

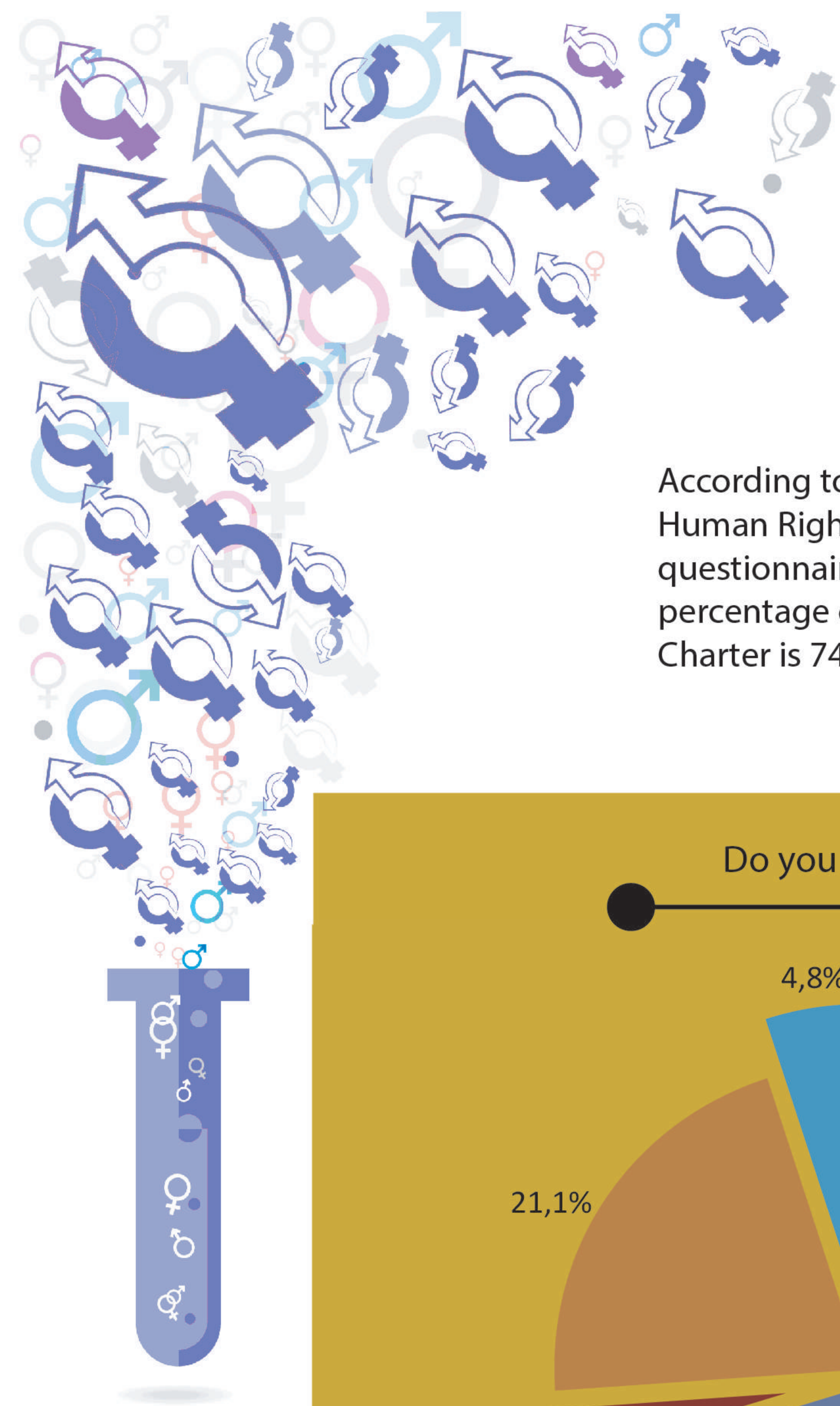
## Annual Report 2023

# The Implementation of Gender Equality Policies in Municipalities and Regions

The General Secretariat for Equality and Human Rights, within the framework of systematically documenting actions to promote equality policies in Municipalities and Regions, conducted this year, as in the past six years, a primary research study addressed to all Municipalities and Regions across the country.

