# The three pillars of the new-gen supply chain: Agile, AI-powered, and sustainable

Over the past three years, organizations' supply chains have changed significantly - 72% of executives agree with this in 2025, compared with **54%** in 2022

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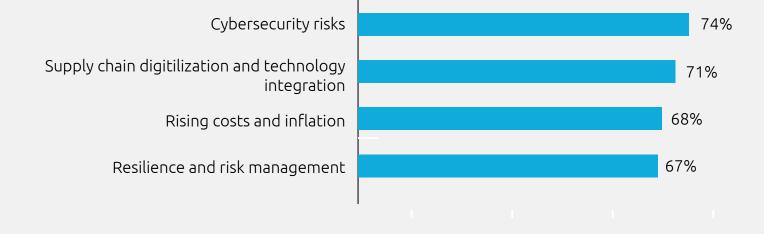
**68%** of organizations have established a clear vision and objectives for their supply chain in 2025, up from **35%** in 2022

Agility is the core of new-gen supply chain

followed by supply chain digitalization and technology integration

Cybersecurity risks emerge as a major challenge for supply chain management,

Percentage of executives citing the below as key challenges for their organization's supply chain



Source: Capgemini Research Institute, New-generation supply chain survey, March–April 2025, N = 1,000 executives.

### with supply chain digitalization **79%** of executives are very concerned about cybersecurity visibility of the supply chain

Cybersecurity gains urgency

### cost efficiency an imperative **66%** of executives agree that supply chain investments and costs are likely to increase in the

Rising costs and inflation make

next couple of years

Share of organizations at each Al agent

Already using AI agents

Plan to use in 2–3 years

Source: Capgemini Research Institute, New-generation

supply chain survey, March–April 2025, N = 1,000 executives.

Currently exploring options

\*Implemented but not scaled.

Piloting some initial use cases

Plan to use within the next year

Implemented multi-agent systems

maturity level

# **76%** of executives state that their organization currently focuses on managing supply chain risk, top

Resilience and risk management

are vital for operational continuity

- risks being monitored are responsiveness/adaptability risks (42%) and in-bound logistics bottlenecks (41%) Geopolitical conflict is a major external supply chain disruptor
  - most significant disruptor (41%) of supply chain management, followed by tariffs (31%) 64% of executives cite 'supplier

41% of executives state global conflict as the

- diversification ratio' as the top metric/KPI of supply chain resilience Tariffs:
- 56% of executives cite import/export tariffs as a major challenge to their organization's supply chain

# supply chain

Agentic AI is transforming new-gen

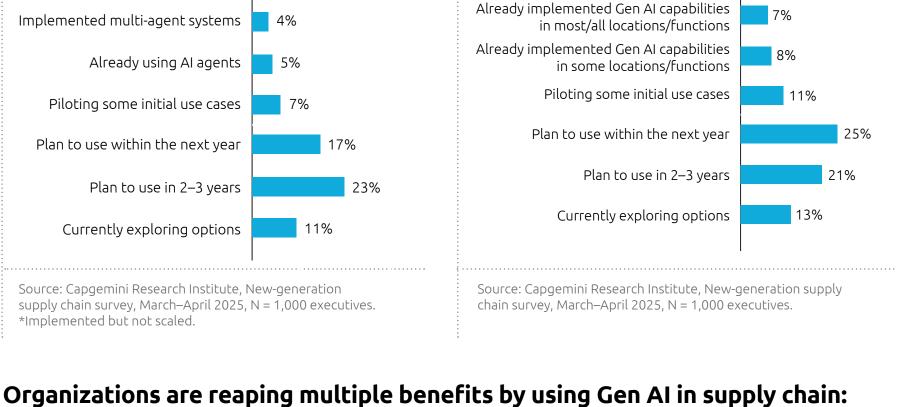
### **Adoption of Gen Al** State of agentic Al use cases in supply chain implementation **15%** of organizations have already **66%** of organizations claim ~ **10%** of organizations that agentic AI systems will take implemented Gen AI in some/most functions/ have already implemented multi-agent systems or are most supply chain decisions in locations within supply chain: the next three to five years already using AI agents but not necessarily scaled, with **27%** of organizations have 7% piloting initial use cases established a dedicated team and 11% exploring options for agentic Al

