

TRANSNATIONAL COMPARISON OF SHORT FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS' CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS

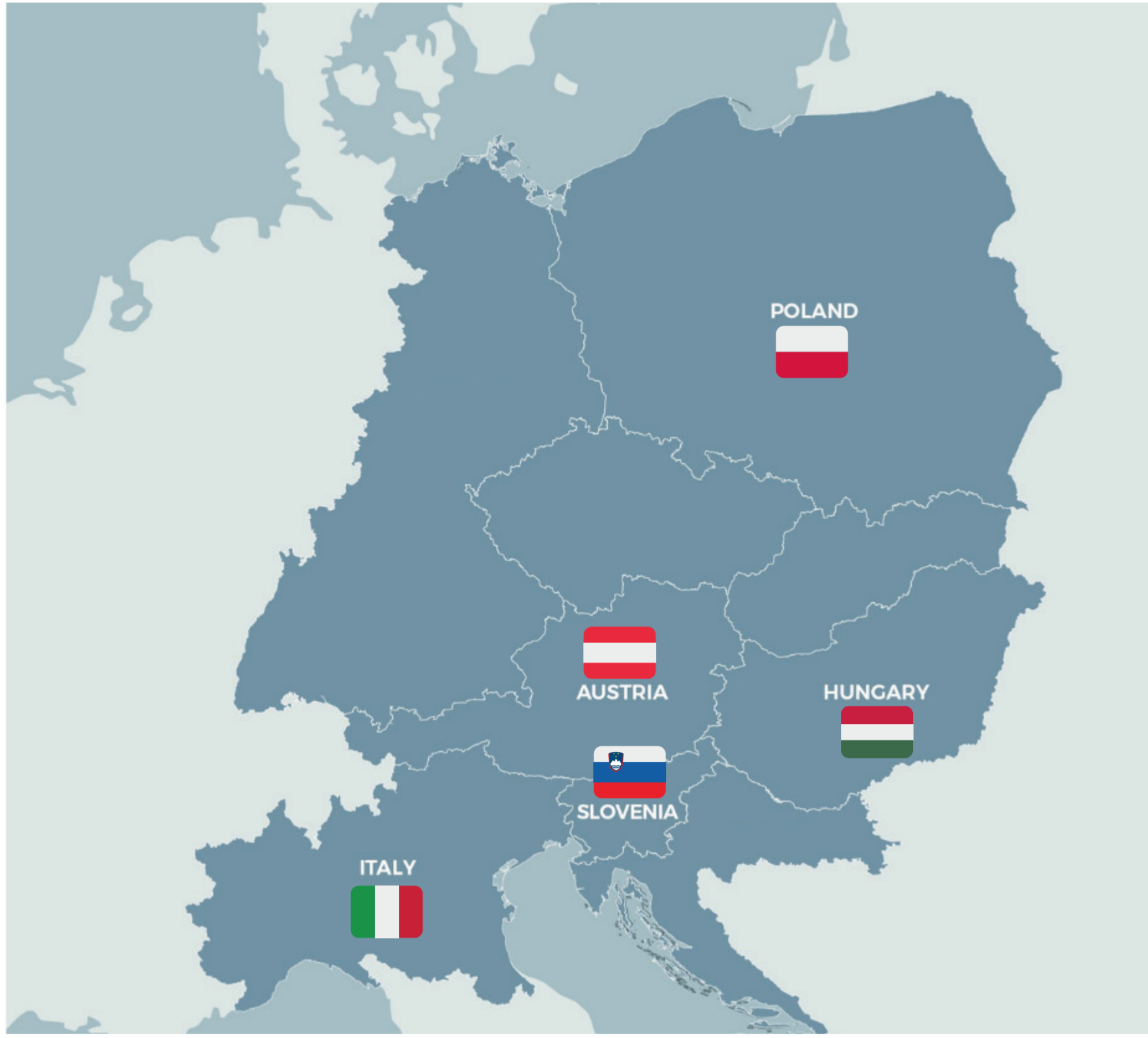
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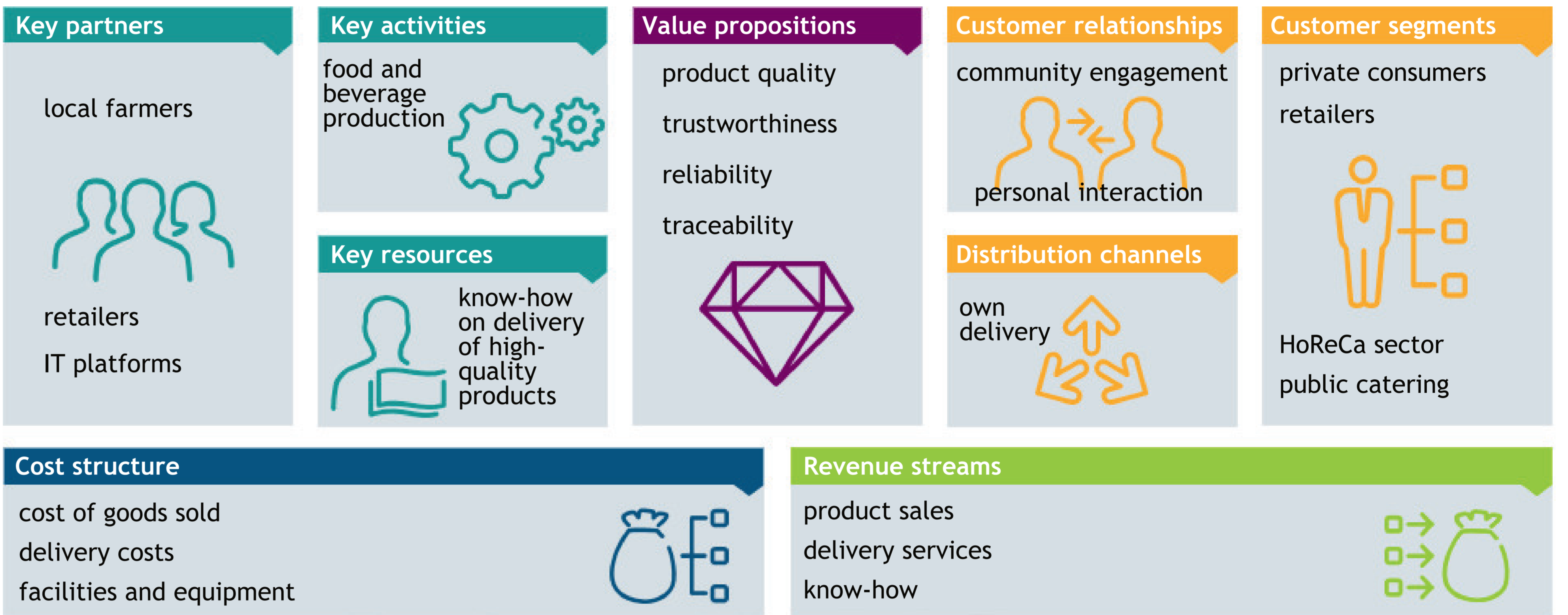
Overview

