events regardless of its scope, rigidity and effects.

According to Coombs (2010, p. 18), the literature does not provide a generally accepted definition of crisis. Friedman (2002, p. 5) argues that crisis is not necessarily a negative event, but can be a radical change for both the better and for the worse. Mitroff and Anagnos (2000, p. 34) define a crisis as an event that affects or has the potential to affect the entire organization.

We note several conceptual similarities in the definitions we identified. The majority define a crisis as an unexpected, unplanned event that disrupts the normal events of an organization through uncertainty, lack of control.

Effective crisis management can lead to stronger organizations, and crisis management becomes an important tool in managing crises for investors (Coombs, 2010, p. 19). With the development of globalization and new communication technologies, crises are increasingly becoming international and cross-cultural events influenced by environmental, historical, economic and cultural factors (Björck, 2016).

According to Coombs (2010, p. 25), a manager acts appropriately and effectively only when the crisis situation is very well known. As there is no single way to manage a crisis and to mitigate its negative effects as much as possible, one solution would be to understand, identify and describe all risks potentially triggered function of the type of crisis (James & Wooten, 2005). A typology of crises leads to proper information organization and provides insights into crisis diagnosis, streamlining potential crisis measures and outcomes (Burnett, 1998).

In 1985, <u>Müller (1985)</u> identified three areas in which crises manifest themselves: organization strategy (market failure), organization performance (failure to meet proposed objectives), and its liquidity (failure to meet obligations). <u>Rosenthal and Kouzmin (1993)</u> propose a simple classification of crises: man-made crises and crises caused by natural phenomena. <u>Coombs and Holladay (2002)</u> have analyzed the typology of crises by their inclusion in different clusters and identified crises triggered by accidents (such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks), preventable crises (where the responsibility for the crisis lies with the organization) and crises with victims. According to the authors <u>James and Wooten (2005)</u>, crises can be: sudden (such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks, explosions, technological incidents, sabotage, workplace violence) and smoldering (triggered by mismanagement, quality problems, whistleblowing, consumer complaints, rumors or scandals, bribery).

The classification and characterization of crisis types creates new valid and feasible guidelines for managing and overcoming the risks they generate. Although the ever-changing nature of a crisis is a major issue, the purpose of characterizing crises is to outline a framework for analyzing crisis situations and promoting effective crisis management.

Jang and Park (2011) argue that the tourism industry needs intensive capital for business development, and increasing research in tourism capital management is a wise decision to determine its cost. According to Mar-Molinero et al. (2017), studying the tourism industry is very important for several reasons: the need to reveal the economic impact of this industry on the economy, because the risk related to determining the cost of capital is not the same for all

industries, because the business environment is constantly changing to adapt to new events and regulations.

2. Methodology

Structured literature review (SLR) was used as research method to explore and evaluate current trends in the literature regarding the impact of crises on the tourism business environment.

According to <u>Hossain et al.</u> (2022), this is a comprehensive and unbiased research method that evaluates and interprets available research so that by reviewing the literature one can strengthen the state of research in an area of interest. The fundamental difference between a classical literature review and a systematic literature review is that SLR presents a comprehensive and unbiased research (<u>Tranfield et al.</u>, 2003), whereas classical literature review can generate multiple results due to the lack of strictness (<u>Massaro et al.</u>, 2016).

Following the standards of researchers <u>Tranfield et al.</u> (2003) and <u>Massaro et al.</u> (2016), the study presents the following research steps: setting research questions, collecting and analyzing the data, formulating insights and critiques, and determining future research directions.

Research questions play an important role in shaping and developing the field under investigation Hart (1998, p. 20). In our work, we set out to seek answers to the following questions:

- Q1: How has the literature on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment developed?
- Q2: What are the points of interest in the literature on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment?
- Q3: What are the future research directions in the literature on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment?

Given that the objective of the research is to determine the current state of knowledge regarding the impact of crises on the tourism business environment, we have chosen the following compound structure as a search phrase: "crisis" and "business" and "accounting" and "tourism". The literature selection criteria (Table 1) were adapted from the researchers <u>Issam and Abdellatif</u> (2017) and covered the research period 2006 – February 2023.

