



2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Gender Perspective



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CEC	Central Electoral Commission
CCET	Center for Continuous Electoral Training
DEC II	District Electoral Council (second level)
DEC I	District Electoral Council (first level)
PEB	Precint Electoral Bureau

Since 2014, UNDP Moldova has supported the Central Electoral Commission in developing and presenting the analysis of elections from a gender equality perspective. The infographic set concerning the number and share of women and men involved in the electoral processes was presented to the general public after each national election exercise.

The first round of Moldovan Presidential Elections was conducted on 1 November 2020 with the participation of **1 364 597** voters or **48.81%** of the total number of citizens with voting rights. The second round of elections was held on 15 November 2020, and the voter turnout reached **59.01%** constituting **1 650 131** voters.

This infographic set represents the Presidential Elections from the gender perspective, describing the data for: **Electoral Management, Training of Electoral Officials, Election Observation, Electoral Contestants, Voter Participation (first and second rounds), Out-of-Country Voting** and **Voter Participation (comparative analysis)**.

The infographic set also comprises data on the voters' age and geographical location criteria. It highlights the most active localities from the Republic of Moldova and out-of-country in terms of voter turnout.



1. ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT

More women than men were involved in organising and conducting the 2020 Presidential Elections. Hence, men accounted for **38.3%** of the District Electoral Council (DEC) members and for slightly above **16%** of the Precinct Electoral Bureau (PEB) members.

In comparison with the 2016 Presidential Elections, the number of women holding the position of DEC Chairperson increased (**47%** in **2020** compared to **31%** in **2016**). The number of women holding the position of Deputy Chairperson also rose: **53%** in **2020** compared to **43%** in **2016**. Likewise, the number of women acting as DEC Secretary and DEC Member increased further in 2020 as compared to 2016.

As for the PEB composition, women constituted the overwhelming majority, while the number of men for all four positions (of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, and Member) dropped in comparison with 2016.



1. Electoral management

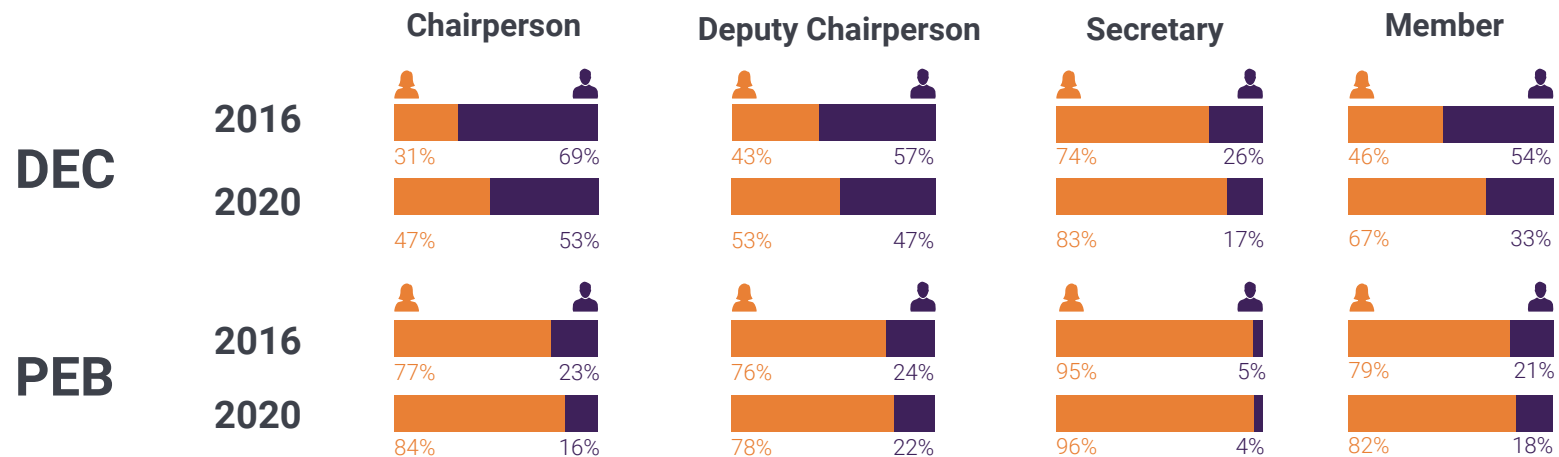
1.1 Composition of the Central Electoral Commission



1.2 Composition of the electoral management bodies



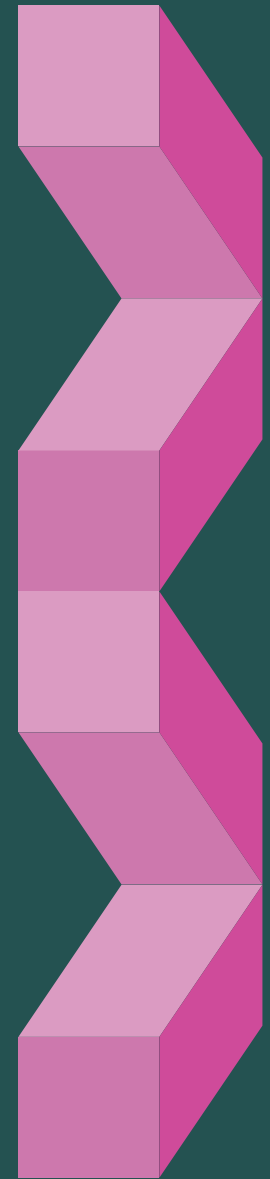
1.3 Composition of the electoral management bodies (by function)



2. TRAINING OF ELECTORAL OFFICIALS

More than **5 500** persons, of whom **77%** were women, had been trained by the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training to fill in the electoral officials' positions during the Presidential Elections held in November 2020. Likewise, other **3 338** persons, of whom slightly more than **70%** were women, had been trained to fill in the operator positions within the Precinct Electoral Bureaus.

In comparison with the 2016 Presidential Elections, the number of men trained as DEC electoral officials decreased from **50%** in **2016** to **35.7%** in **2020**. Instead, the number of men trained as PEB electoral officials rose by a small margin: **17%** in **2016** vs. **22.6%** in **2020**.



