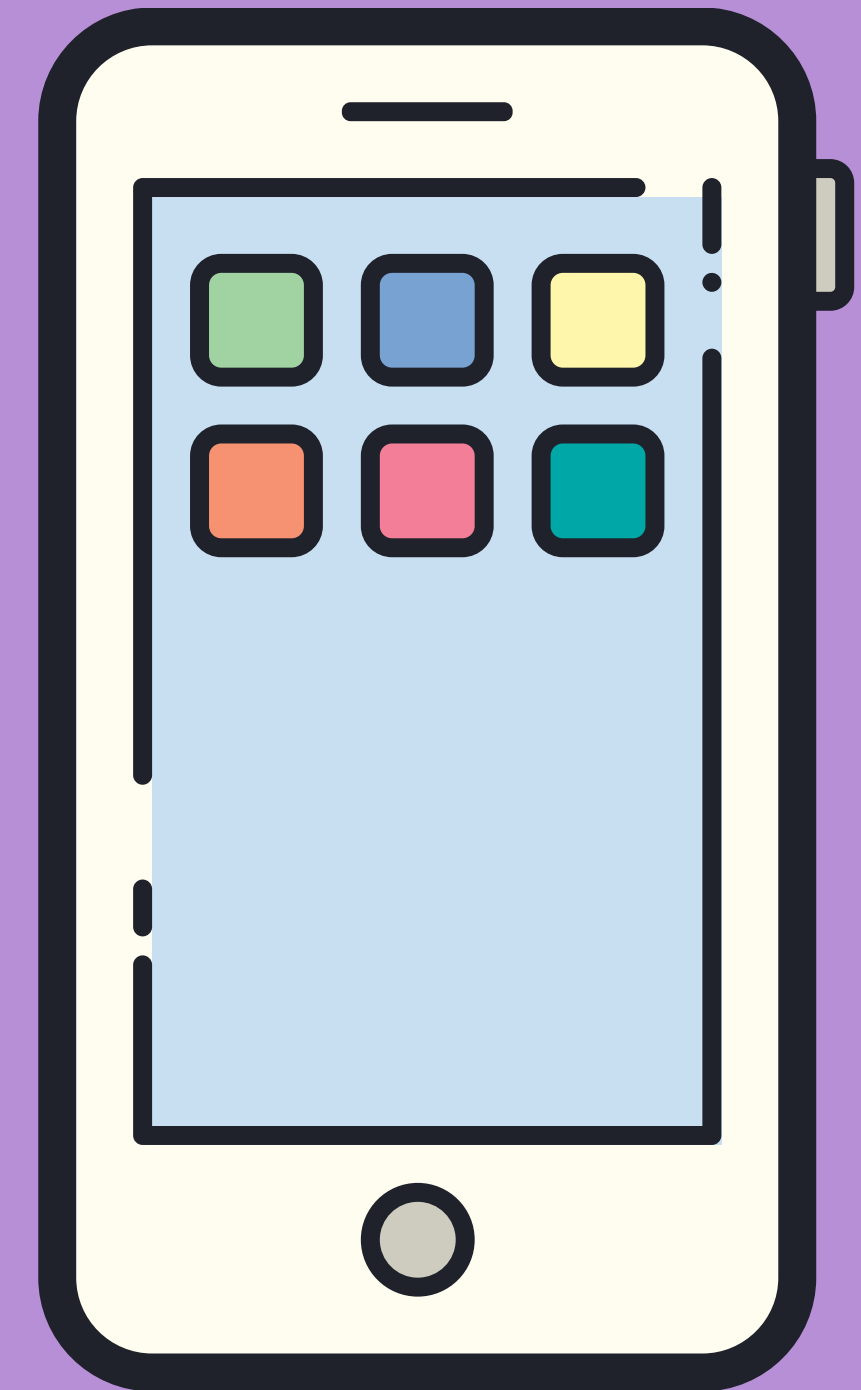


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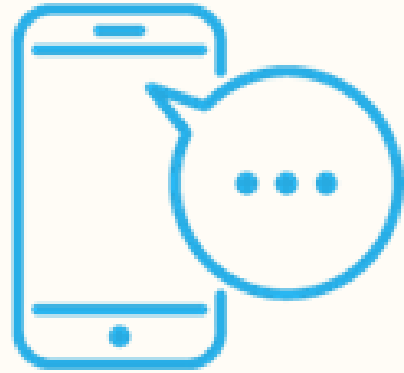
What can local authorities do to make your city more friendly to children and youth?

Results Analysis

Poll: 5 April-10 May 2022



Who are the U-Reporters?



588 unique users became U-Reporters
545 U-Reporters took part in the poll
97% completed the poll

Users used the following channels:



Viber - 65%



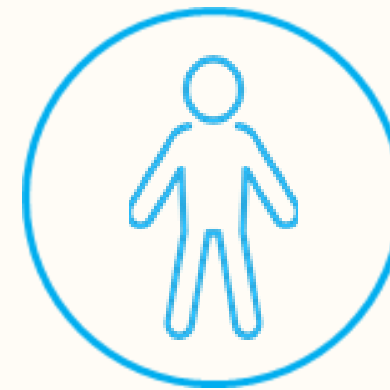
FB-32%



WhatsApp - 3%



34% of U-Reporters are from Attica



57% of U-Reporters are between 15-19 years old



54% of U-Reporters are female

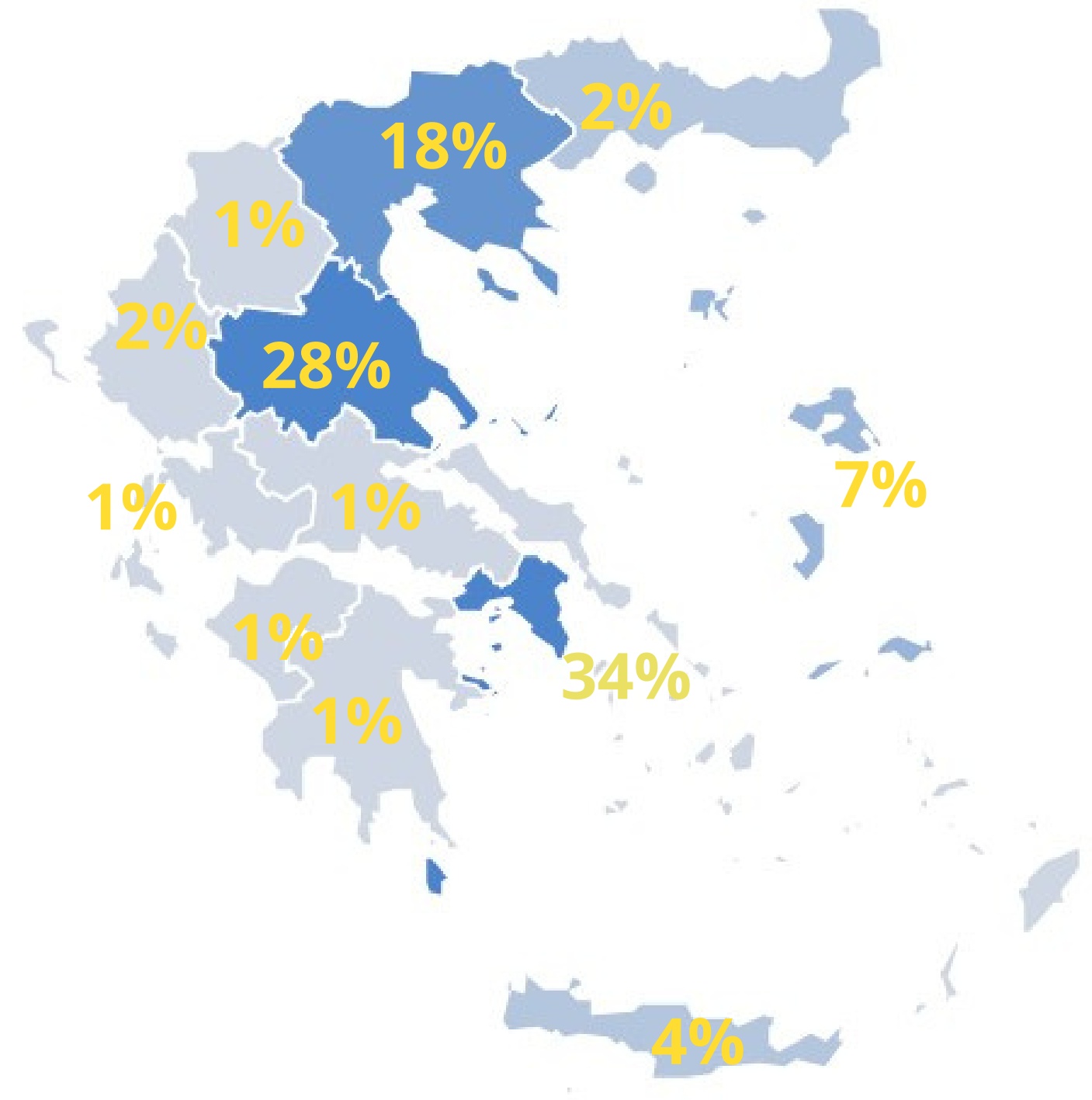


88% of U-Reporters responded in Greek,
11% in English and **1%** in Arabic

Where are the U-Reporters?