Table 1 Studies used in the research

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(Source: adapted from Issam and Abdellatif (2017))

Two databases were used in the data collection process: Scopus and Web of Science. By querying these databases, we initially identified 26 papers in Scopus and 201 papers in Web of Science. In the data analysis, 55 scientific papers were selected from the two databases (Table 2) and processed using the RStudio software.

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I	TITLE-ABS-KEY / All Fields (crisis) AND (business) AND (accounting)	556	5048	

II	TITLE-ABS-KEY / All Fields (crisis) AND (business) AND (accounting) AND (tourism)	26	201
II	Studies included in the research	7	48

3. Data analysis

Following the data collection process we established six data analysis criteria, comprising two to seventeen attributes (Table 3), leading to a grouping and ranking of the researched articles and studies.

Table 3 Sample analysis results

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(A) A	Academics, consultants and practitioners				
A1	Academics				49
A2	Consultants and practitioners				1
A3	Academics, consultants and practitioners				5
(B) Y	Year				
B1	2009	1	B7	2018	2
B2	2013	1	B8	2019	2
B3	2014	2	B9	2020	8
B4	2015	1	B10	2021	17
B5	2016	1	B11	2022	18
B6	2017	1			
(C) I	Location				
C1	Europe	30	C4	Australia	3
C2	Asia	9	C5	General	8
C3	America	5			
(D)]	Research methods				
D1	Case study/Interview				7
D2	Literature review				4
D3	Statistical methods				1
D4	4 Survey/Questionnaire/Other empirical study			33	
D5				10	
(\mathbf{E})	(E) Types of crises				
E1	Global financial crisis				19
E2	COVID-19 pandemic crisis				28
E3	Crises triggered by natural disasters				2
E4	Political crisis				2
E5	•				
(F) Literature focus					
F1	Economic crisis in tourism				24
F2	Crisis management in tourism				31

(Source: adapted from Massaro et al. (2016))

In order to answer the research question "How has the literature on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment developed?", we undertake a quantitative research of the papers included in the study.

The first attribute under investigation, (A) Academics, Consultants and Practitioners, reveals the researchers' field of interest: they are from academia, business and research institutions (in total 101 institutions and 185 researchers). After a brief analysis of the 55 papers analyzed, we note that very few articles were written by consultants and practitioners (1.82%). An analysis in terms of the authors' affiliation allowed us to observe that the majority (89%) of these are researchers from academia (most from the University of Vigo, Galicia, Spain -11 researchers).

Using the RStudio software tool we obtained a ranking of authors with most papers in the target field, shown in Figure 1.

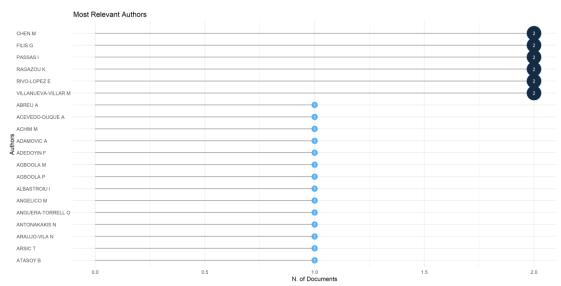


Figure 1 Distribution of representative researchers

In order to ensure the relevance of the analyzed papers, in Figure 2 we have aimed to present a distribution of authors with most citations in the analyzed papers, of which the following stand out: Saha, 2014 - 200; Antonakakakis, 2015 - 128; Qiu, 2021 - 89; Adedoyin, 2021 - 62; Pham, 2021 - 54.