The transnational review provides a comprehensive overview of the characteristics of short food supply chains (SFSCs) across five regions: **Slovenia, Austria, Italy, Hungary, and Poland**. Despite their different socio-economic contexts, SFSCs within these countries face a set of shared challenges and opportunities, closely connected with their business characteristics, that underscore the importance of targeted interventions and collaborative efforts. Addressing them requires a multifaceted approach that includes raising consumer awareness, improving logistics and supply chain management, fostering cooperation among stakeholders, and promoting supportive policies and regulations. By exploiting these opportunities and overcoming the challenges, SFSCs can significantly contribute to the development of more resilient, sustainable and equitable food systems in Central Europe.

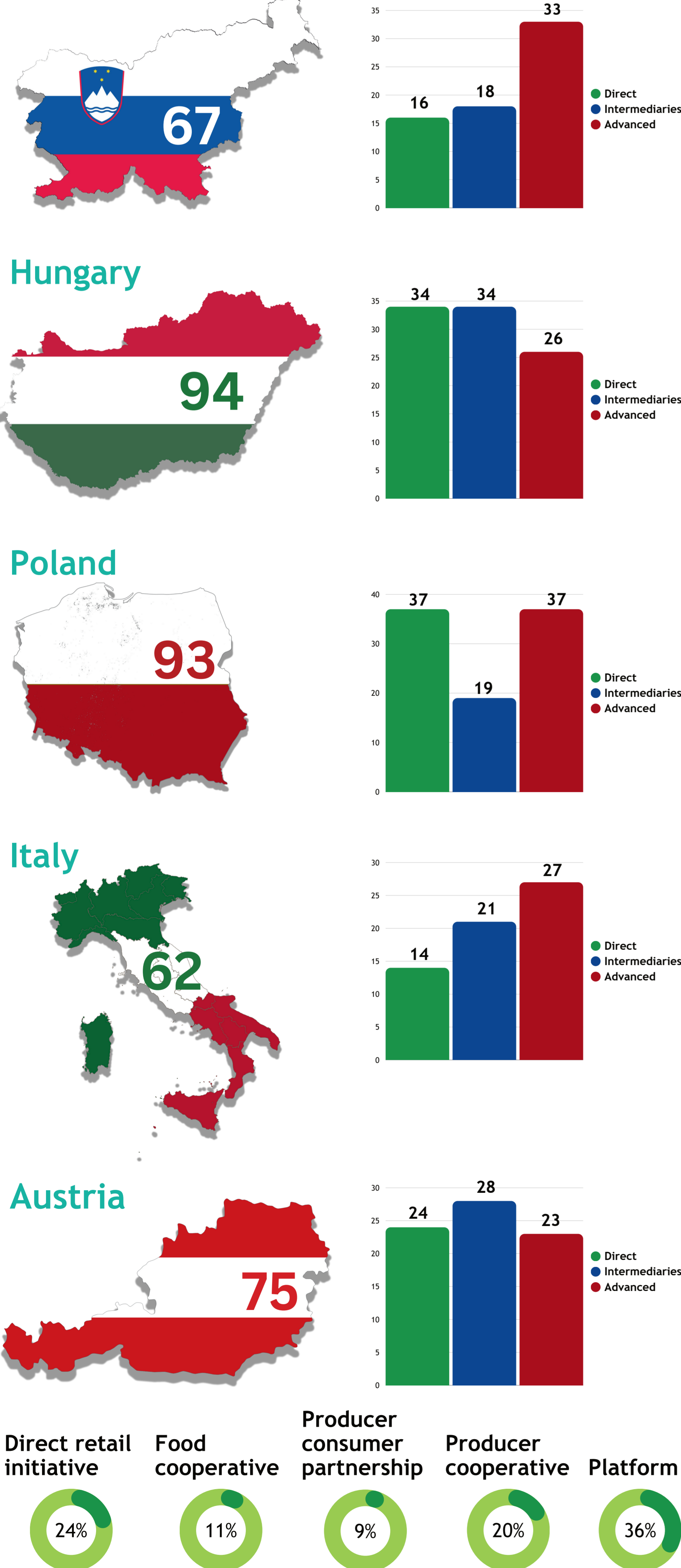
Regions involved



Business characteristics of AFNs

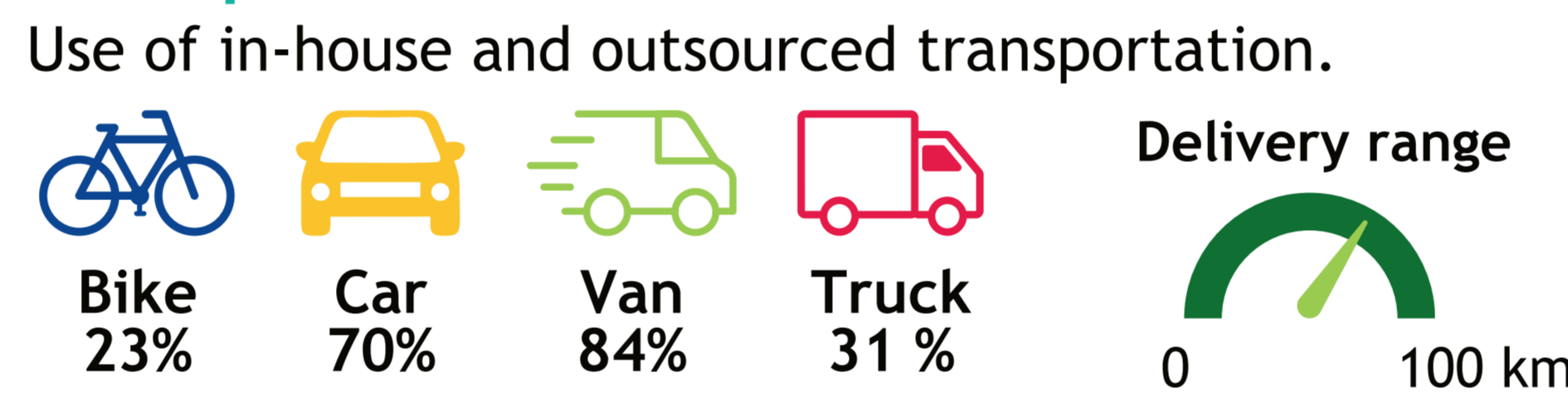


Identified AFNs per country



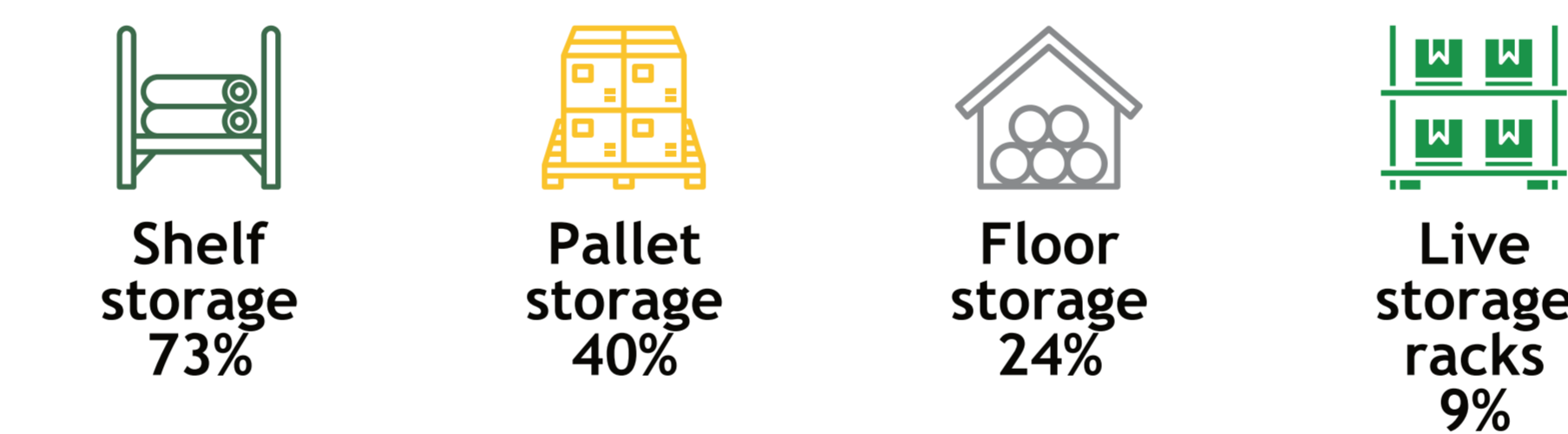
Common SFSC characteristics across regions

Transportation methods



Warehousing

Cold storage is crucial, but challenging across all countries.