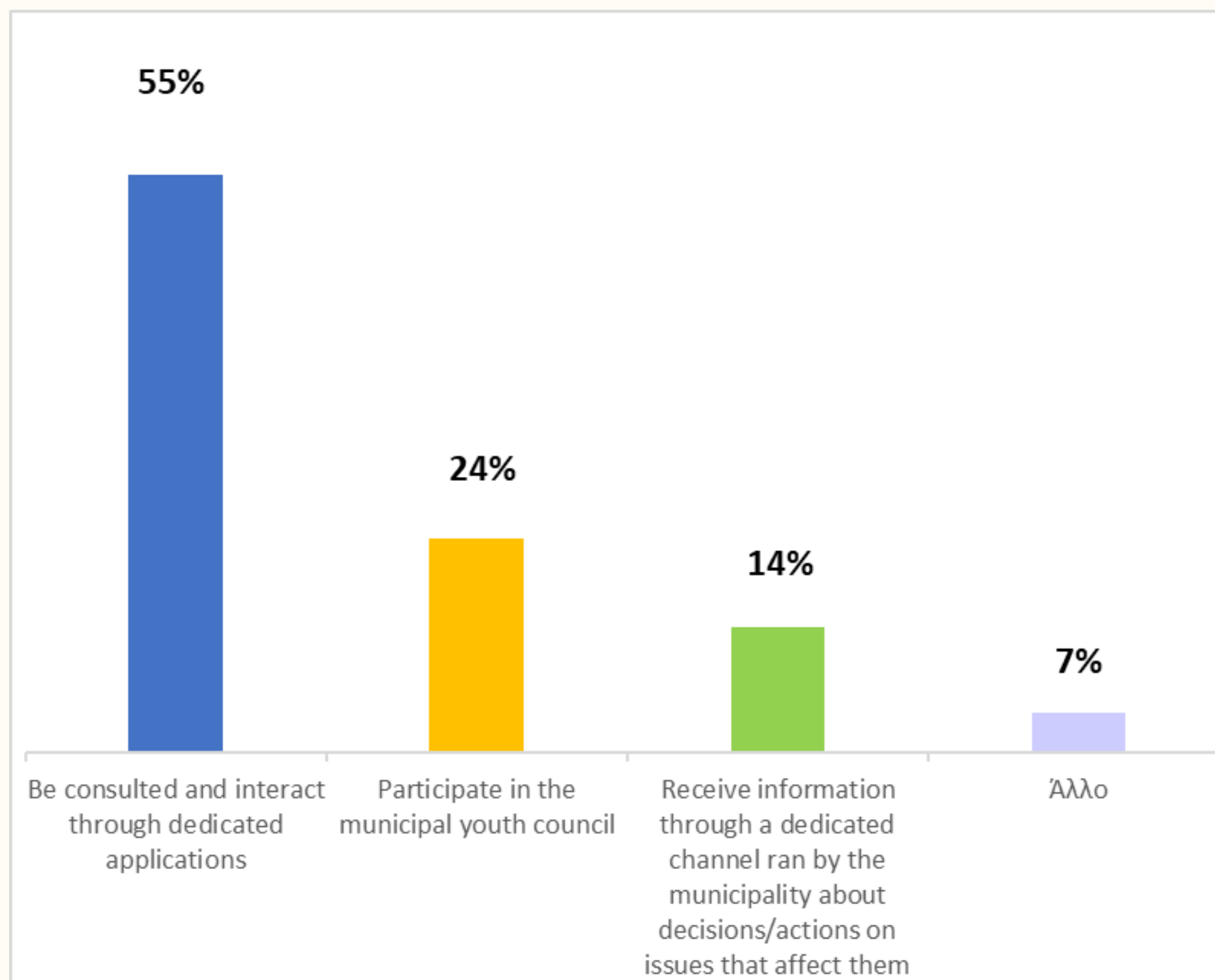
Most U-Reporters are from the **Attica** region (34%), followed by **Thessaly** (28%) and **Central Macedonia** (18%), **North Aegean** (7%) and **Crete** (4%).

In the remaining regions the participation rate is almost equal.



How do you think children and youth should be involved in decision-making at the local level?

More than half of the respondents (55%) believe that they should be consulted and interact through **online applications**. Participation through **Municipal Youth Councils** came second in their preferences with 24%.



Zooming in

- Half of the respondents aged below 15 years old think that online applications should be used in the decision-making process by local authorities, a percentage that rises to 62% for the respondents aged 15 to 19.
- 61% of those choosing the use of online applications are female.

“A group of young people from each school in the region should be elected to discuss and present our concerns”

17 year-old-boy from Central Macedonia (Pylaia-Chortiatis)

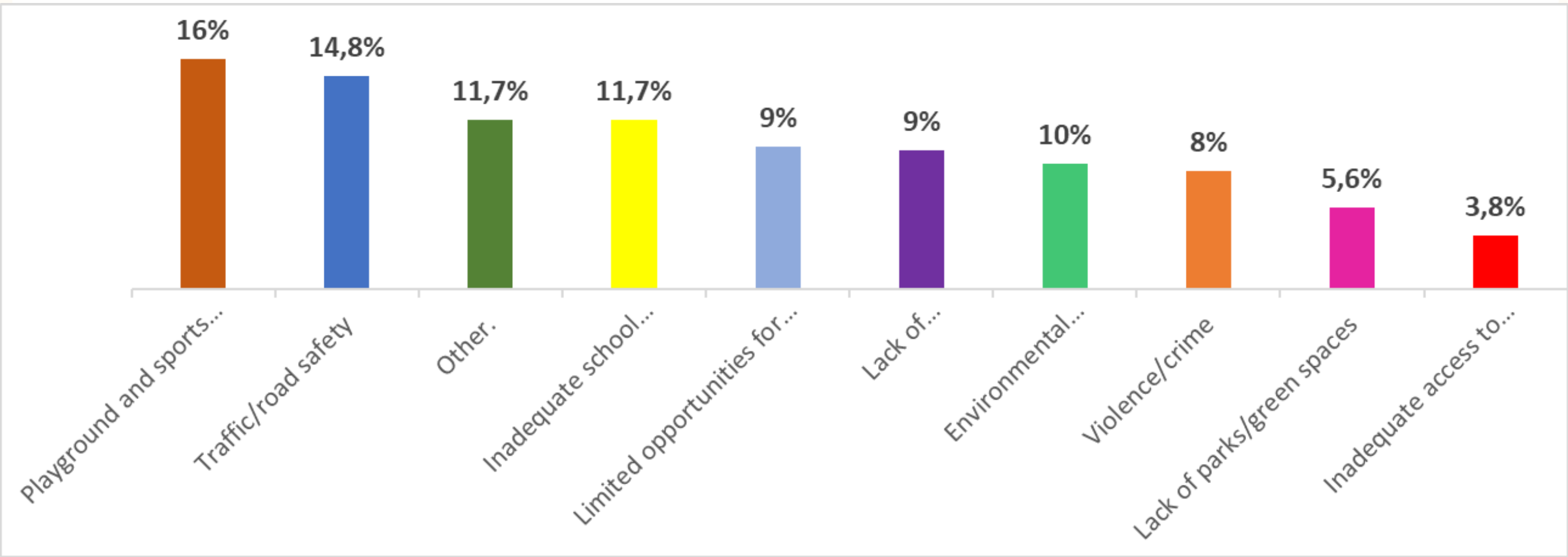
“There should be information accessible to children and adolescents, applications and activities that will enable their participation; their opinion will concern important matters in the city”

21 year-old girl from Attica (Vyronos)



What do you consider as the biggest challenge in your city?