2. Training of electoral officials

2.1 Trained electoral officials (total)



2.2 DEC electoral officials trained



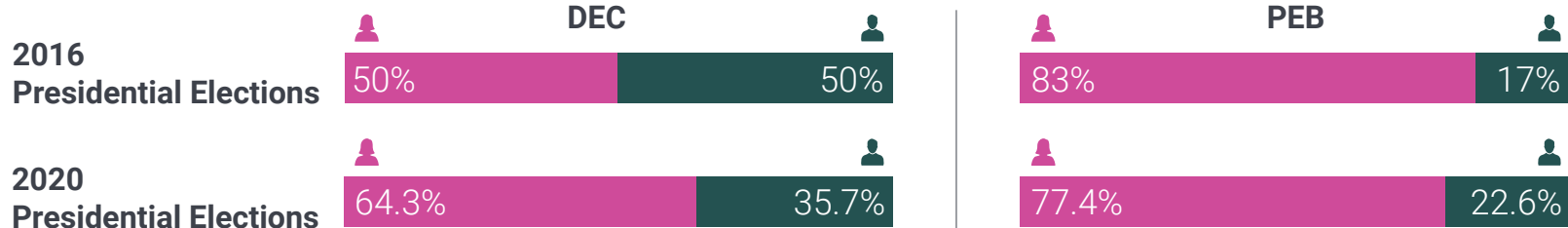
2.3 PEB electoral officials trained



2.4 PEB operators trained



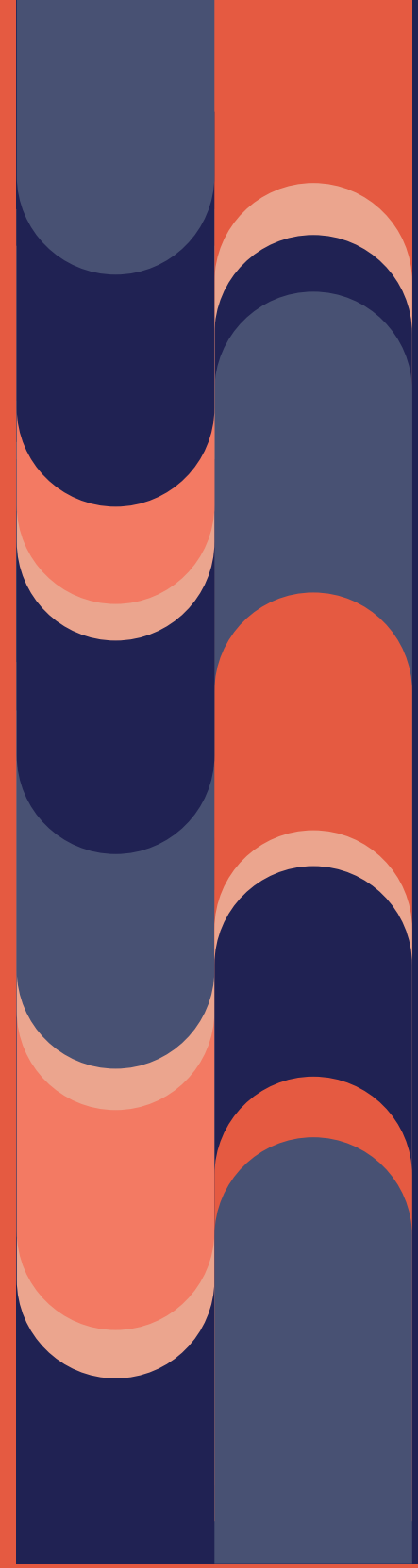
2.5 Comparative analysis of trained electoral officials



3. ELECTION OBSERVATION

The 2020 Presidential Elections were conducted under the COVID-19 pandemic conditions, which was the main cause of the drop in the number of both national and international observers as compared to the 2016 Presidential Elections. Hence, overall, **2 364** national and international observers, of whom **46.6%** were women, monitored the electoral process.

The election monitoring involved **2 031** national observers, of whom **49%** were women, or by **1 368** less than during the previous Presidential Elections. As for the international observers, their number reached **333** in **2020**, of whom more than **30%** were women, as compared to **636** in **2016**.



3. Election observation

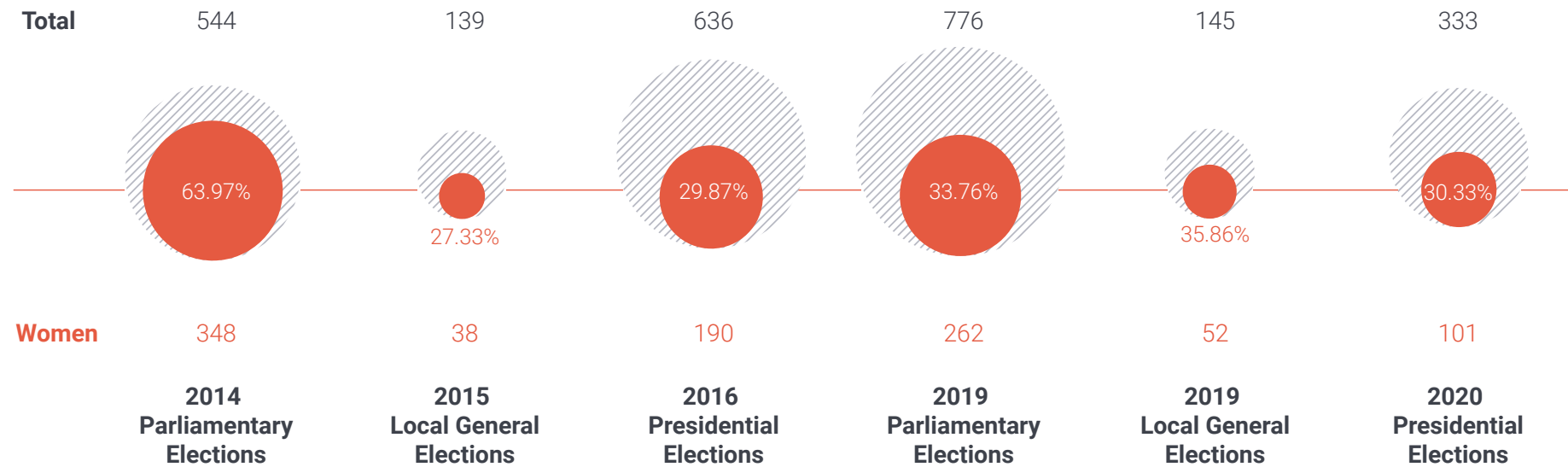
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3.2 International observers accredited by the CEC

