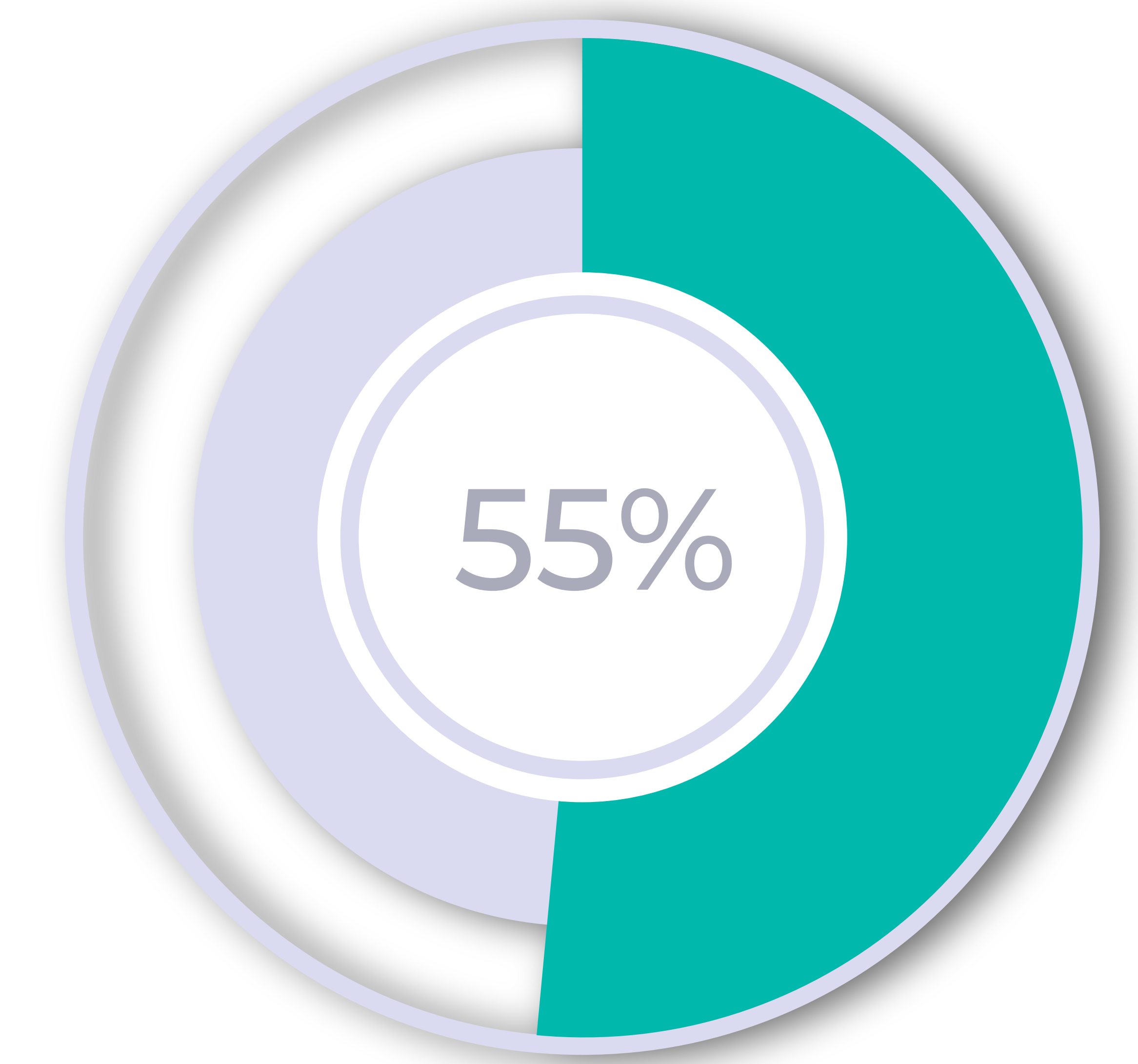