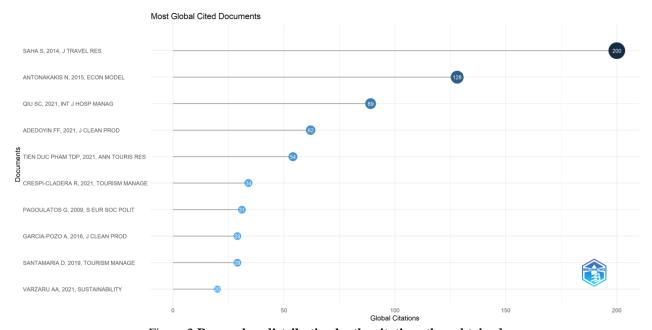


Figure 2 Researcher distribution by the citations they obtained

The 55 papers included in the research were published in 38 journals (as illustrated in Figure 3), so an analysis from this point of view allowed us to observe that the most popular journals in the researched field were *Sustainability* with 12 papers published, *Tourism Management* with 3 papers, followed by *Economes, International Journal of Tourism Cities, Journal of Cleaner Production, Tourism Planning & Development*, with two papers each.

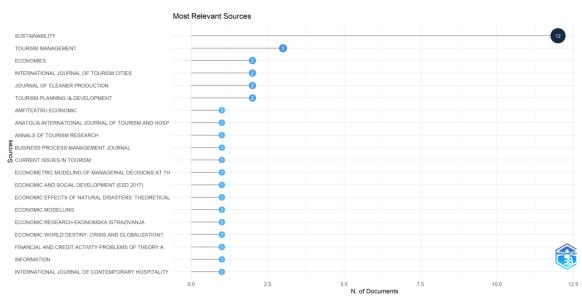


Figure 3 Main journals identified and the relevant articles

The second criterion, year (B), allowed us to analyze the researchers' contribution over time. The criterion was assigned 11 years (see Figure 4) and we note that the number of publications in the field under investigation peaked in the 2020 to 2022 period.

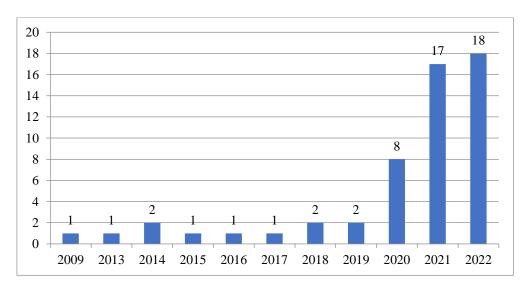


Figure 4 Distribution of analyzed articles by years

From the perspective of criterion (C) Location, we identify the geographic regions most extensively studied in the works included in the research. Thus, we found that the most studied region was Europe with 30 articles (54.55%), followed by Asia with 9 articles (16.36%), America and Australia with 5 and 3 publications respectively. For publications that analyze several countries, several regions or no specific region, the attribute (C5) General was added. The general category included 8 publications (14.55%) dealing with the impact of the crisis on the tourism business environment. Of the 17 countries found in the analyzed publications, Spain is the country with the most articles (13 articles), followed by the USA (5 articles) and Greece (5 articles) (Figure 5).

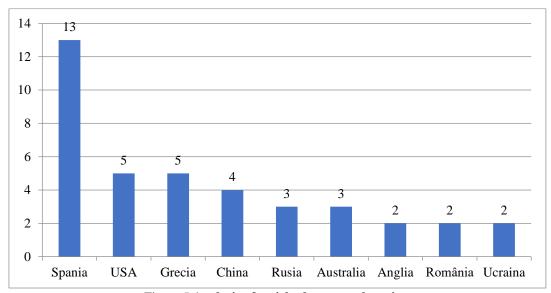


Figure 5 Analysis of articles by research region

Figure 6 shows the most productive countries by number of papers published according to the corresponding author's country of origin. We note that researchers from Spain, China, Greece, Romania, Australia, the UK and the US published the most papers on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment.

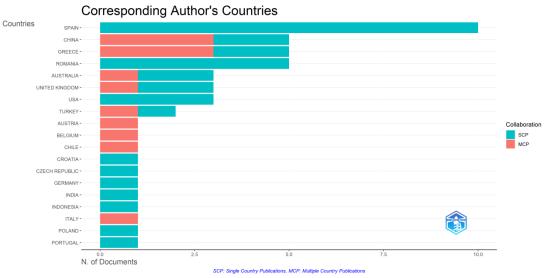


Figure 6 Distribution of analyzed articles by country

Following the analysis based on criterion (D) Research Methods, one can note that the majority of publications use empirical studies (33 articles), followed by mixed methods and case study/interview with 10 and 7 articles respectively (Figure 7).