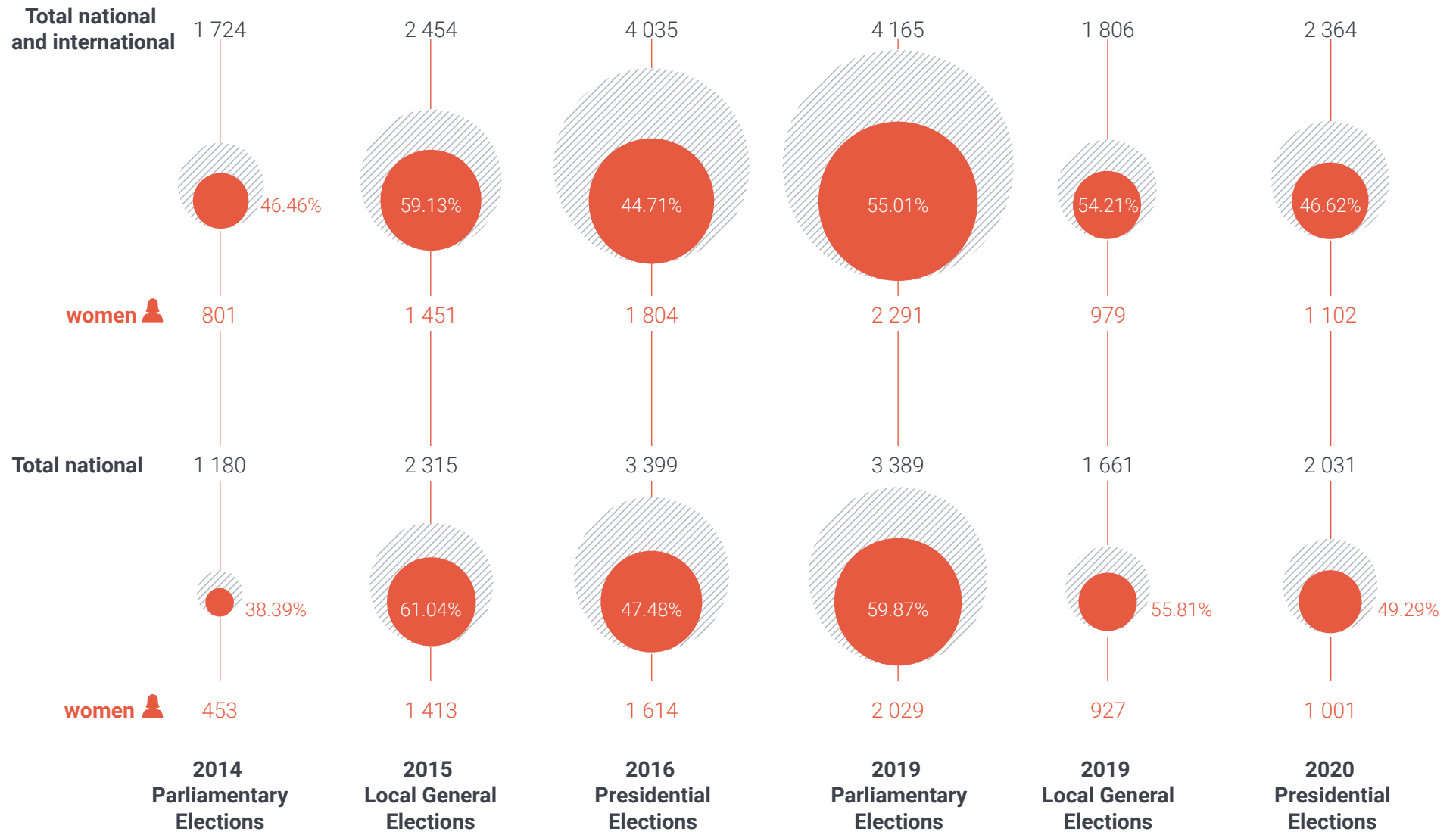


3.3 Share of women among accredited international observers



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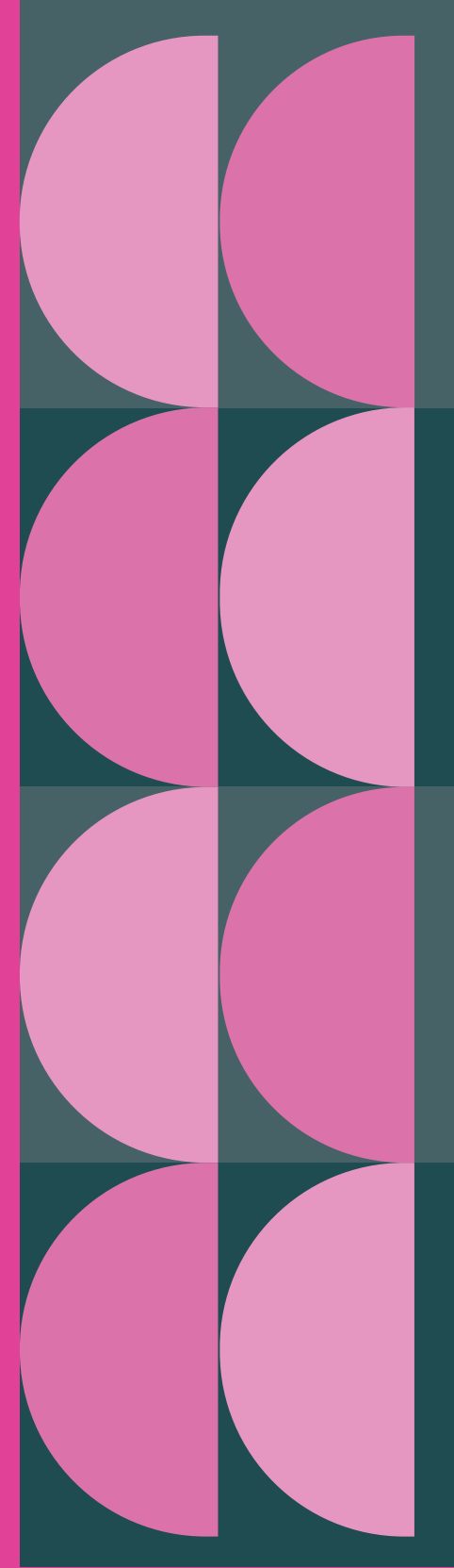


4. ELECTORAL CONTESTANTS

Six men and **two women** were registered as **2020 Presidential Election Candidates** as compared to **five men** and **four women** running for President in 2016.

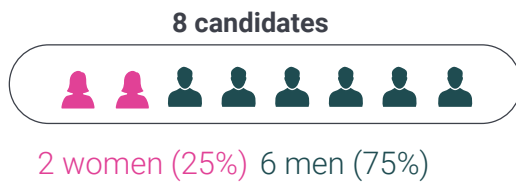
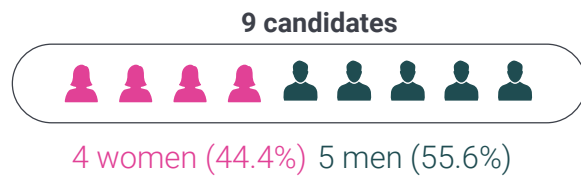
One male candidate (Igor Dodon) and one female candidate (Maia Sandu) participated in the second round of the 2020 Presidential Elections.

The gender composition of the initiative groups supporting the electoral candidates was represented mainly by men, even in the case of those two female candidates.



4. Electoral contestants

4.1 Electoral candidates



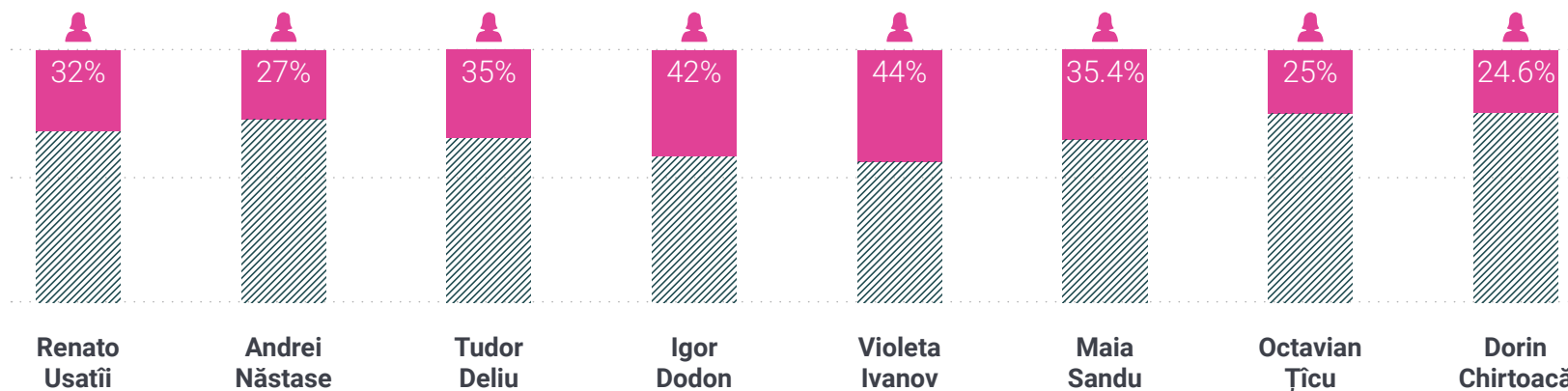
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4.3 Share of women in the candidates initiative groups



5. VOTER PARTICIPATION (FIRST ROUND)

During the first round of the 2020 Presidential Elections, **1 364 597** people (**48.81%** of those included in the Voters' Lists) cast their vote. Among the persons present at polls **53.42%** were women.

The **56 – 70 years people** were amongst **the most active and numerous** voters as their turnout reached almost **65%** from their age group, which was slightly over **30%** of the total number of people who participated in elections.