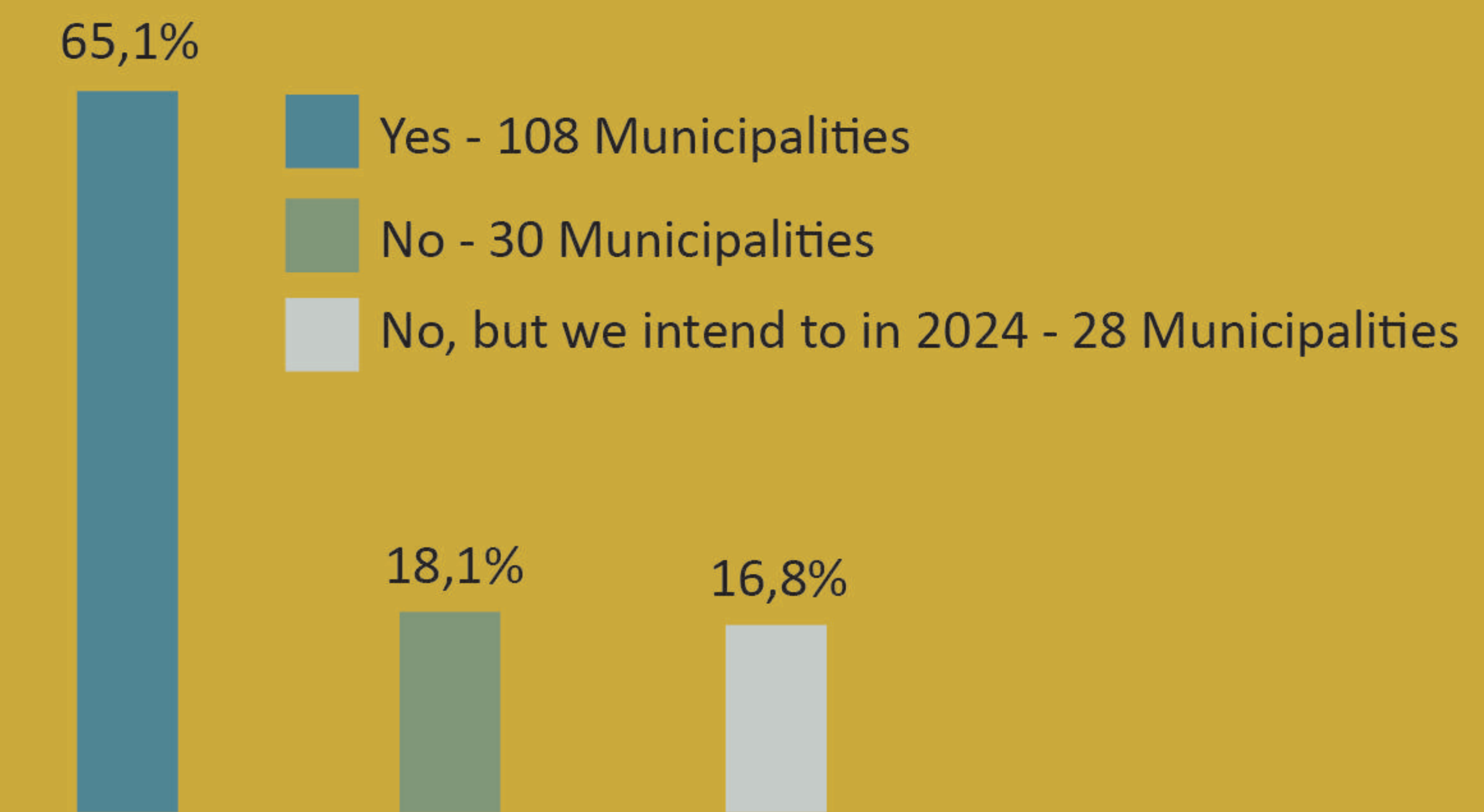
The research includes 27 questions in total in its main body.

The time period requested to be considered for the completion of the questionnaire is the year 2023, which was designated as the reference year. The distribution of the questionnaires to Municipalities and Regions took place during the first half of 2024.