1 in 4 children and young people consider the **lack of sports facilities** along with the **traffic/road safety** the biggest challenges in their cities.



Zooming in:

- In Attica, 17% of the respondents aged between 15 to 19 years stressed the lack of sports facilities along with the bad shape of infrastructures. Another 17% of the same age group highlighted the existence of inadequate school buildings.
- Environmental sustainability is the biggest challenge for 24% of respondents in Attica aged 20 to 24 years. However, only 9% of children and young people 15-19 years old consider this as the biggest challenge in Attica.

“Lack of infrastructure for children with disabilities, non-preservation of historic neighborhoods and buildings”

17 year-old-boy from Central Macedonia (Pylaia-Chortiatis)

“Disrespect for basic human rights”

12 year-old-boy from Attica (Athens)

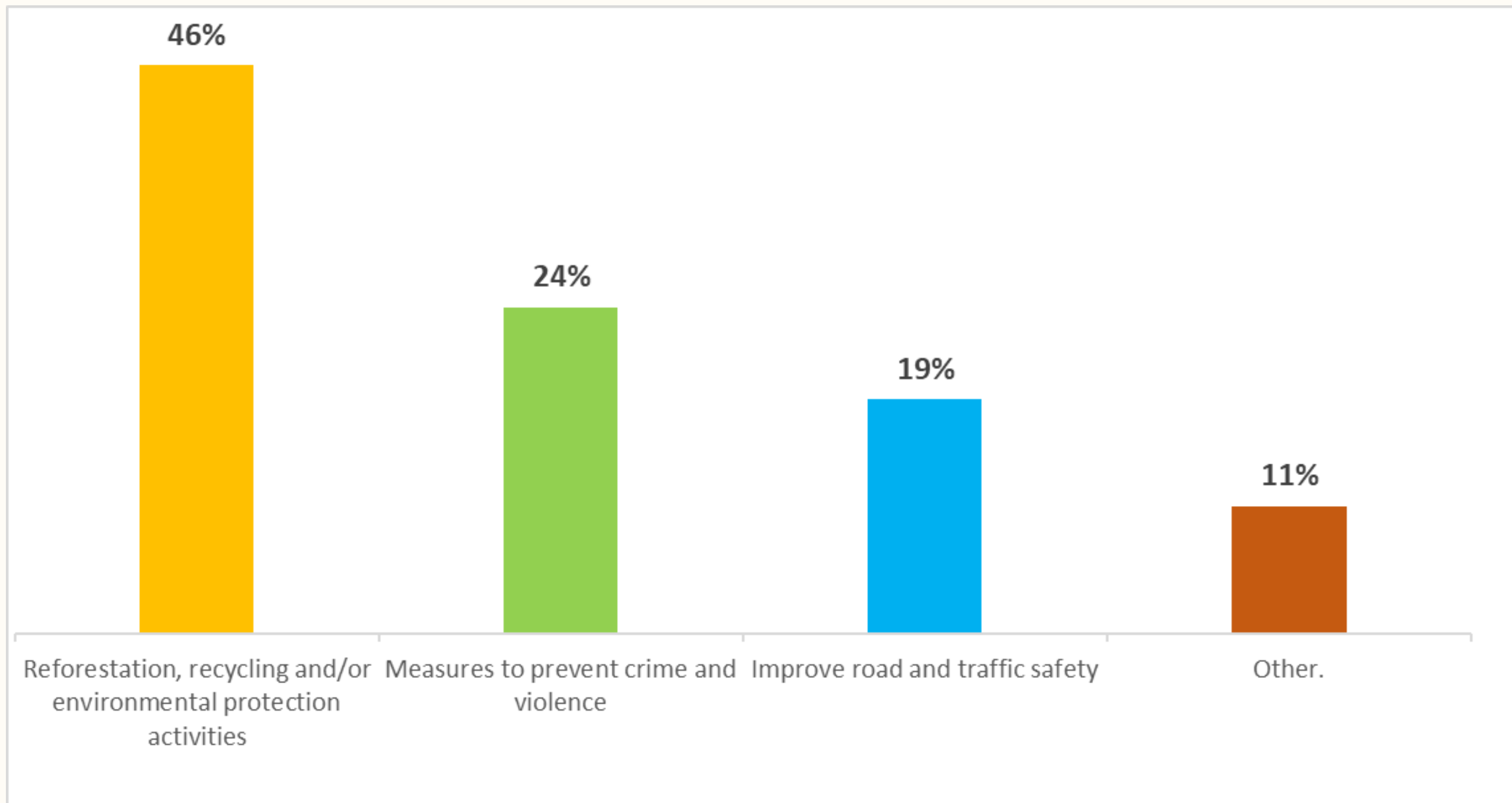
“Lack of treatment for stray animals”

12 year-old girl from Western Macedonia (Kozani)



Which do you consider the most important action that local authorities can take to ensure a safe, secure and clean environment for children and young people?

Almost half of the participants (46%) recognize that **reforestation, recycling and environmental protection** activities are the most important actions.



Zooming in:

In Western Macedonia and Attica, measures to prevent crime and violence are considered by 40% of respondents aged 15 to 19 the most important action.

However, the same age group in Thessaly (50%), North Aegean (67%) and Central Greece (67%) consider reforestation and environmental protection activities more important.