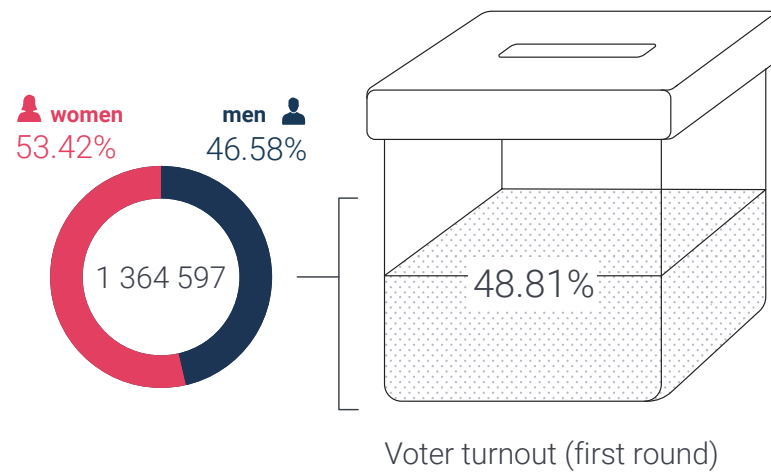
As many as **16 706** voters were 18-year-olds who cast their vote for the first time, representing **more than half** of the 18-year people included in the Voters' Lists. As for the **18 – 25 years'** group of citizens with voting rights, more than **40%** of those registered in the Voters' Lists cast their vote during the first round, accounting for **8.8%** of the total number of people present at polls.

The turnout rate in the **rural area** reached **42.4%**, of whom almost **53%** were women. In **the urban area**, the turnout rate reached **56.4%**, of whom almost **54%** were women.

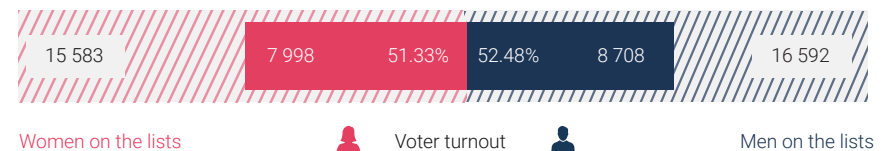
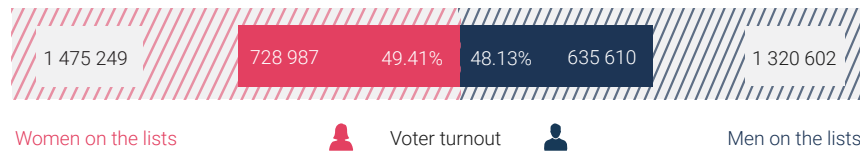
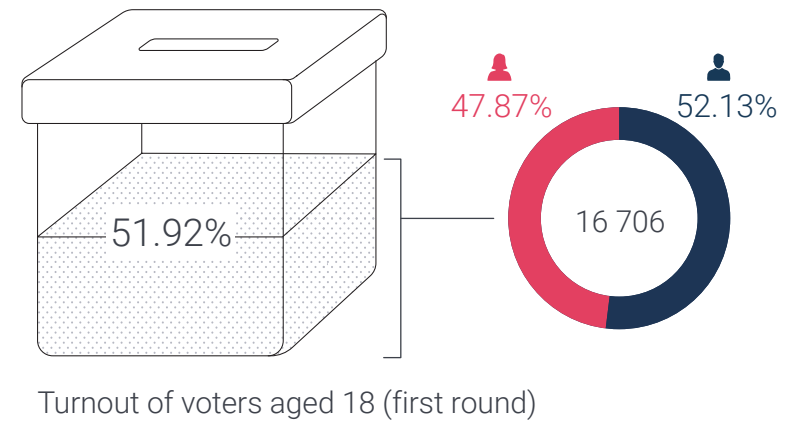