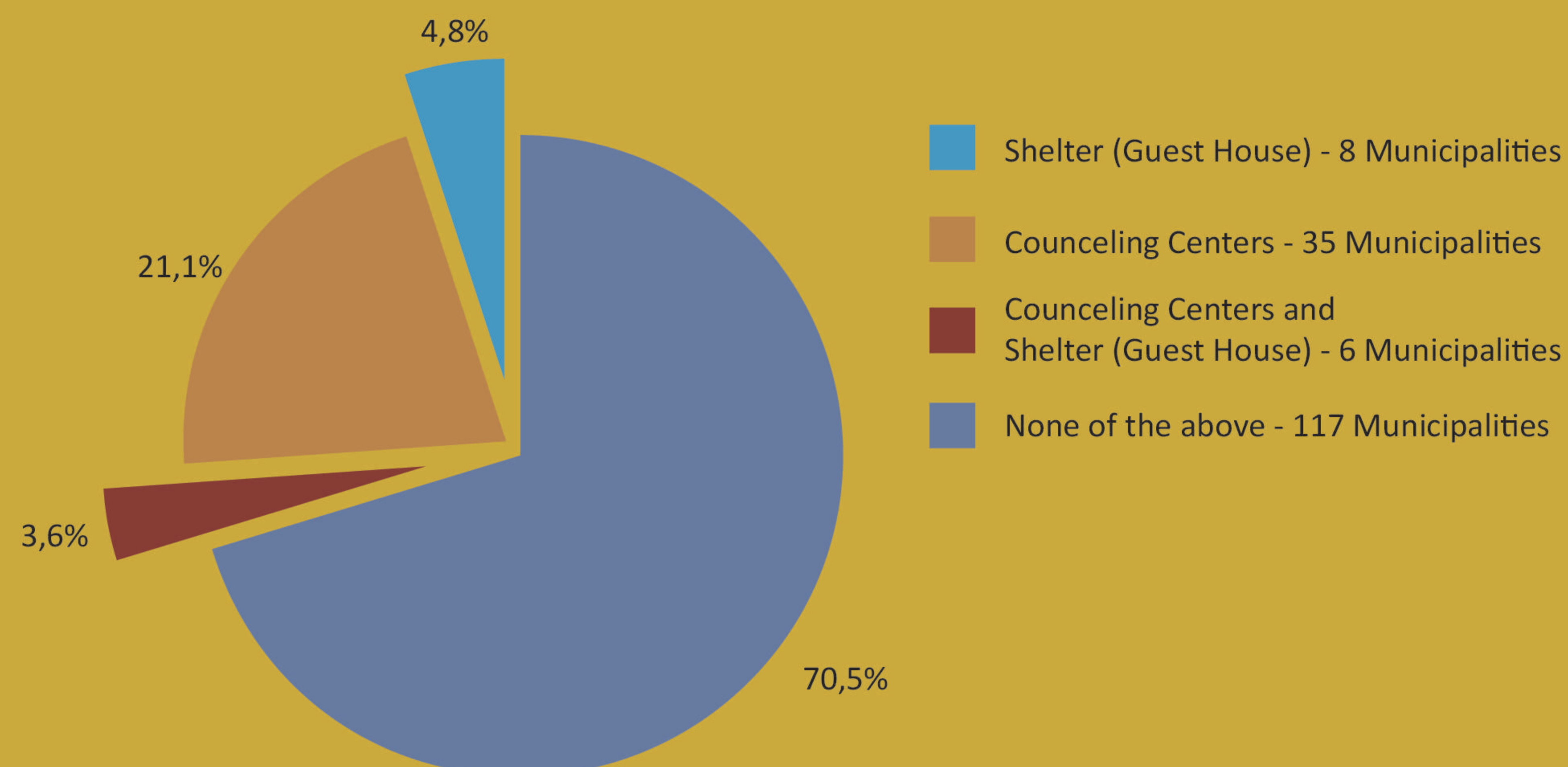


According to the data currently held by the General Secretariat for Equality and Human Rights (GSEHR), out of the 166 Municipalities that responded to the questionnaire, 124 have signed the Charter for Equality. This indicates that the percentage of Municipalities that positively responded to the signing of the Charter is 74.7%.

Have you signed the 'European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life'?



Do you have structures for addressing violence against women?



The General Secretariat for Equality and Human Rights (GSEHR) and its broader network provide a total of 44 Counseling Centers across all 332 Municipalities in the country. Additionally, there are 20 Shelters for Victims, 2 of which are managed by the National Center for Social Solidarity (EKKA).