“Construction of sports infrastructure in all districts of the city and installation of adequate lighting”

20 year-old boy from Thessaly (Larissa)

“Improve the quality of our schools to prevent violence.”

20 year-old girl from Attica (Athens)

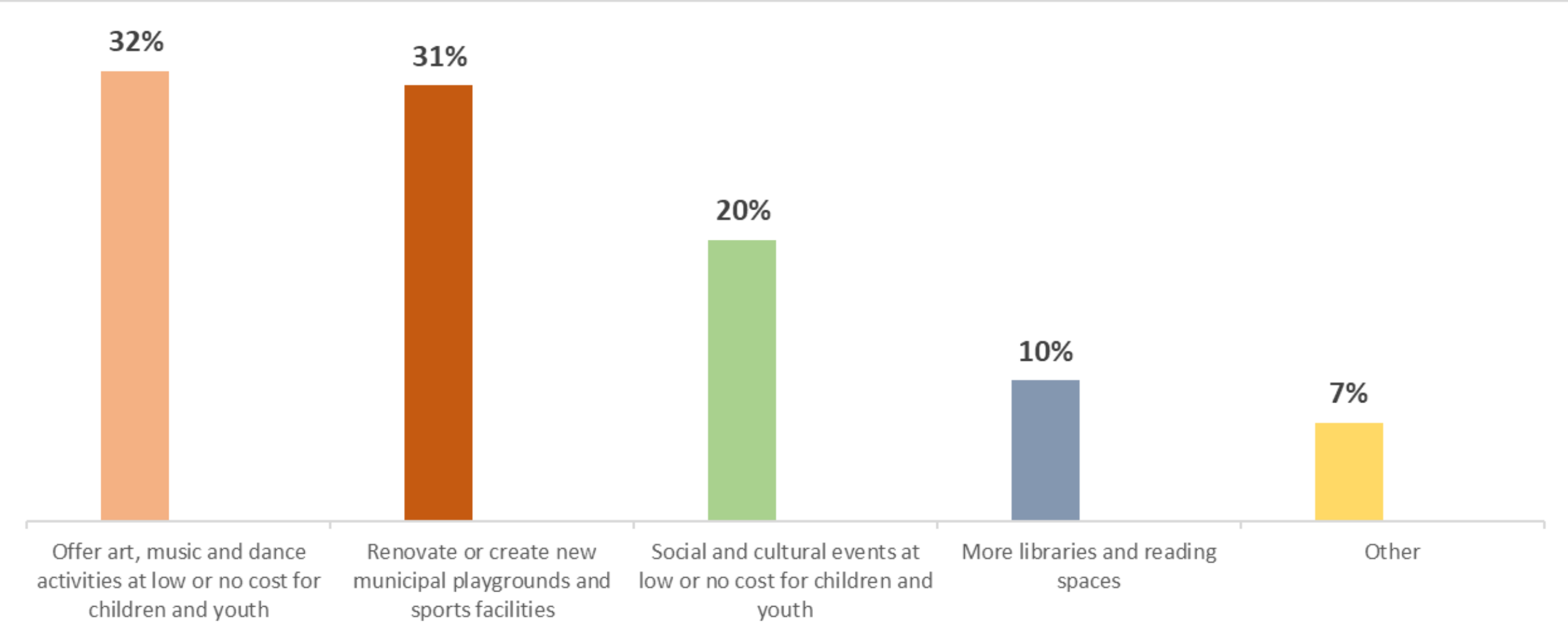
“Actions to clean the shores, protect the sea life, impose fines on those businesses that do not respect the environment either by disposing wastewater from hotels to the seas or by destroying forests in order to build hotels and other tourist facilities”

19 year-old girl Ionian Islands (Zakynthos)



Which do you consider as the most important action that local authorities can take to ensure that you have sufficient opportunities to rest, relax, play and participate in cultural and recreative activities?

Art, music and dance activities (32%), at low or no cost, and the renovation or creation of new playground and sports facilities (31%) are considered by the participants almost equally important.



Zooming in:

Almost half of the participants to the poll aged 20 to 24 consider art, music and dance activities important to relax and rest.

This percentage drops to 34% when it comes to people aged 15 to 19 who prefer new municipal playgrounds and sport facilities.

“More gyms so that children can relax and exercise”

14 year-old boy from Thessaly (Larissa)

“Social and cultural events free of charge should be organized by the municipality or other organizations”

16 year-old boy from Thessaly (Larissa)