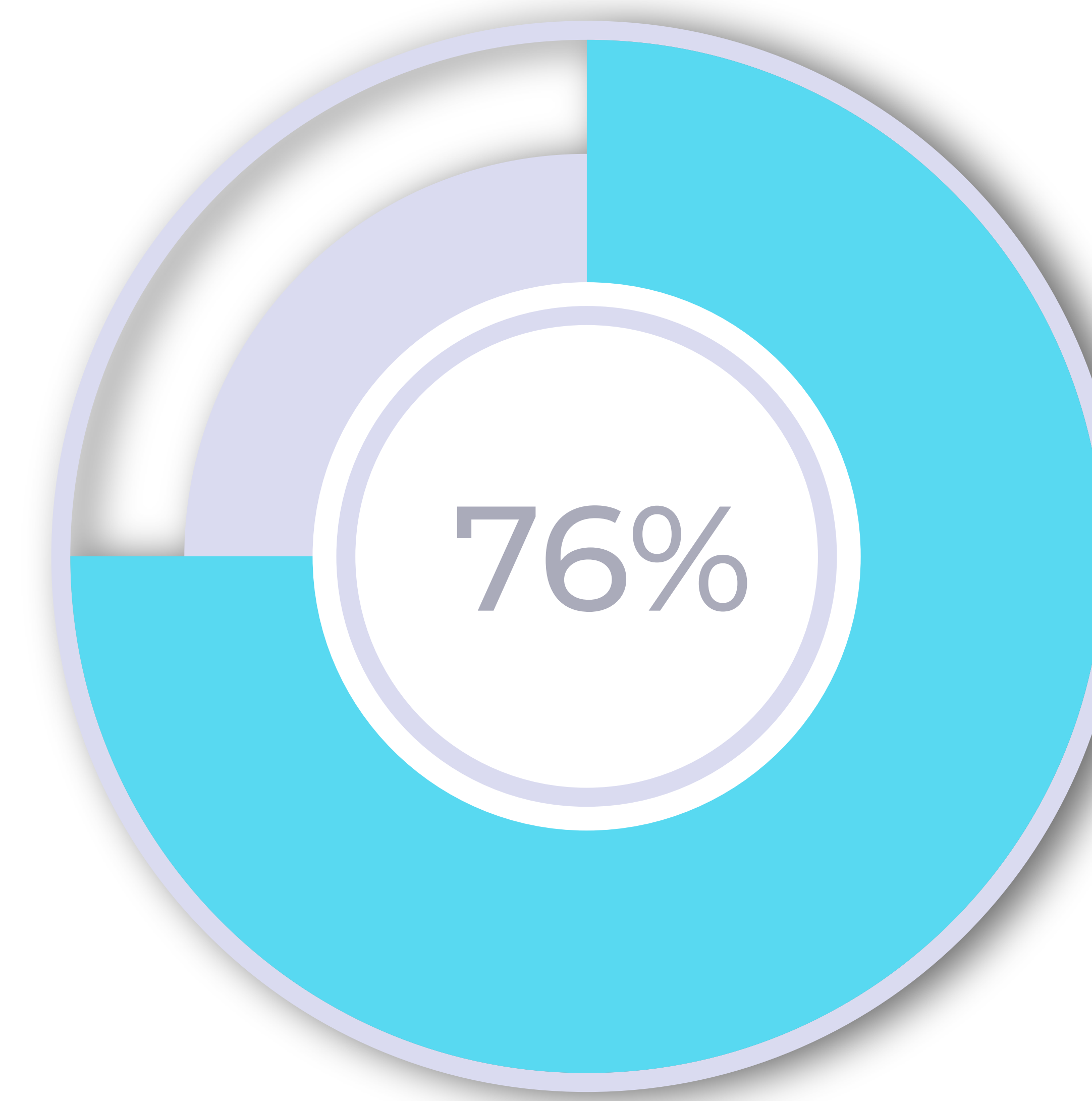