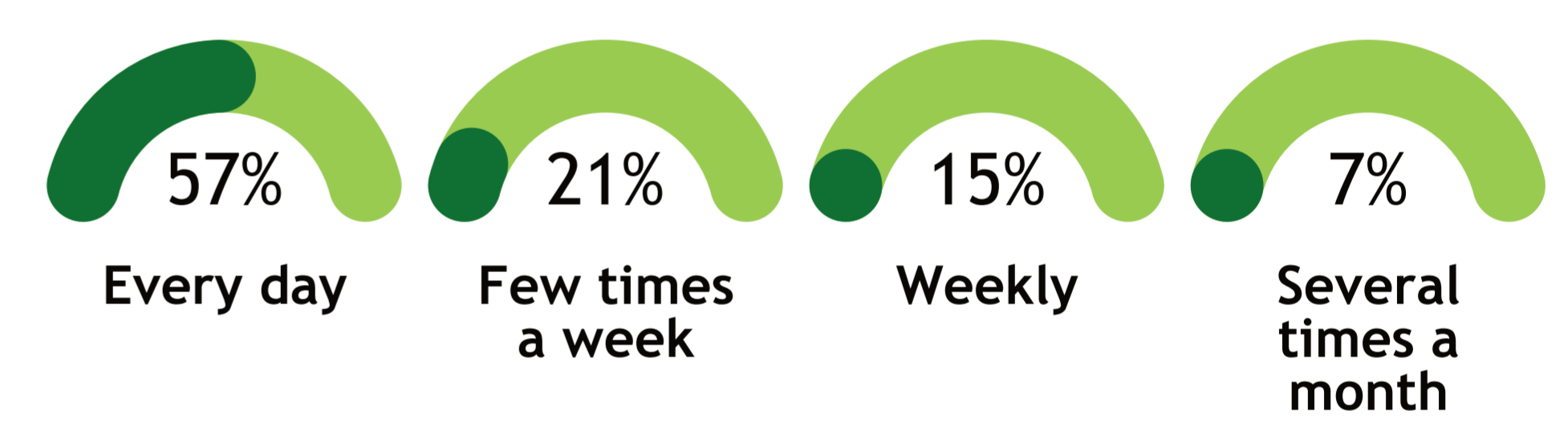


IT utilization

Limited use of advanced IT tools for logistics management.

Order management

Predominantly managed via digital channels (email, online platforms, websites).