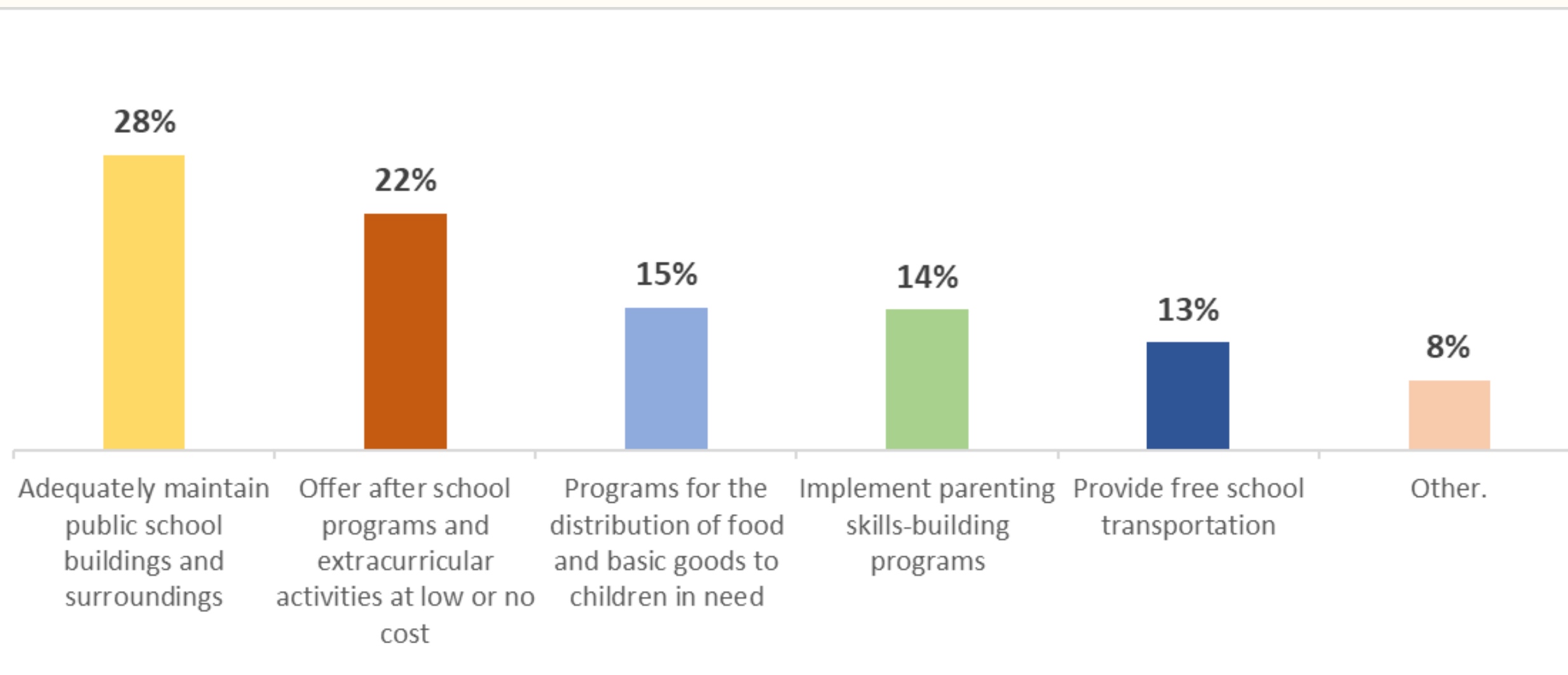
“Establishing centers of creative activities for young children”

15 year-old boy from Thessaly (Larissa)



Which of the below do you consider as the most important action that local authorities can take to ensure that you have access to quality care and education services?

Over a quarter (28%) of the participants to the poll stressed the need for local authorities to adequately **maintain public school buildings and surroundings**, while 22% replied that **extracurricular activities**, at low or no cost, should be provided.



Zooming in:

- The preference of implementing parenting skills-building programmes is highest at the age of 20-24 (31%), whereas children aged 15 to 19 prioritize the maintenance of public school buildings and surroundings.
- Maintaining public schools buildings and surroundings comes first in Northern Aegean (52%), Epirus (50%) and Thessaly (31%).

Re-adjust school hours to increase students' free time"

16 year-old boy from Thessaly (Larissa)

"Social and cultural events for children and young people for free or at a low cost"

12 year-old boy from Attica (Kallithea)

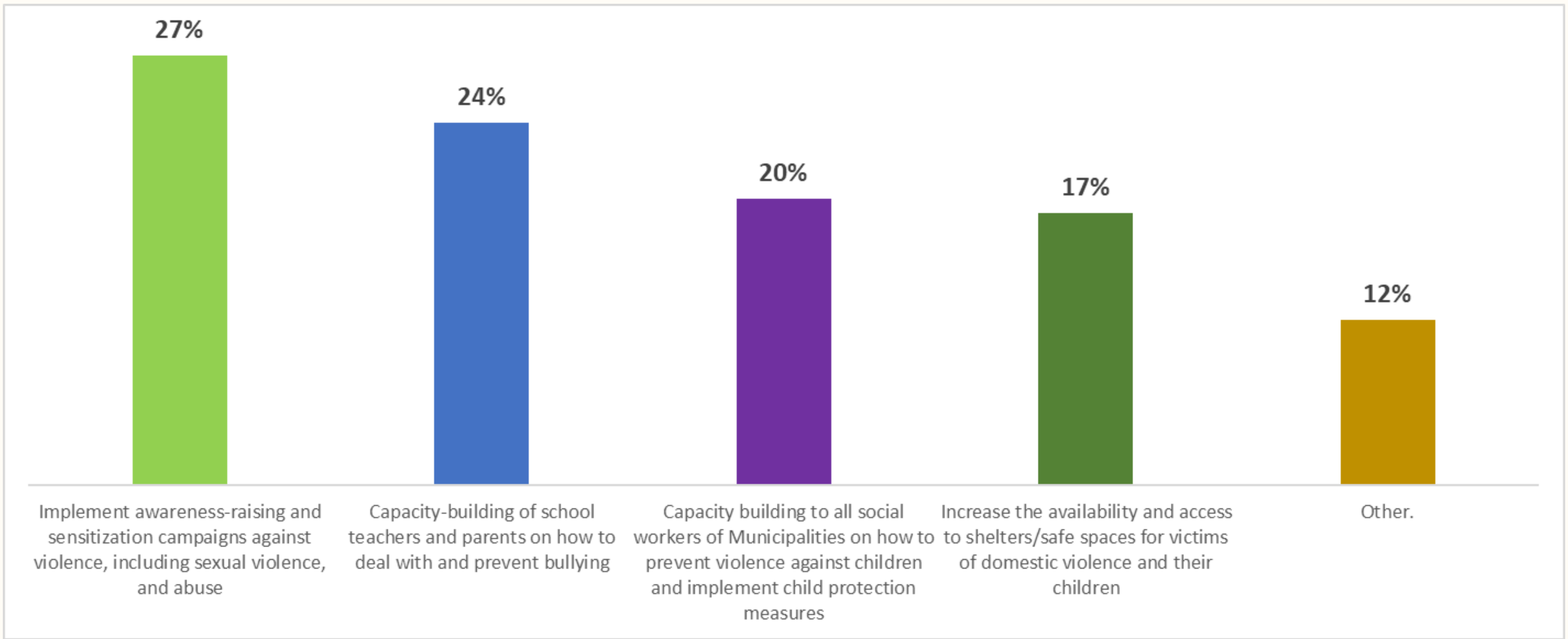
"Provide teacher's training"