5. Voter participation (first round)

5.1 Gender profile of voters present at polls

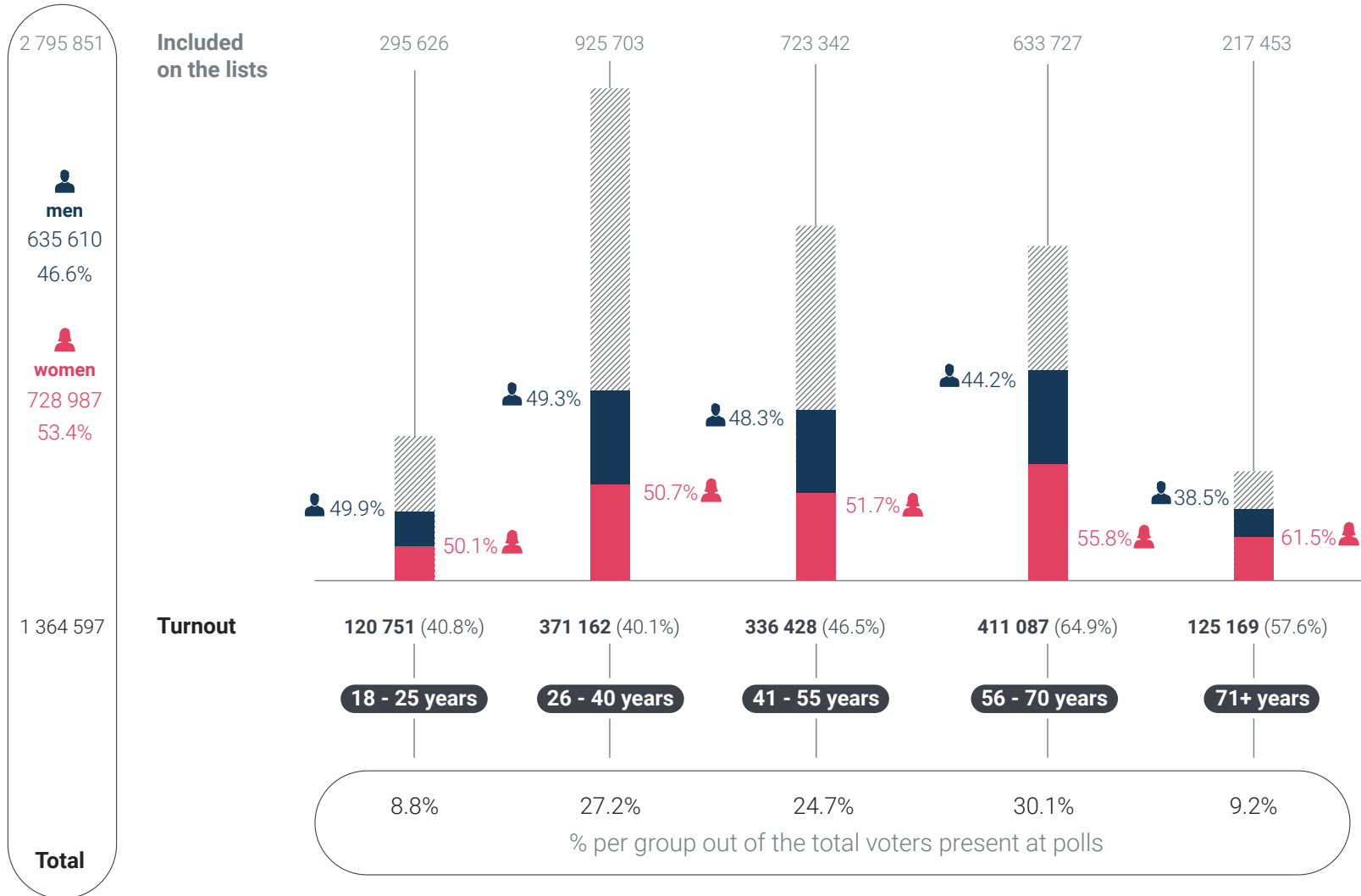


5.2 Gender profile of voters aged 18 present at polls



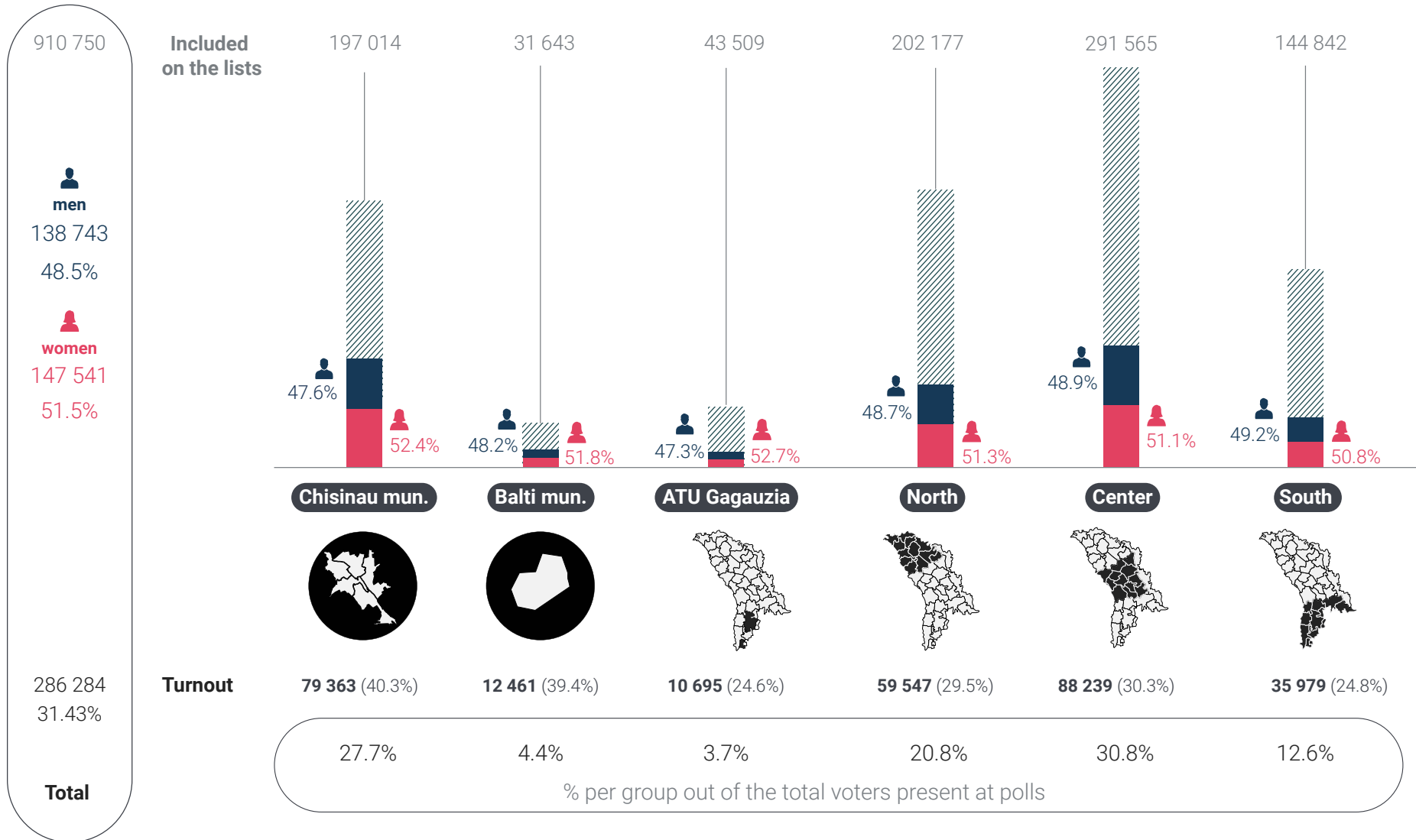
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5.3 Gender profile of voters present at polls (by gender and age)



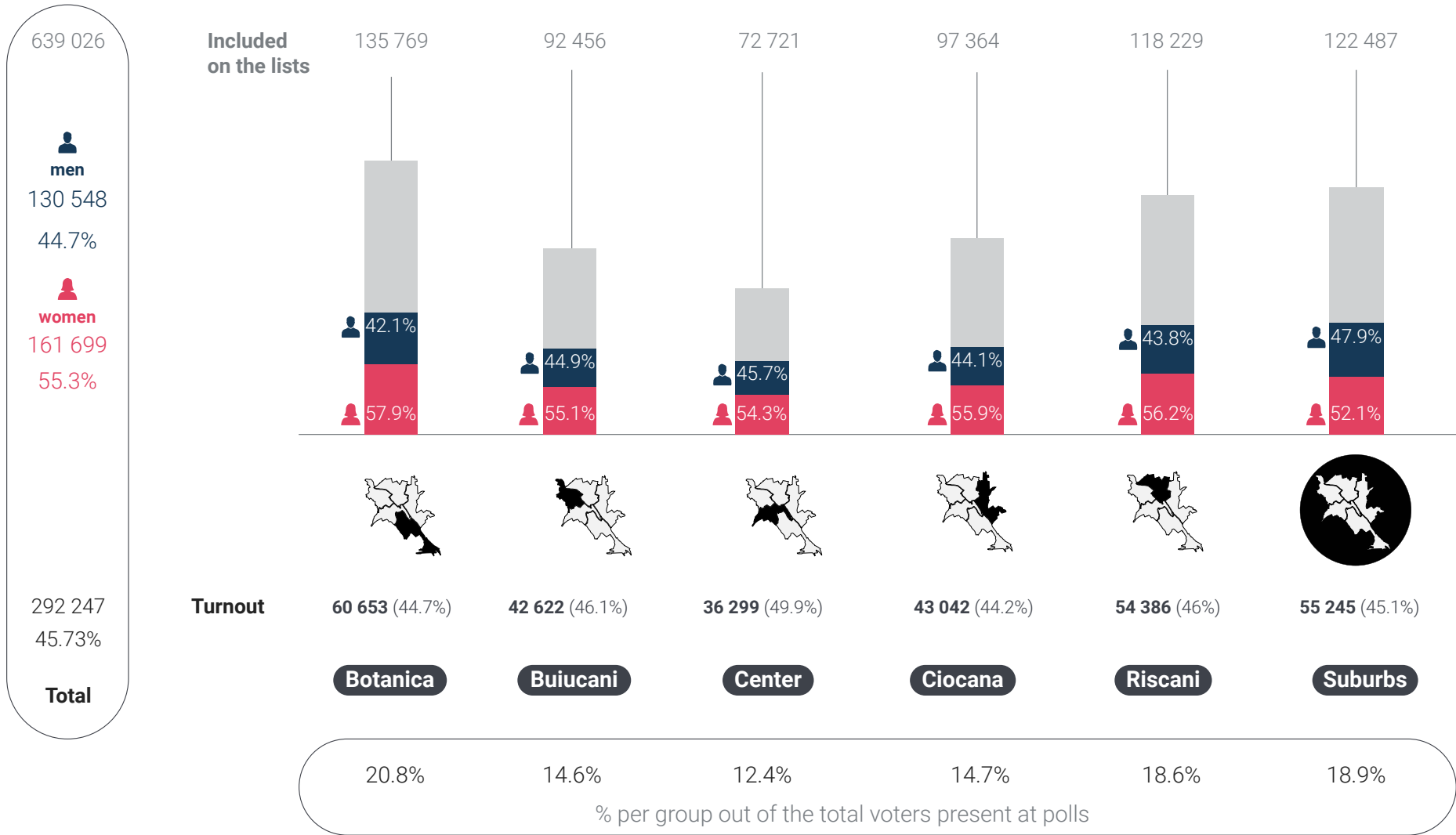
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5.4 Voter turnout of young people (18-35 years)