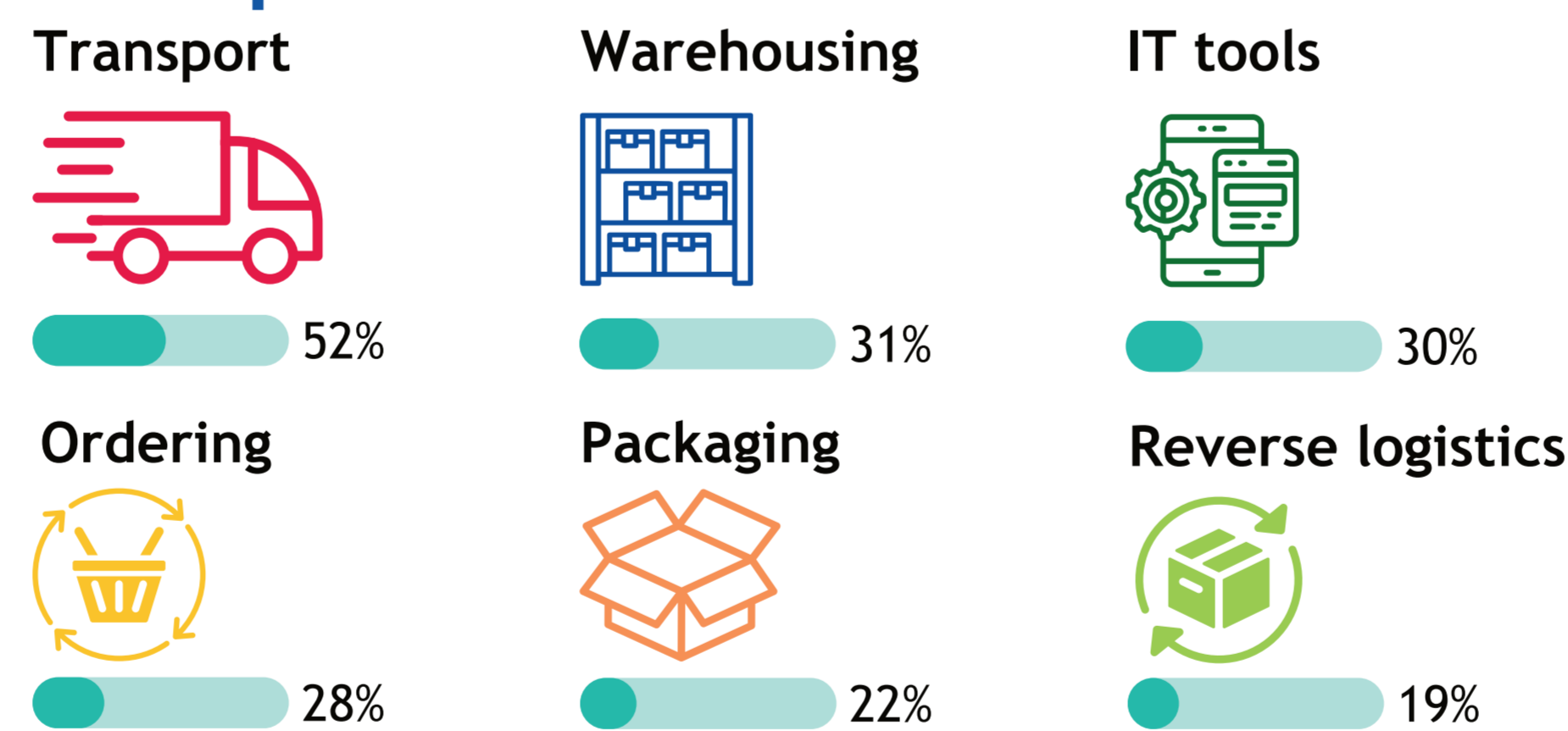
Reverse logistics and packaging

Limited implementation of reverse logistics practices, with recyclable and sustainable packaging being most commonly used.