17 year-old boy from Attica (Athens)



Which do you consider as the most important action that local authorities can take to ensure that young people are protected from violence, abuse and neglect?

The implementation of **awareness-raising campaigns against violence and abuse** (27%), as well as **capacity-building of school-teachers and parents** on how to prevent and deal with bullying (24%) are considered important by more than half of the respondents.



“Enhancing the intellectual level and quality of schools so that no other violent generations grow up anymore. The person that commits a criminal act should know that it's not acceptable by the school community and outside it; children who feel abused in any way should have the necessary support”

20 year-old girl Attica (Athens)

“Children and adolescents should be asked frequently for feedback to ensure that everything is fine because many times children do not have the courage to cope with difficult situations like these”

14 year-old boy Attica (Athens)

“Integration of sex education in all schools and the emergence of institutions such as support lines”

16 year-old girl Attica (Agia Paraskevi)

“Adequate policing throughout the city”

17 year-old boy from Thessaly (Trikala)

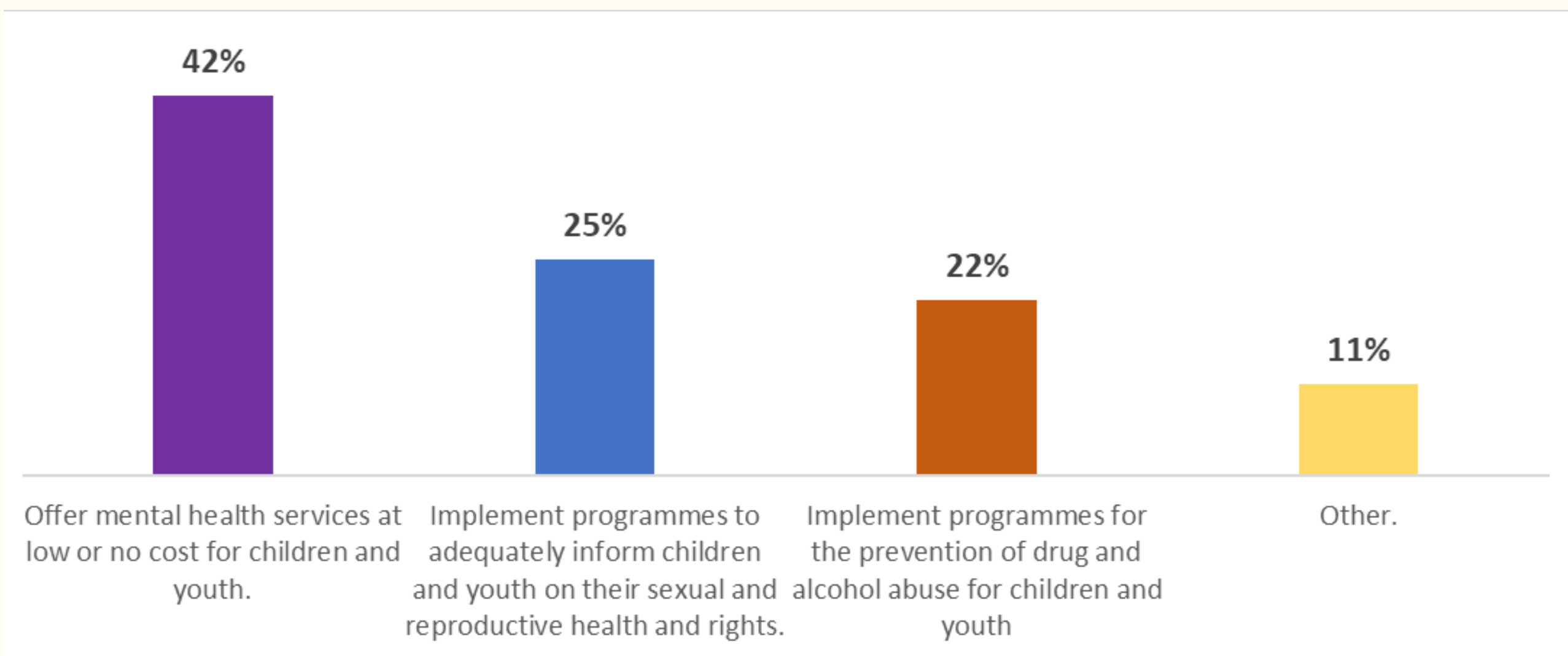
“Actions to inform and raise awareness to all citizens about any form of violence. For example by conducting council sessions.”

23 year-old girl from Attica (Marathonos)



Which of the below do you consider as the most important action that local authorities can take to ensure that you have access to adequate healthcare?