4%

5%

23%

# Percentage of organizations at various Gen AI maturity levels



### 51% 61% 53% 51% of organizations state of organizations state of organizations state Gen AI helps predict Gen AI helps detect Gen AI identifies and Gen AI enhances

of organizations state demand fluctuations anomalies and ensure mitigates bottlenecks assessment and quality control in the within the supply and optimize inventory management of supplier levels supply chain chain risks Sustainable supply chain reinforces resilience

### Sustainability drives long-term resilience and cost efficiency **71%** of executives state sustainable practices are **76%** of executives agree that sustainable practices associated with business value drive cost efficiencies

Sustainable supply chains add business value

**76%** of organizations have a comprehensive supply chain sustainability strategy in place

# Organizations recognize sustainable supply chain as a business value driver

Sustainability KPIs are considered at par with other business KPIs

Our organization realizes that ethical and responsible sourcing,

We have a climate change risk mitigation strategy embedded in our overall

energy-efficient transportation, and sustainable manufacturing is a key for

**78%** of organizations consider sustainability leaders'

inputs vital to areas such as network design, sourcing,

and supplier selection

the supply chain

Share of organizations agreeing with the following statements Adoption of sustainable practices plays a significant role in driving cost

efficiency (through lower energy consumption, reduced waste, reduced 76% emissions, etc.)

75%

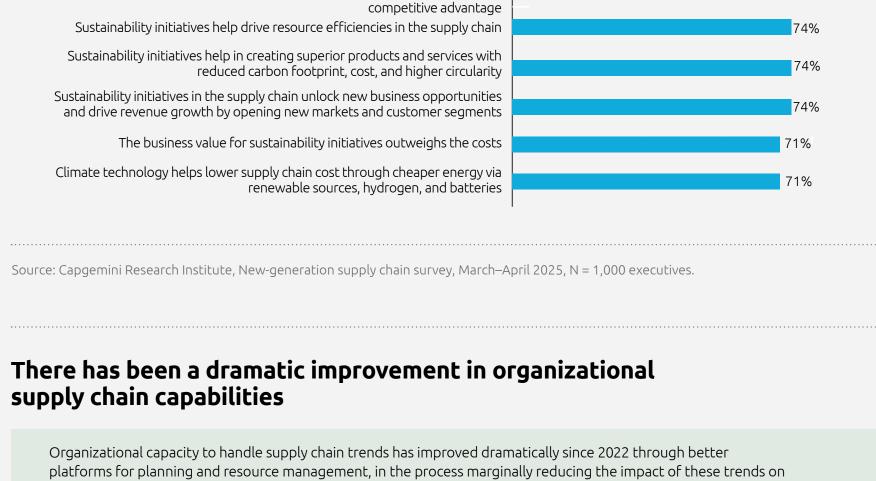
75%

75%

64%

61%

50%



supply chain strategy

Impact of technology adoption on sustainability (green AI) 12% Supplier diversity

Organizations' ability to address these sustainability trends in their supply chains

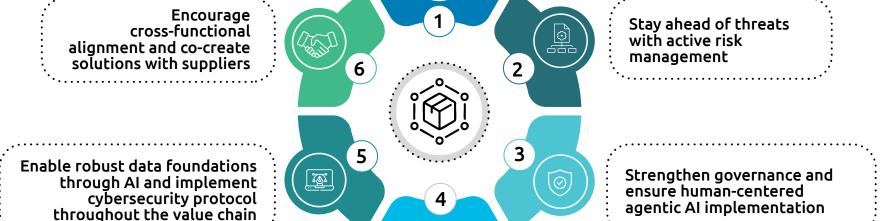
44% Development of circular supply chains 58% Development of end-to-end transparency and traceability of 8% products and shipments 51% Reduction of CO2 emissions across all supply chain tiers 13% 2022 2025 Source: Capgemini Research Institute, New-generation supply chain survey, March–April 2025, N = 950 executives, Intelligent Supply Chain Research, August–September 2022, N = 950 executives. Please note that this data excludes Canada. Recommendations for building a new-gen supply chain

Ethical sourcing

Regulations

# Our research leads us to make a set of recommendations for organizations to build new-generation supply chain

Embrace resilience as an ongoing strategic priority



Collaborate to build sustainable and competitive supply chains

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Source: Capgemini Research Institute analysis.

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