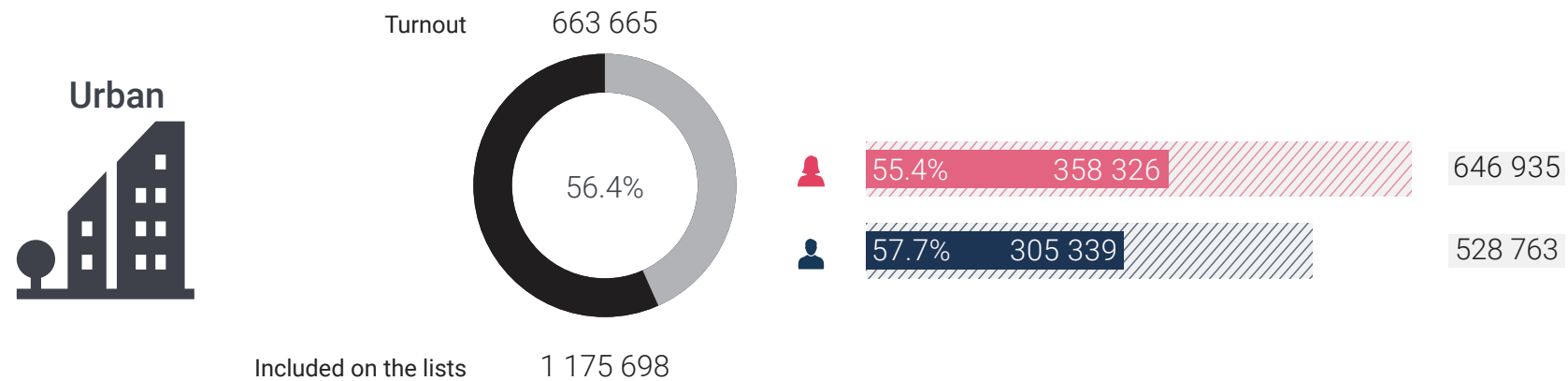
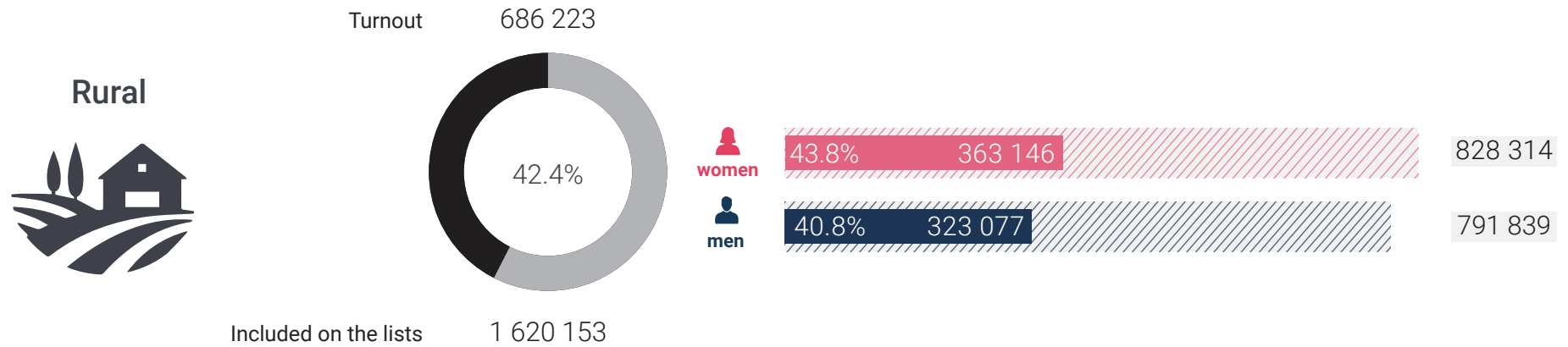
5. Voter participation (first round)

5.5 Voter participation in the Chisinau municipality



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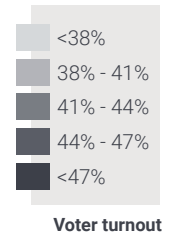
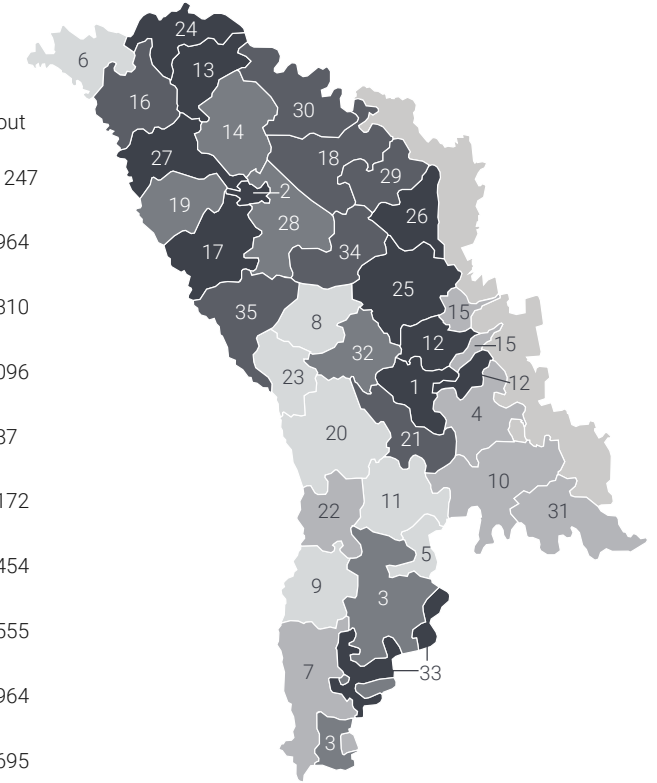
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5. Voter participation (first round)

5.7 Voter turnout rates

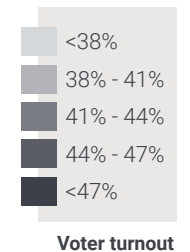
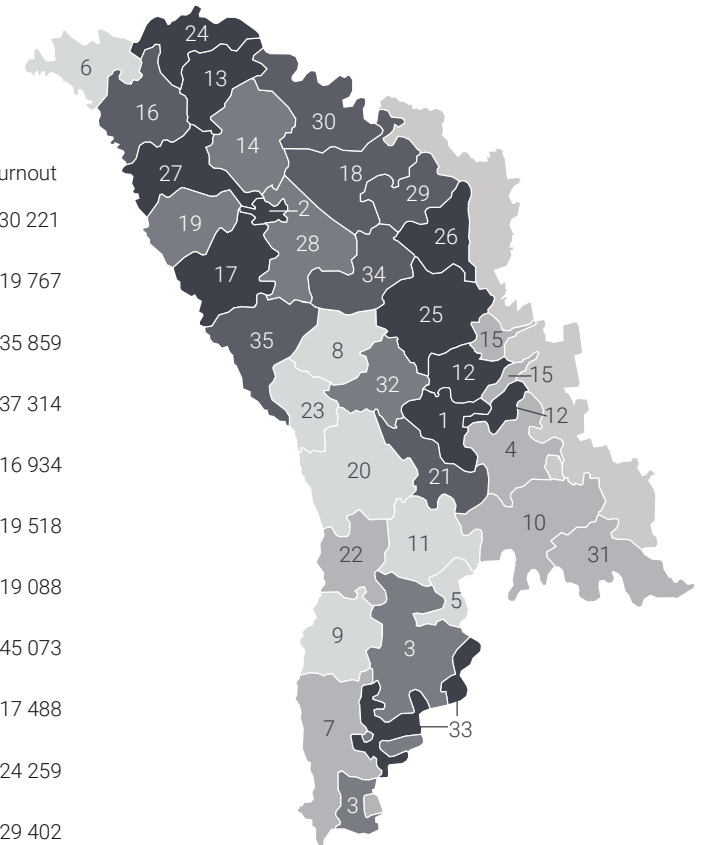
	Voter turnout	On the lists		Turnout		On the lists	Turnout	
		women	men	women	men			
1 Chisinau mun.	45.7%	356 141	161 699	45.4%	46.1%	130 548	282 885	292 247
2 Balti mun.	45.7%	57 086	26 308	46.1%	45.3%	20 656	45 638	46 964
3 ATU Gagauzia	41.6%	68 254	29 882	43.8%	39.1%	24 428	62 443	54 310
4 Anenii Noi	40.8%	35 625	14 680	41.2%	40.3%	13 416	33 260	28 096
5 Basarabeasca	35.9%	12 370	4 532	36.6%	35.1%	4 055	11 562	8 587
6 Briceni	39.9%	31 733	12 830	40.4%	39.4%	11 342	28 782	24 172
7 Cahul	39.1%	51 758	20 706	40%	38.1%	17 748	46 534	38 454
8 Calarasi	38.7%	31 128	12 127	39%	38.5%	11 428	29 686	23 555
9 Cantemir	36.3%	24 867	9 272	37.3%	35.4%	8 692	24 572	17 964
10 Causeni	39.9%	36 706	15 379	41.9%	37.8%	13 316	35 198	28 695
11 Cimisia	36.3%	25 513	9 086	35.6%	37%	8 852	23 906	17 938
12 Criuleni	45.6%	30 588	14 386	47%	44.1%	12 575	28 533	26 961
13 Donduseni	46.7%	17 184	8 243	48%	45.2%	6 912	15 295	15 155
14 Drochia	42.4%	36 083	15 683	43.5%	41.3%	13 425	32 506	29 108
15 Dubasari	40.4%	14 397	5 999	41.7%	39.1%	5 682	14 535	11 681
16 Edinet	43.3%	33 827	15 081	44.6%	41.9%	12 453	29 735	27 534
17 Falesti	46.3%	36 351	18 030	49.6%	42.9%	14 667	34 219	32 697