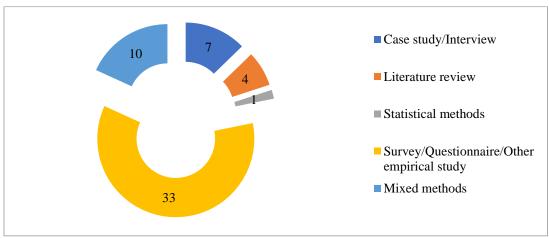


Figure 7 Analysis of articles by research method

The fifth criterion, (E) Types of crisis, analyzes the contribution made to the field of research according to the identified risk (Figure 8). Analyzing the abstracts of selected research papers using the RStudio software, we note that the crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic (28 articles) was the topic most studied by authors, followed by the global financial crisis (19 articles).



Figure 8 Analysis of keywords in the Abstract

Using the RStudio software, we processed and synthesized the research themes from the papers included in the study, conducting a qualitative research. By analyzing the correlation between the variables *keywords*, *researchers* and *abstract* (Figure 9) and the map of crisis-related terms and concepts in the abstracts of the studied papers (Figure 10), we established the last criterion of the analysis, namely Literature Focus (F). The analysis of the Literature Focus criterion reveals the answers to the second question of the SLR analysis undertaken, namely "What are the points of interest in the literature on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment?"

The cluster analysis of the articles (Figure 11) suggests two research directions of the studied articles: *economic crisis in tourism* and *crisis management in tourism*.

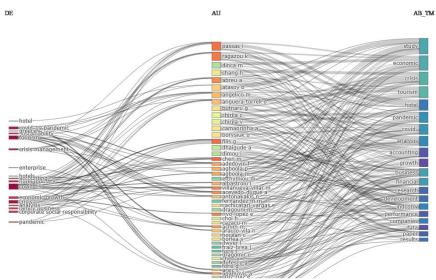


Figure 9 Three field plot in RStudio (first column – keywords, second column – researchers, third column – abstract)

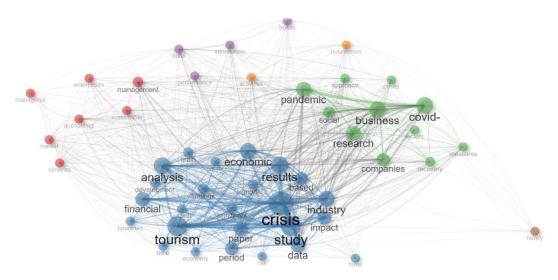


Figure 10 Thematic Network in RStudio

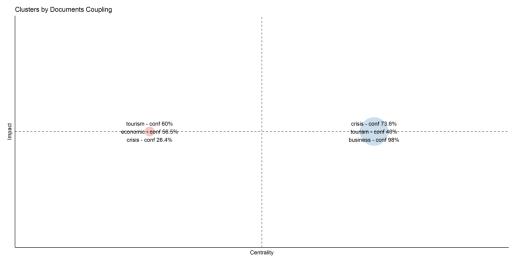


Figure 11 Cluster analysis of articles in RStudio

In emerging countries, tourism is a very important economic sector that generates considerable income and alleviates poverty. However, it is also highly vulnerable to environmental changes and events with negative national, regional or global impacts, such as natural disasters, explosions, global financial and economic catastrophes, medical pandemics (Saha & Yap, 2014; Chirilă et al., 2020; Song et al., 2022; Mirza et al., 2023).

We note an intense literature focus on two areas of interest in crisis analysis: the *economic crisis in tourism* cluster including 24 papers and the *crisis management in tourism* cluster with 31 papers. Among the crises analyzed we identify the crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, the global financial crisis of 2007-2008, the political crisis, the crisis generated by Brexit, wars and terrorist attacks.