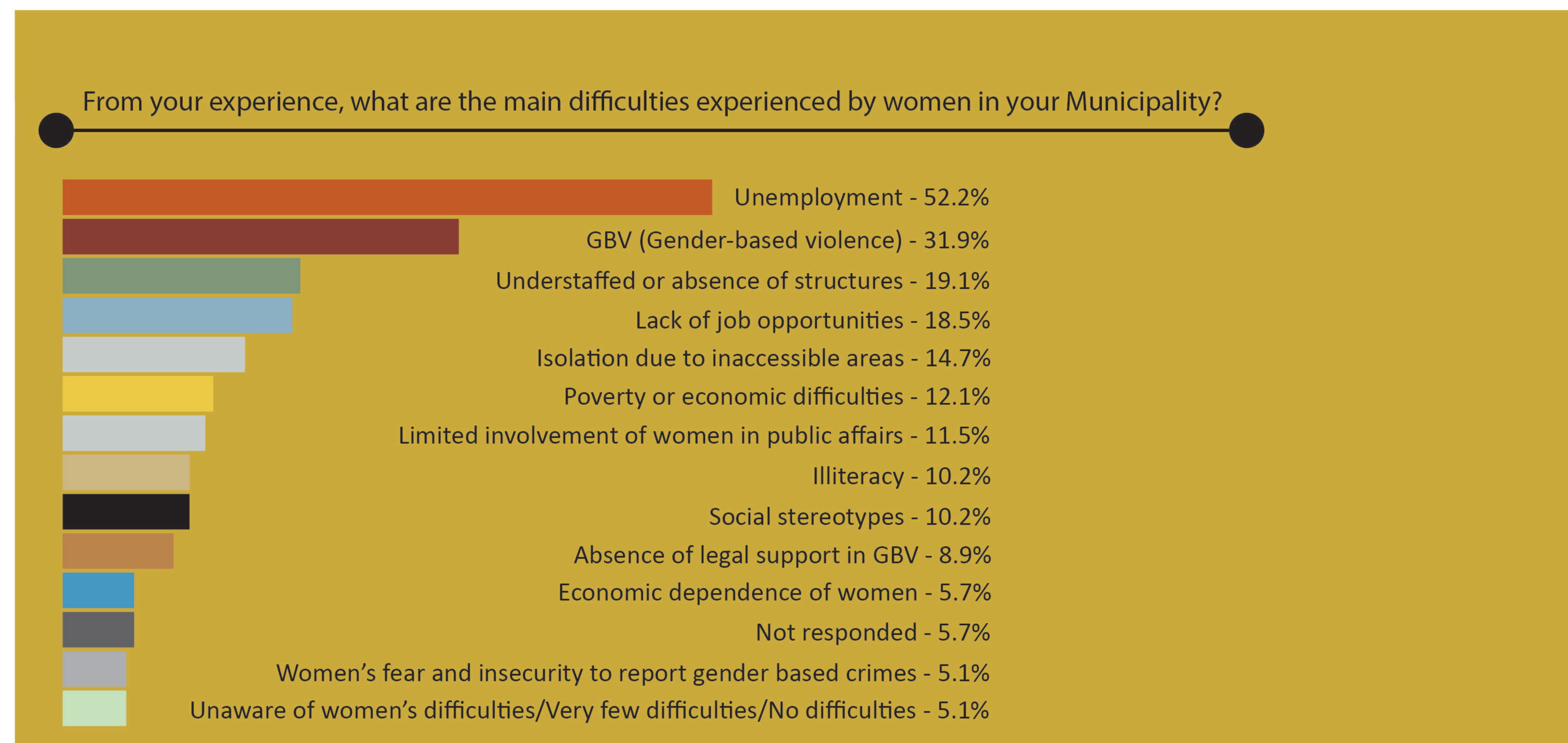
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Out of the 332 Municipalities across the country to which the questionnaires were sent, 166 responded, representing exactly 50%. This response rate is considered satisfactory.

The reduced participation compared to previous years is attributed to the reconstitution of the new Municipal and Regional Equality Committees, as a result of the Local Government Elections held in October 2023.

Despite the reduced number of responses received, the distribution of actions implemented per Municipality or Region shows a slight increase. Specifically, while in the previous Annual Report for the year 2022, 575 actions were recorded in 203 Municipalities, averaging approximately 2.8 actions per Municipality, this year's Annual Report indicates a small increase in the number of actions per Municipality, approaching 3 actions per Municipality.



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