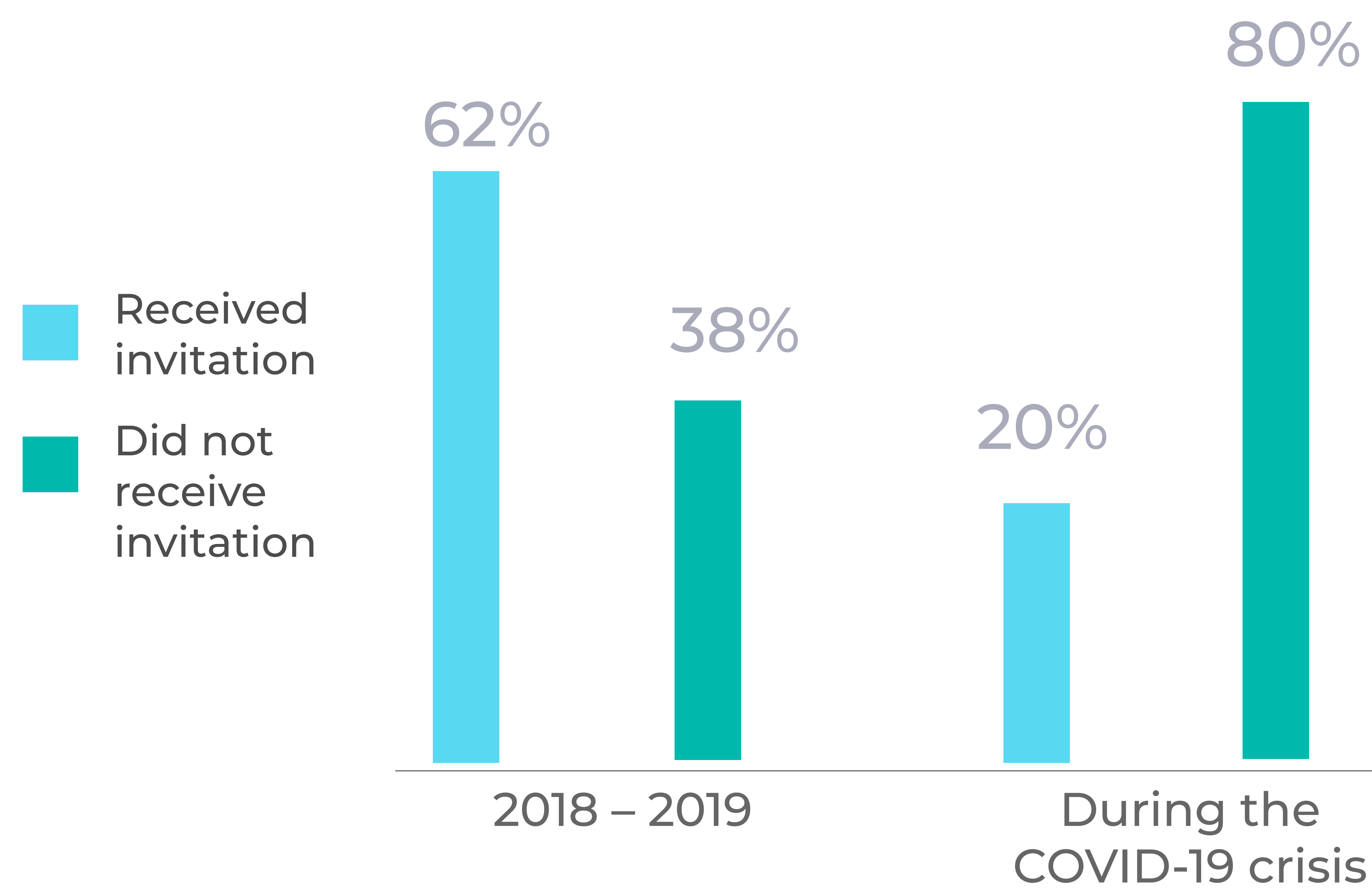
# EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS ON ACTIVITY AND CAPACITY OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Involvement of civil society organizations in activities related to **creation of policy proposals and measures** was marked by a decline during the COVID-19 health crisis in 2020, compared to the pre-crisis period. In the period 2018-2019, 76% of civil society organizations were involved in such activities, while during the crisis year (2020), this share has dropped to 55%.



