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# Remote working implications for employers in Africa

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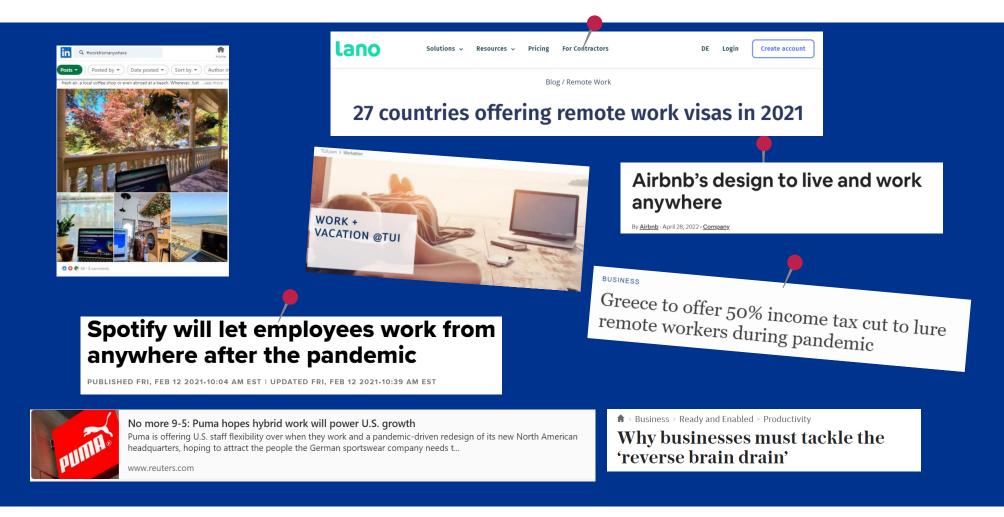


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# Work from anywhere is here to stay



# Various employee requests for flexible working

### The non-mover

New employees from abroad who do not wish to relocate



### The cottage owner

Would like to work from time to time from his vacation home abroad



### The family person

Would like to spend one week per month abroad with her/his child from a divorced marriage

### The dual-career partner

Would like to follow her/his partner abroad and work remotely

### The care-giver

Wants to care for her/his sick mother abroad for a few months



### The workationer

Would like to spend the entire 2 weeks of school vacation abroad with her/his family, but work there for one week.



### The globetrotter

Would like to explore the world





### The tired border-crosser

Has discovered the beauty of not commuting and would like to commute less even after the pandemic

### The home-sweet-homer

Has realized that working from home can be more convenient and efficient and would like to work from home as often/regularly as possible

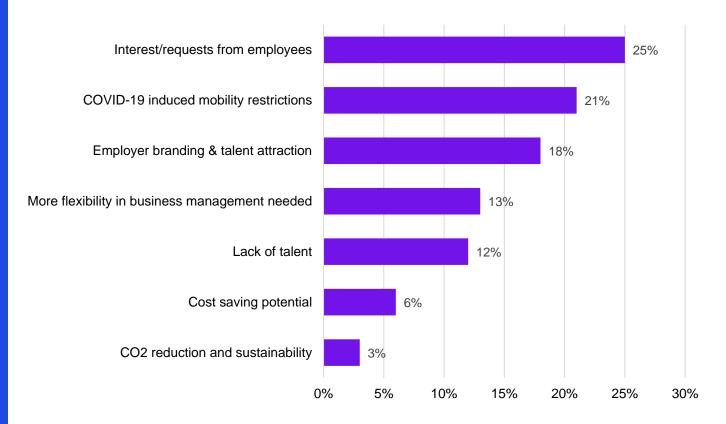


# Reasons for implementing mobile working

### **Requests from** employees are the main reason

A quarter of companies wants to accommodate their employees' wishes. Mobile working is thus becoming part of the value proposition to employees and a decisive factor in attracting and recruiting talent.

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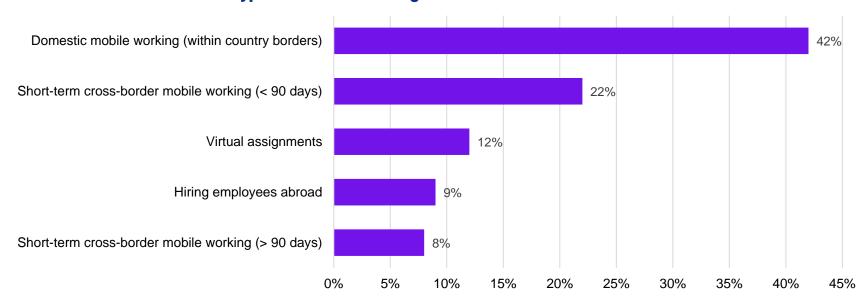


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# Types of mobile working

### Types of mobile working introduced





### "Low risk cases"

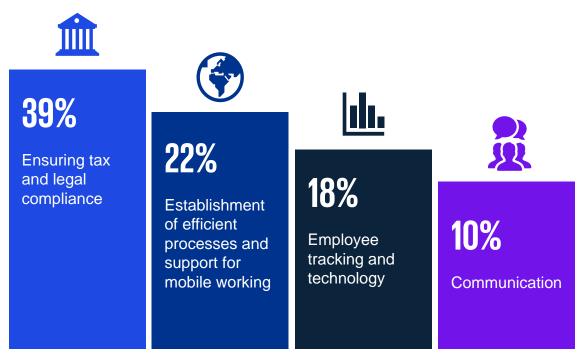
When introducing short-term mobile working abroad, many companies start with 'quick wins' that do not bear significant compliance risks. For this purpose, the duration (e.g. 20 - 40 days) and the country combinations are limited (e.g. to EU), and further framework conditions are defined.