5. Voter participation (first round)

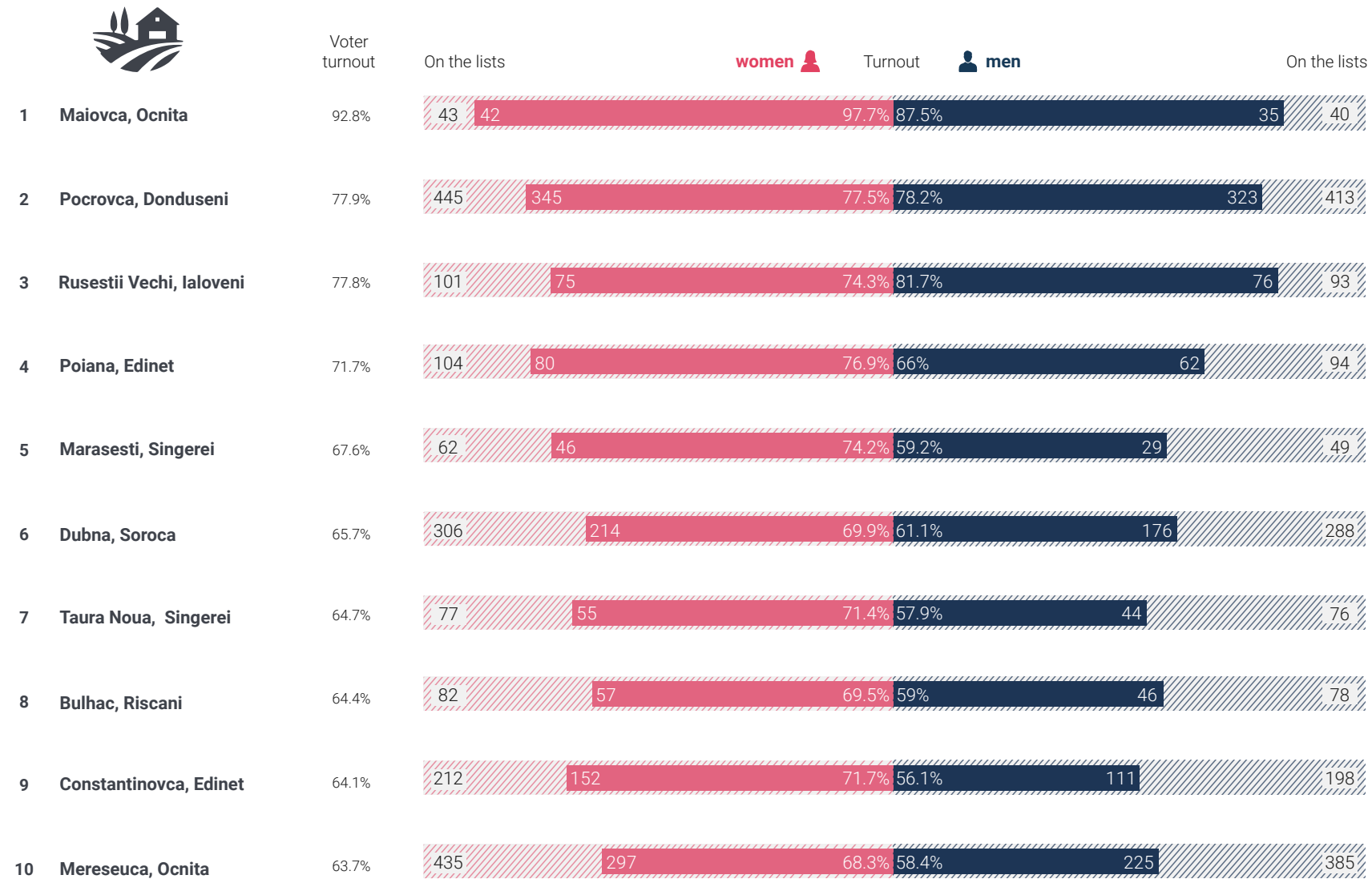
5.7 Voter turnout rates (continued)

	Voter turnout	On the lists		Turnout		On the lists	Turnout	
		women	men	women	men			
18 Floresti	43.2%	36 393	16 500	45.3%	40.8%	13 721	33 593	30 221
19 Glodeni	42.5%	24 184	10 656	44.1%	40.8%	9 111	22 304	19 767
20 Hincesti	36.4%	50 697	18 452	36.4%	36.5%	17 407	47 727	35 859
21 Ialoveni	44.1%	43 486	19 405	44.6%	43.5%	17 909	41 187	37 314
22 Leova	39.9%	21 653	8 809	40.7%	39%	8 125	20 838	16 934
23 Nisporeni	36.7%	27 209	9 903	36.4%	37%	9 615	25 998	19 518
24 Ocnita	47.6%	21 288	10 636	50%	44.9%	8 452	18 825	19 088
25 Orhei	45.4%	51 257	24 167	47.1%	43.6%	20 906	47 955	45 073
26 Rezina	46%	19 148	9 078	47.4%	44.6%	8 410	18 863	17 488
27 Riscani	46.3%	27 381	13 263	48.4%	43.9%	10 996	25 048	24 259
28 Singerei	42.1%	35 799	16 164	45.2%	38.8%	13 238	34 102	29 402
29 Soldanesti	44.1%	16 565	7 637	46.1%	42%	6 712	15 967	14 349
30 Soroca	44.4%	40 731	18 577	45.6%	43%	15 853	36 887	34 430
31 Stefan Voda	40.6%	28 716	12 122	42.2%	39%	10 852	27 821	22 974
32 Straseni	41.2%	39 475	16 391	41.5%	40.9%	15 073	36 870	31 464
33 Taraclia	44.7%	17 623	8 250	46.8%	42.4%	7 008	16 521	15 258
34 Telenesti	43.2%	27 912	12 788	45.8%	40.6%	11 139	27 412	23 927
35 Ungheni	43.1%	46 121	20 663	44.8%	41.3%	17 942	43 395	38 605