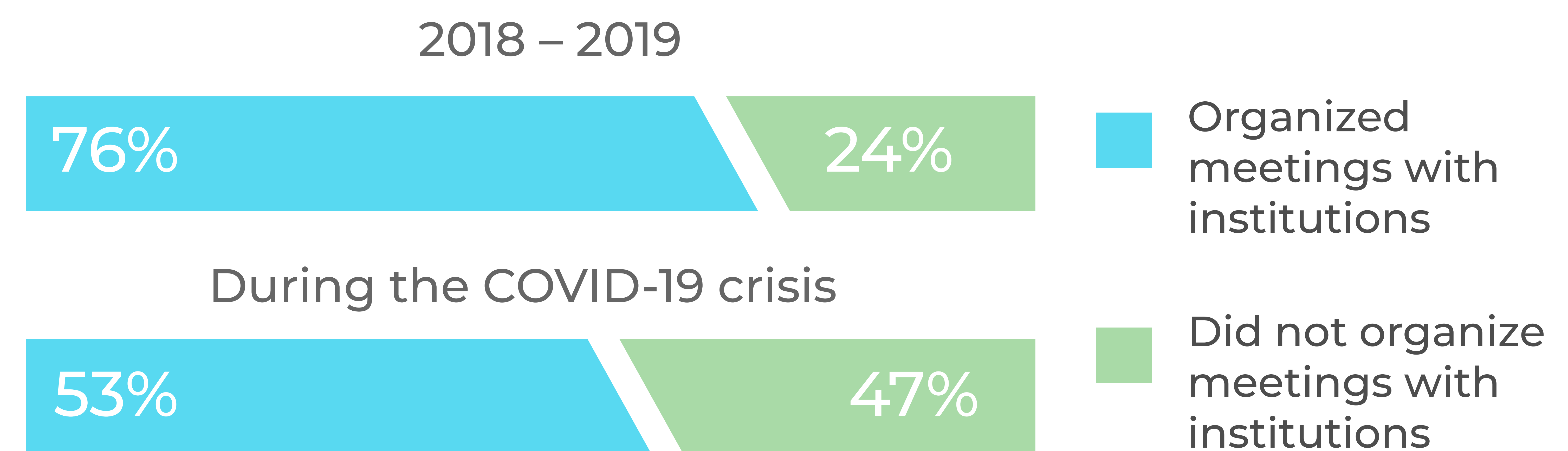
2018 – 2019

During the COVID-19 crisis



Only 20% of civil society organizations had been invited to **present their proposals directly before the institutions**. In the period 2018-2019, this share was three times higher and accounted for 62%.

**53% of organizations have initiated meetings with state institutions** for presentation of their policy proposals and measures during this crisis, accounting for 23 percentile points less compared to the period 2018-2019.



These data show a major difference in the approach of state institutions and the civil society and a serious decline in terms of civil society participation in policy creation and designing measures to address the crisis.

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In addition to declined participation of civil society organizations in policy making, the health crisis had seriously affected their material and financial operations:

44% of organizations reported that **funding for their project had been delayed** due to the covid-19 crisis.