The first cluster, the *economic crisis in tourism*, comprises papers describing the impact of crises on the tourism sector and the analysis of their negative effects. The second cluster, *crisis management in tourism*, presents business strategies and different financial and fiscal measures that support the resilience of the tourism sector during crises.

The economic crisis in tourism

The majority of researchers (Adedoyin et al., 2021; Anguera-Torrell et al., 2021; Crespí-Cladera et al., 2021; Jawed et al., 2021; Karlin et al., 2021; Q. Q. Lin & Wen, 2021; Njoya, 2021; Rivo-Lopez, Villanueva-Villar, Novoa-Santos, et al., 2021; Matejic et al., 2022; Palazzo et al., 2022; Permatasari & Mahyuni, 2022; Ragazou, Passas, Garefalakis, Kourgiantakis, et al., 2022; Song et al., 2022; Syriopoulos et al., 2022; Teixeira et al., 2022) believe that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a severe negative impact on the global economy. The COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a number of new features in the global tourism market, of which we list a few aspects noted by the researchers included in the study, namely:

- quarantine and declining consumer purchasing power has caused the tourism sector to grind to a halt, discouraging travel altogether through regulatory constraints, to freeze financial markets and the inability of organizations to access financial funding (<u>Adedoyin et al., 2021</u>; <u>Anguera-Torrell et al., 2021</u>; <u>Crespí-Cladera et al., 2021</u>; <u>Karlin et al., 2021</u>; <u>Permatasari & Mahyuni, 2022</u>; <u>Song et al., 2022</u>; <u>Syriopoulos et al., 2022</u>);
- the tourism sector has been a great challenge for the global economy, determining these organizations to adapt the online environment, to the organizational culture and towards more open leadership (Q. Q. Lin & Wen, 2021; Rivo-Lopez, Villanueva-Villar, Novoa-Santos, et al., 2021; Matejic et al., 2022; Permatasari & Mahyuni, 2022; Ragazou, Passas, Garefalakis, Kourgiantakis, et al., 2022; Teixeira et al., 2022);
- the tourism crisis induced by the COVID-19 pandemic will exacerbate impoverishment, particularly in urban areas (Njoya, 2021);
- tourism was among the last sectors to recover, implementing sustainable development strategies (<u>Jawed et al., 2021</u>; <u>Palazzo et al., 2022</u>).

Other researchers (Pagoulatos & Triantopoulos, 2009; Achim et al., 2010; Antonakakis et al., 2015; Santamaria & Filis, 2019; Chirilă et al., 2020; Adedoyin et al., 2021; Syriopoulos et al., 2022) support the idea that the global financial crisis of 2007-2008 affected global tourism, but tourism businesses managed to recover financially, proving their resilience, adaptability and flexibility compared to the crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic which caused market paralysis. Researchers Dutescu et al. (2014) argue that the tourism sector is influenced by the consumers' culture, customs, traditions and lifestyle, and the financial performance of tourism organizations during crises is influenced by the financial support of banking institutions.

The performance of the tourism sector has also been greatly affected by the crises triggered by terrorist attacks, the risk of Ebola infection and political conflicts (Saha & Yap, 2014; Wu et al., 2021; Njoya et al., 2022). Researchers Saha and Yap (2014) indicate that political instability has a greater negative effect on tourism than terrorist attacks.

Crisis management in tourism

A review of the studies in this area has allowed us to find that there is a particular interest in how different crises have affected the tourism sector, as well as the business strategies adopted by organizations to increase resilience in the business environment. In the literature, we have identified intense concerns in the development of resilience strategies and measures for the tourism sector during crises (as summarized in Table 4).