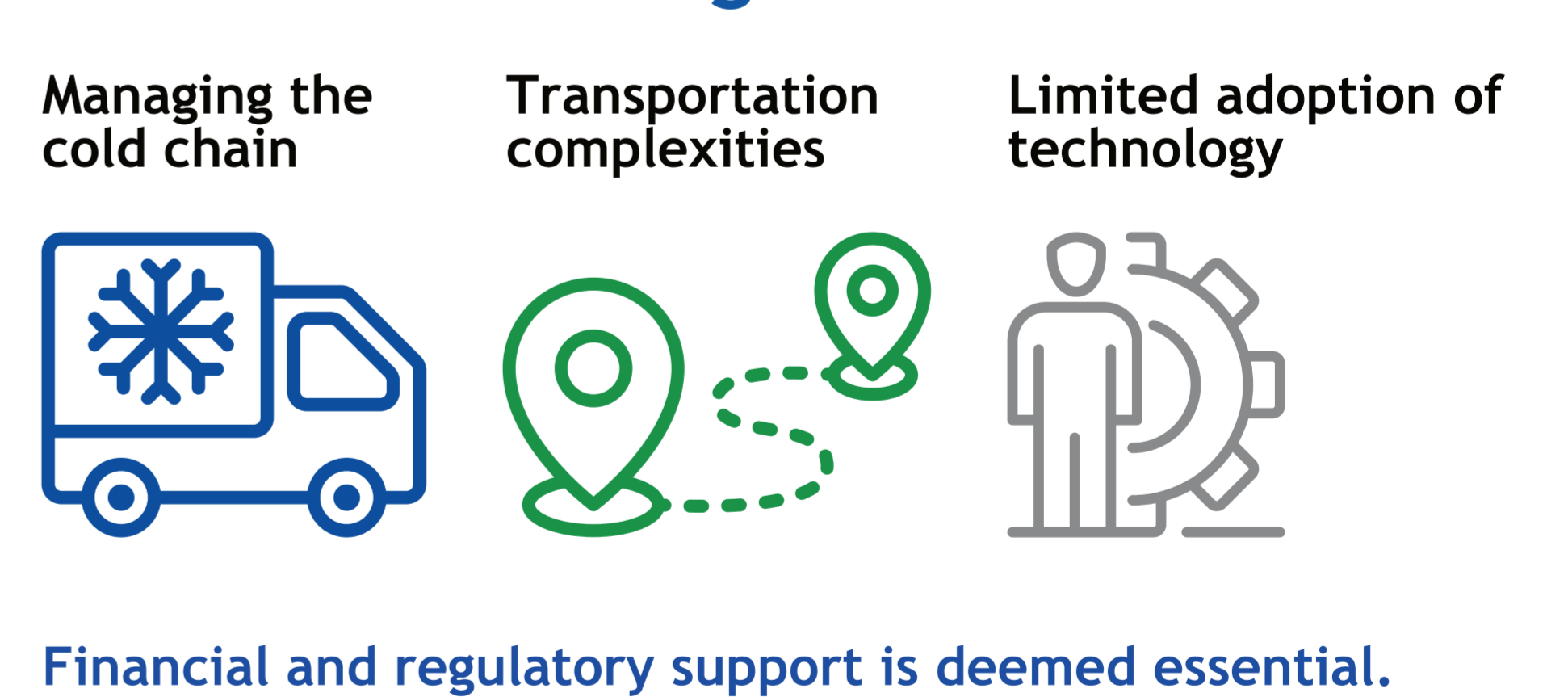
Transparency and trust

High emphasis on working with trusted partners and open communication.

Most problematic areas for business



Common challenges



Opportunities for SFSC