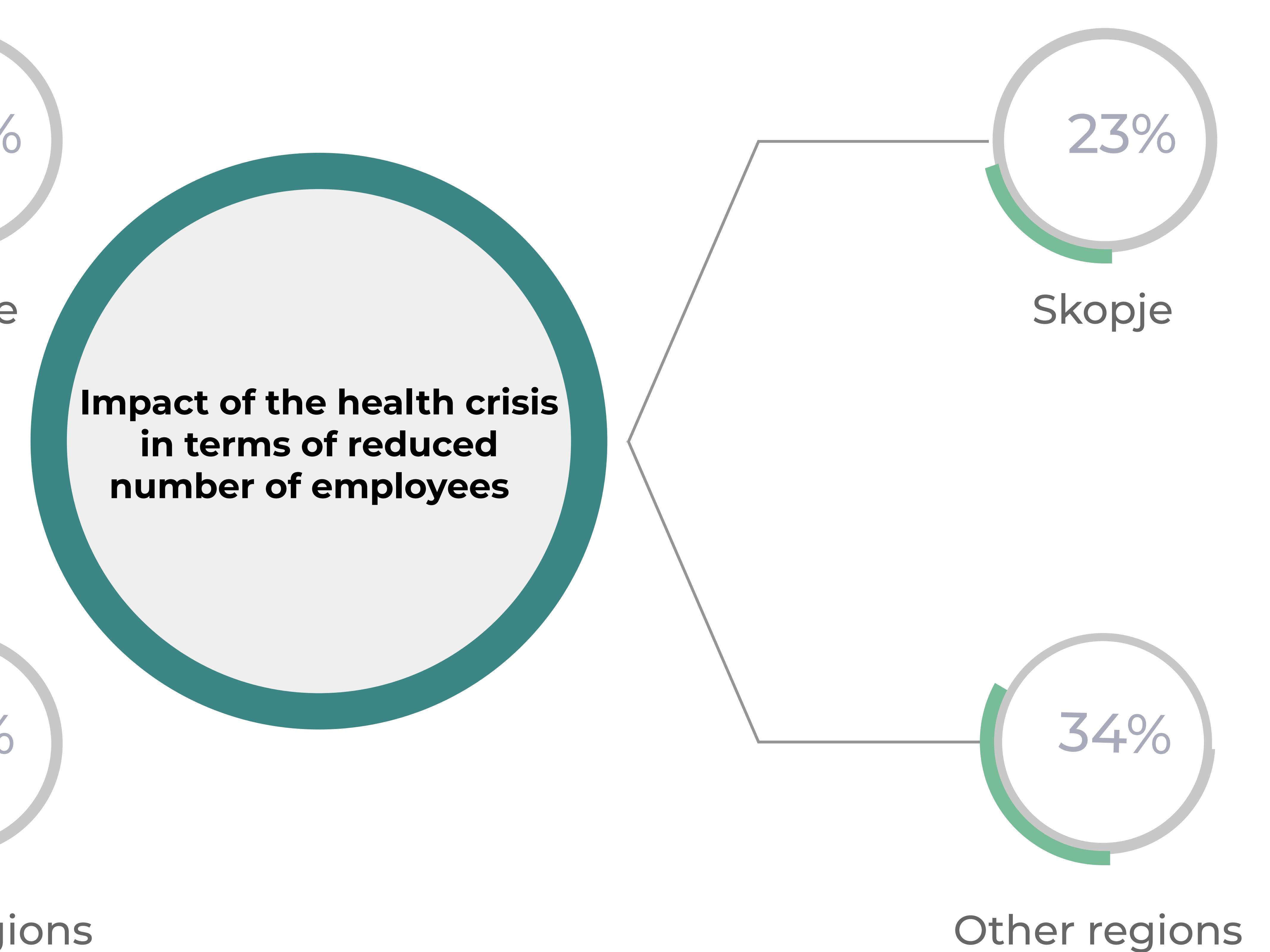
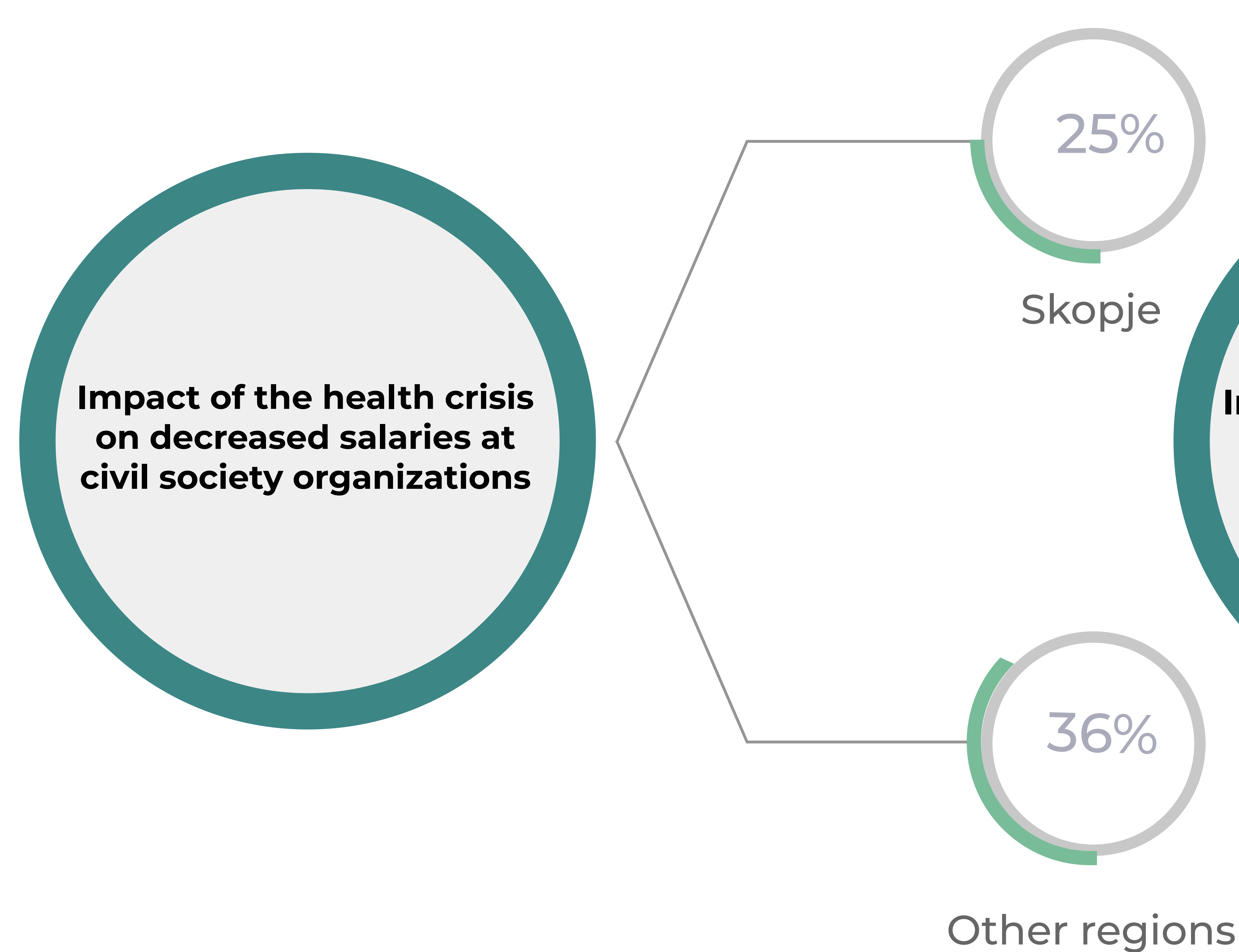
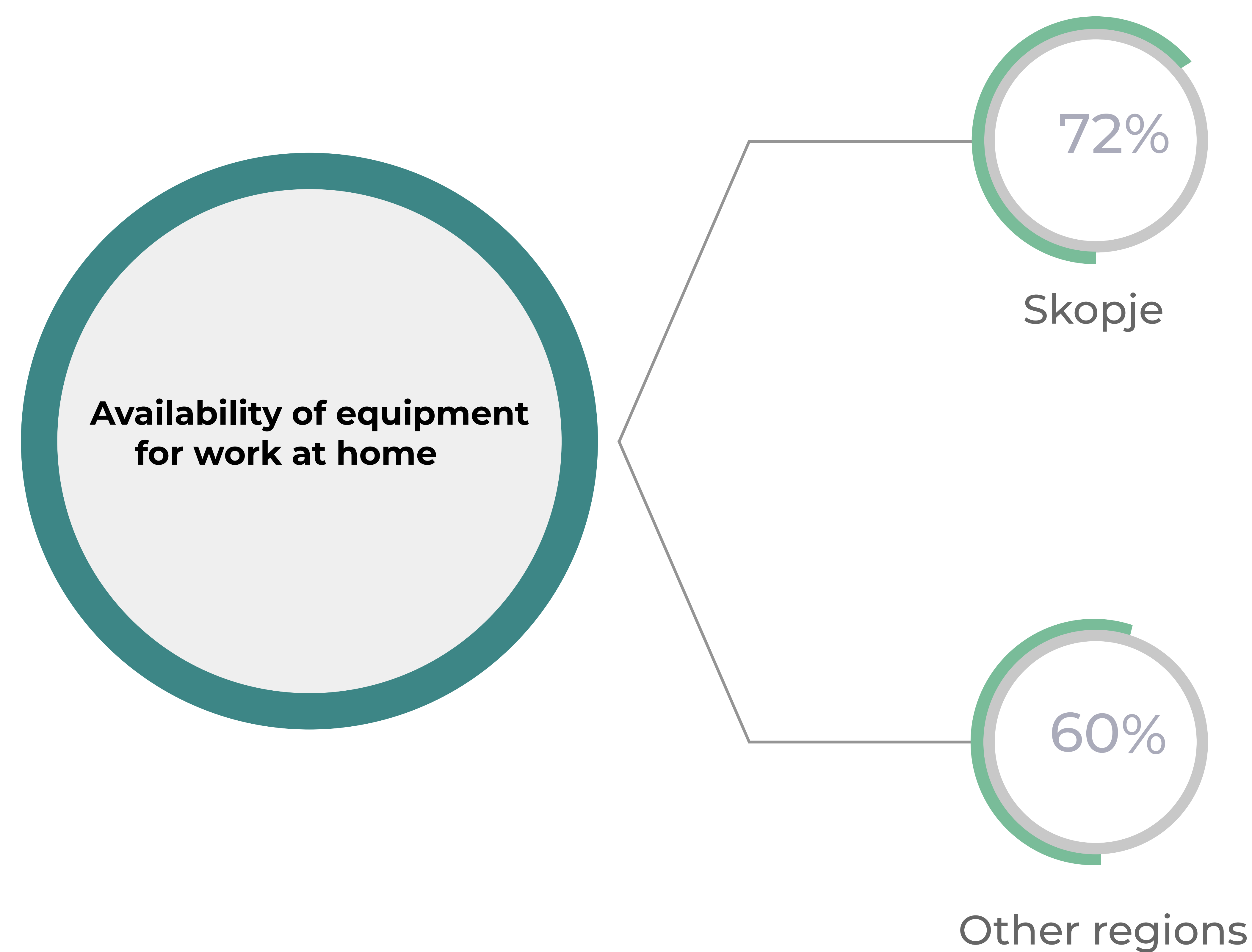
- In addition, 23% of organizations reported that **funding for their project had been terminated** during the covid-19 crisis.

28% stated that the crisis has led to **reduced number of employees** at their organization.

30% indicated **decrease of salaries** at their organization due to the crisis.

34% of organizations **lack sufficient technical and digital equipment** to work at home and comply with health protection measures for their employees against covid-19.

According to their geographical location, **civil society organizations located outside of Skopje** are facing greater challenges compared to those based in Skopje.



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