Table 4 Resilience strategies and measures for the tourism sector during crises

No.	Resilience strategies and measures	Types of crises	Researchers
1	Promoting local tourism	COVID-19	Cruz-Ruiz et al. (2022)
2	Implementing digitization	pandemic COVID-19	Saseanu <i>et al.</i> (2020); Bagińska (2020);
3	Tax reduction, bank loan facilities, the awarding of government subsidies	pandemic COVID-19 pandemic Russian- Ukrainian war	Yang et al. (2022) Pham et al. (2021); Foris et al. (2022)
4	Crisis anticipation and mitigation strategies	COVID-19 pandemic	Novikov and Tikhonov (2021); Ragazou, Passas, Garefalakis, and Dimou (2022)
5	Innovative business strategies based on risk management	COVID-19 pandemic Global financial crisis	Plotnikov et al. (2016); Elbanna and Elsharnouby (2018); Pavlatos et al. (2021); Rivo-Lopez, Villanueva-Villar, Michinel-Alvarez, et al. (2021); Ivanova and Kozhukhova (2021); Atasoy et al. (2022); Y. Chen and Wu (2022); Thees et al. (2022);
6	Sustainable development strategies	COVID-19 pandemic Global financial crisis	Garcia-Pozo et al. (2016); Toubes et al. (2021); Acevedo-Duque et al. (2021); Qiu et al. (2021); Vărzaru et al. (2021); C. D. Chen et al. (2022)
7	Analysis of accounting information	Global financial crisis	Koh <i>et al.</i> (2013); Mar-Molinero <i>et al.</i> (2017); Heryan (2017); Karanović <i>et al.</i> (2020); Ciccotosto (2020)
8	Promoting the organization via the marketing and social media mix	Global financial crisis Natural disasters	<u>Lado-Sestayo et al.</u> (2020); <u>Kim et al.</u> (2019); <u>Zavar et al.</u> (2020); <u>Gkritzali et al.</u> (2020)

<u>Cruz-Ruiz et al.</u> (2022) argue that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to test barriers around the world, and the tourism industry has been the sector most affected by the crisis (more than 900 million Euro in losses). For an effective recovery, tourism organizations need to focus on promoting local tourism whereby locals become consumers of tourism products.

This strategy is also supported by the implementation of new technologies and strong marketing campaigns aimed at strengthening the business strategies of tourism organizations. Researchers Kim et al. (2019) demonstrated that the long-term performance of tourism organizations is achieved through increased advertising spending after a global financial crisis. The geographic positioning of these organizations is another important asset for achieving profitability during financial crises (Lado-Sestayo et al., 2020).

Considering the instability of the business environment, researchers <u>Zavar et al.</u> (2020) and <u>Gkritzali et al.</u> (2020) point to the growing influence of social media on this economic sector. They have identified a niche in supporting tourism business that focuses on advertising via social media and on consumer preferences for tourist areas after various disasters.

To avoid risks during the COVID-19 pandemic, other authors (<u>Bagińska, 2020</u>; <u>Saseanu et al., 2020</u>; <u>Yang et al., 2022</u>) recommend the implementation of digitization for the development and recovery of the tourism sector.

Other researchers (<u>Pham et al.</u>, 2021; <u>Foris et al.</u>, 2022) consider that the resilience of tourism organizations is supported by the implementation of government measures, such as: tax reduction, bank loan facilities, awarding government subsidies. These government measures for tourism recovery provide indirect benefits for other sectors of the economy, as well as for the whole spectrum of occupations in the labor market.

Management focused on crisis anticipation and mitigation is another resilience strategy for tourism organizations proposed by researchers Novikov and Tikhonov (2021) and Ragazou, Passas, Garefalakis, and Dimou (2022). They designed a three-dimensional model through which organizations can perform a real analysis of the crisis situation, following which they will choose the most effective business strategy. Ragazou, Passas, Garefalakis, and Dimou (2022) argue that the coronavirus pandemic has affected organizations the most through difficulty in sourcing internationally, leading to decreased sales and reduced liquidity.

By combining traditional management methods with those based on innovation and agility, tourism organizations ensure business continuity after crises have passed (Plotnikov et al., 2016; Elbanna & Elsharnouby, 2018; Ivanova & Kozhukhova, 2021; Pavlatos et al., 2021; Rivo-Lopez, Villanueva-Villar, Michinel-Alvarez, et al., 2021; Atasoy et al., 2022; Y. Chen & Wu, 2022; Thees et al., 2022). In crisis situations, these researchers recommend risk management strategies for identifying management directions. Atasoy et al. (2022) focus on business continuity by transforming tourism organizations into isolation centers for people coming from abroad, thus managing to adapt to the crisis situation. The COVID-19 pandemic thus becomes an opportunity for reshaping business and management models. Elbanna and Elsharnouby (2018) argue that the planning process, organizational capabilities and decision-making style in tourism are important factors in increasing the effectiveness of business strategies, especially during political crises.