Almost half of respondents (42%) believe that local authorities should offer **mental health services** at low or no cost for children and youth.



Zooming in:

Throughout Macedonia the implementation of programmes for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse for children and youth comes first, with 67% in Eastern Macedonia highlighting its importance, followed by 40% in Western Macedonia.

“Mental health services for children and young people free of charge, and programs to adequately inform young people about sexual and reproductive health”

16 year-old girl Attica (Keratsini-Drapetsona)

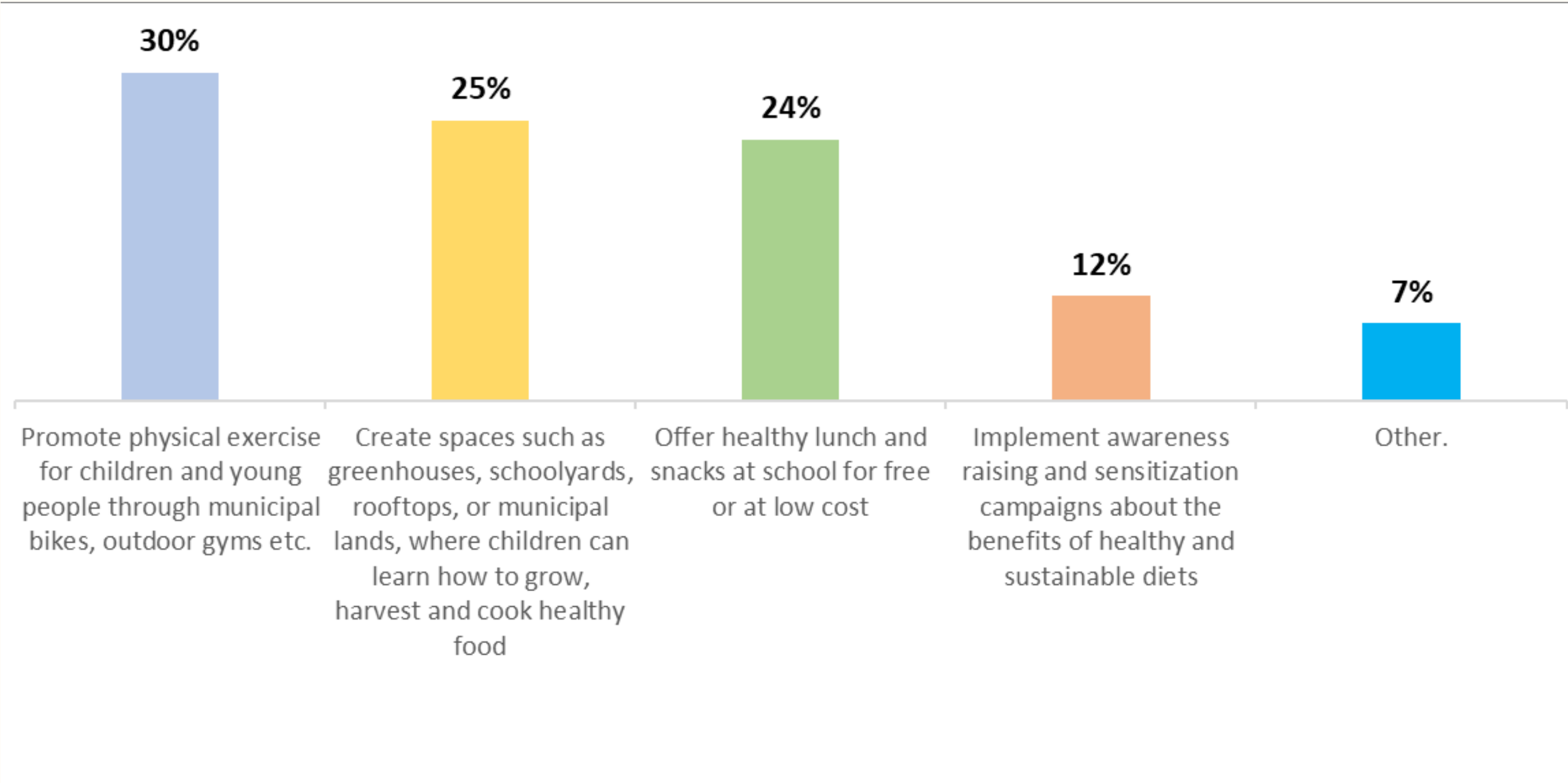
“A municipal center that will include free mental health services for all and a center for abused children, women and men”

16 year-old girl Central Macedonia (Pylaia-Chortiati)



Which do you consider as the most important action that local authorities can take to ensure that you have access to adequate nutrition?

The promotion of physical exercise through **cycling and outdoor gyms** (30%) followed by the provision of **healthy meals at schools** (25%) and the creation of municipal spaces where children can learn how to cultivate fruits and vegetables (24%) are considered as the most important actions.



Zooming in:

- Promotion of physical exercise comes first in Attica with 31% of young people aged 20 to 24, and 29% of children aged 15 to 19.
- 38% of male and 25% of female U-Reporters have physical exercise first among their preferences.

“Promotion of physical exercise for children and young people through the use of bicycles, outdoor fitness equipment etc. Offer healthy meals and snacks at school for free or at a low cost”

16 year-old girl Thessaly (Larissa)

“Awareness-raising campaign on the benefits of exercise and healthy eating”

17 year-old girl Thessaly (Larissa)

“Awareness-raising campaign on what health is and how we can achieve it”

16 year-old male Central Macedonia (Pylaia-Chortiatis)





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