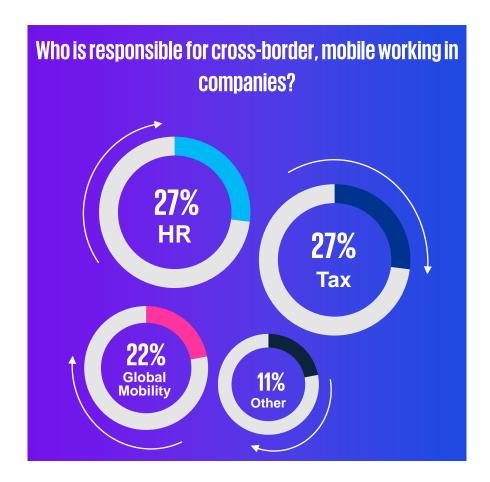
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# Implementation challenges & responsibilities

### What are the biggest challenges in implementing mobile working?



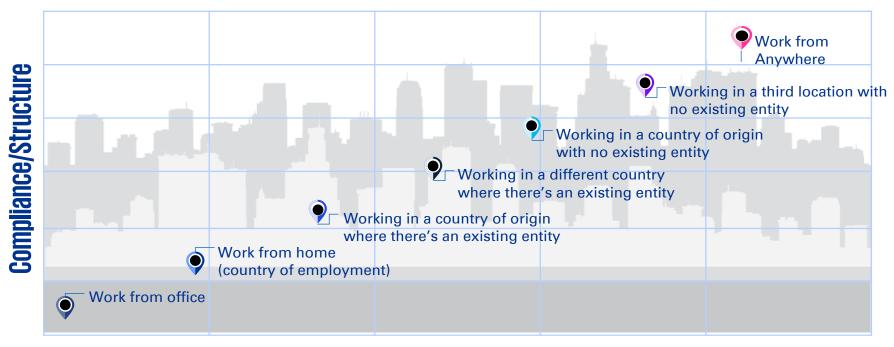


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# How much flexibility do you want to provide?

The level of flexibility a Work from Anywhere policy could offer your employees needs to carefully mirror the structural, compliance and legal complexities inherent to the chosen locations and your business operating model.



**Location flexibility** 



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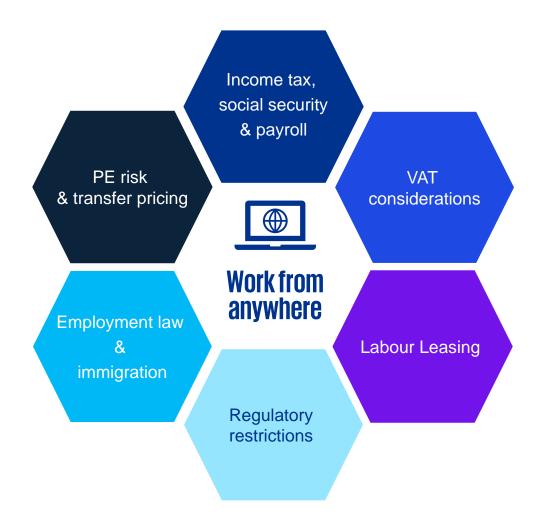
# Considerations for future approach

# **Implications of Work from Anywhere**

Work place security Learning & **Onboarding** Leadership **Development Social Security Labor Law HR&Talent Compliance Talent** management Risk Health & Safety HR Permanent Establishments Health **Immigration** administration **Technology** Culture Wellbeing **Transfer Pricing Environment Transformation Duty of Care** Data References protection Work Place Security **Productivity** Collaboration Office space **Real Estate** Talent Hub locations **Cyber Security Employee Tracking** Coworking space Strategy & Policy



# **Compliance considerations**





# Finding the right balance

### **Challenges**

**Income Tax, Social Security & Payroll** 

PE risk and Transfer Pricing

**Employment Law (Duty of** Care, PWD, Equal Pay)

**Data Security & Protection** 

**Immigration** 

Regulation





# Finding the right balance





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### **Talent**

- Enhanced employee experience
- Talent acquisition, motivation and retention





### Risk profile

- Risk tolerance of the company
- Control mechanisms for monitoring and managing global compliance risks



### **Cost management**

- Maintain efficiency and minimize talent mobility and operational costs
- Anticipate talent costs and help in managing budgetary challenges



### **Flexibility**

- Expand the global talent pool
- Provide targeted benefits that support employee engagement and performance



### **Business alignment**

- Support and further market reach
- Enhanced oversight and control



# **Key take-aways**





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