Sustainable development strategies are another solution encouraged by researchers (Garcia-Pozo et al., 2016; Acevedo-Duque et al., 2021; Qiu et al., 2021; Toubes et al., 2021; Vărzaru et al., 2021; Y. Chen & Wu, 2022). The inclusion of corporate social responsibility and eco-innovative actions in the business activities effectively influences labor productivity during different crises. Developing sustainable development strategies and plans for crisis situations are seen as assets of the organizations in achieving the organizational resilience of their businesses.

The last group of researchers studied (Koh et al., 2013; Heryan, 2017; Mar-Molinero et al., 2017; Ciccotosto, 2020; Karanović et al., 2020) argue that accounting information manages to measure and prevent the impact of crises on organizations through the calculation and control of costs associated with financial crises, by calculating indicators of liquidity, debt ratio, equity, turnover and the value of receivables.

Koh et al. (2013) examined the income elasticity and financial performance of US restaurants during the economic downturns of 2008 and 2009. The study indicates that revenue elasticity did not show significant effects; however, fast-food restaurants showed much more significant financial performances. These differences suggest that fast-food restaurants implemented more effective cost control than non-fast-food restaurants.

Mar-Molinero et al. (2017) find that the explanation for increased risk in the tourism sector can be explained by analyzing the influence of the financial crisis on risk-determining factors (such as business productivity, liquidity and business size). These researchers have focused on improving aspects of business management, demonstrating that such management influences business results and the market value of an organization.

Heryan (2017) focused on the financial issues of the hotel industry, analyzing the impact of liquidity and return on assets in the use of external financial sources among hotels. In emerging countries, the use of external financial sources is highly developed in all companies. The researcher showed that liquidity influences the use of external financial sources, and hotels with good liquidity are the only ones that can provide security in contracting loans.

<u>Ciccotosto (2020)</u> argues that accounting information plays an important role for organizations in the event of a natural disaster. They have the ability to evaluate and explain the actions of economic growth or decline after the crisis has passed. Accounting information measures the impact of the crisis on organizations, but also quantifies the cost of the natural disaster itself and its effect through changes in the business environment.

Karanović (<u>Karanović et al.</u>, 2020) et al. (2020) analyze the debt-to-equity structure of the Croatian hotel industry between 2002 and 2017 and demonstrate its correlation with financial performance. The studied economic indicators (liquidity ratio, debt ratio, turnover rate of current assets, profit rate) show significant influences on return on assets and equity, and the crisis variable indicates that financial decisions should take into account the external economic environment.

5. Perspectives and criticism

This study has important managerial implications because tourism organizations are highly vulnerable to economic shocks such as global financial crises, pandemics, natural disasters, explosions and political instability. Both security threats and economic instabilities discourage consumers from directing their financial resources to the tourism sector. The present study inventories the strategies and protocols undertaken by tourism organizations to maintain or recover organizational resilience before, during and after the onset of various crises.

The fact that the study only focused on two databases (Scopus and Web of Science) is another limitation. Another criticism of the study is that the relation between the types of crises identified was not analyzed. And lastly, this study only focused on the impact of the crises on tourism businesses.

6. Future research directions

The last section of the study answers the question "What are the future research directions in the literature on the impact of crises on the tourism business environment?"

For future studies, research could extend to pre- and post-pandemic sustainability actions, strategies and success factors that help tourism businesses remain resilient and sustainable. Another research direction would be the impact of risks (geopolitical, financial, natural disasters) on the financial and non-financial performance of tourism organizations.

Considering the results of the study, we support an extrapolation of the research area by proposing the design of an SLR on the impact of crises on business environments in several economic sectors (air transport, medical sector, etc.), comparing the effects of these risks in these sectors.

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