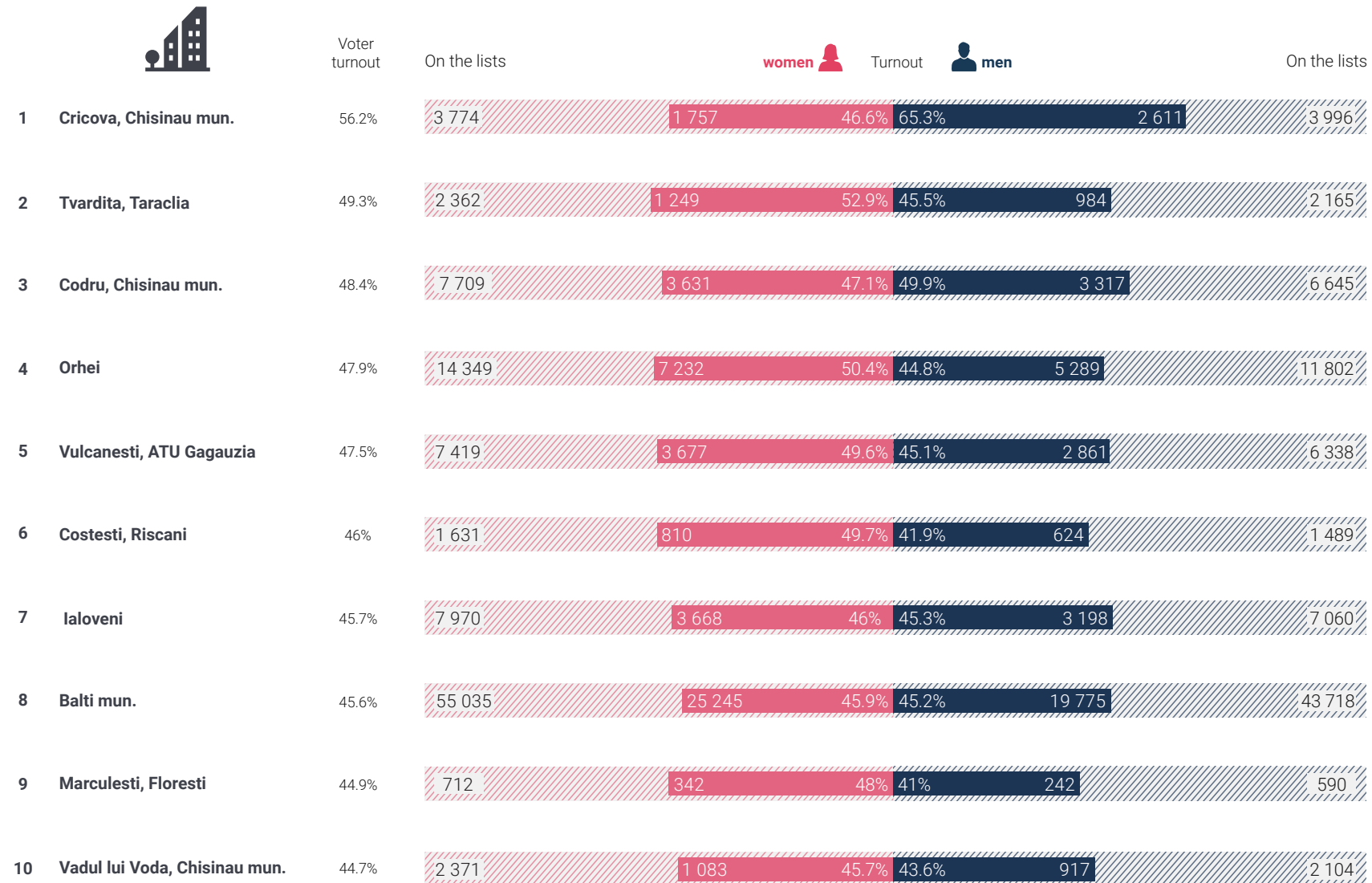
5. Voter participation (first round)

5.8 Top 10 localities with the highest voter participation (rural area)



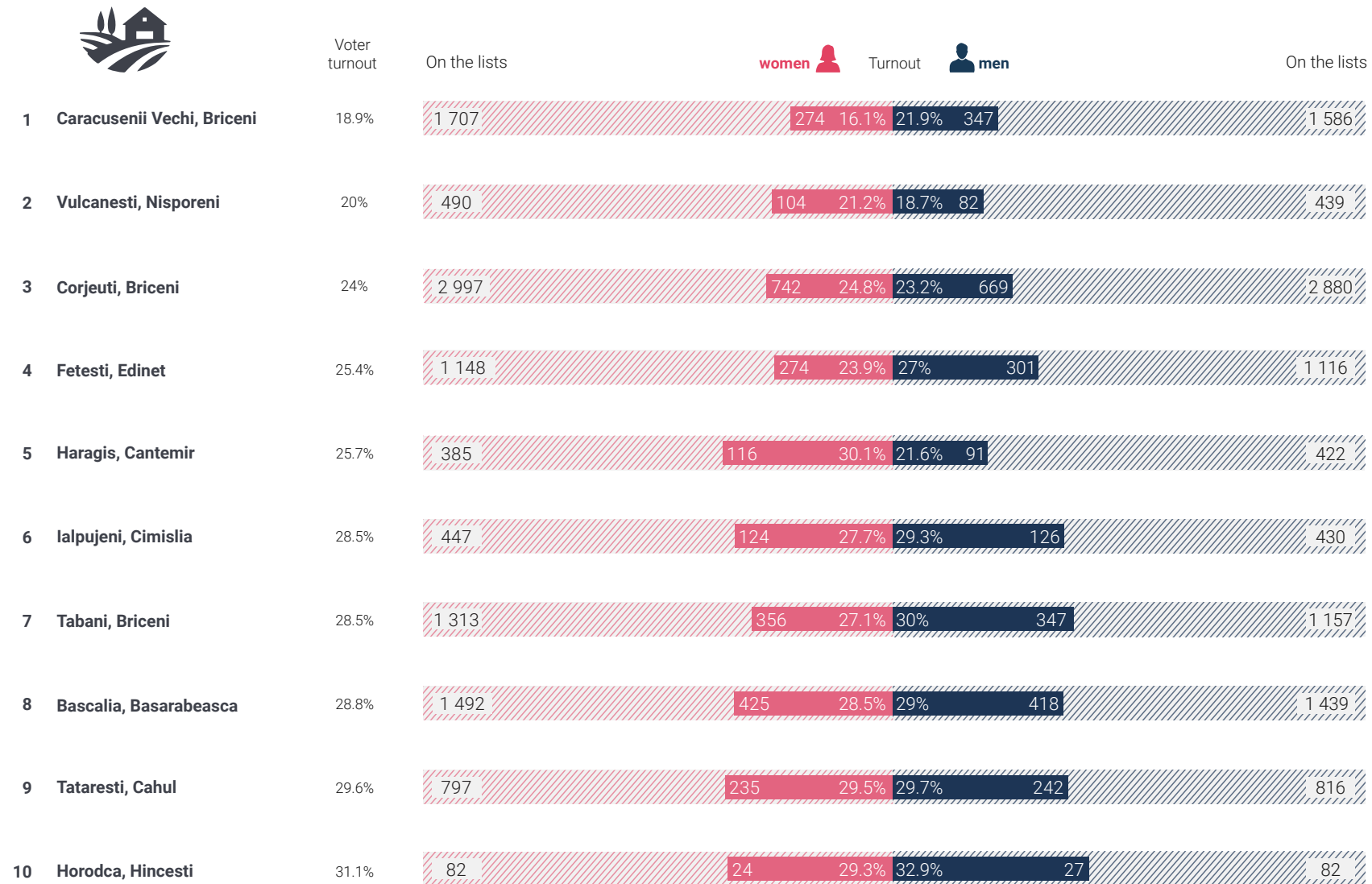
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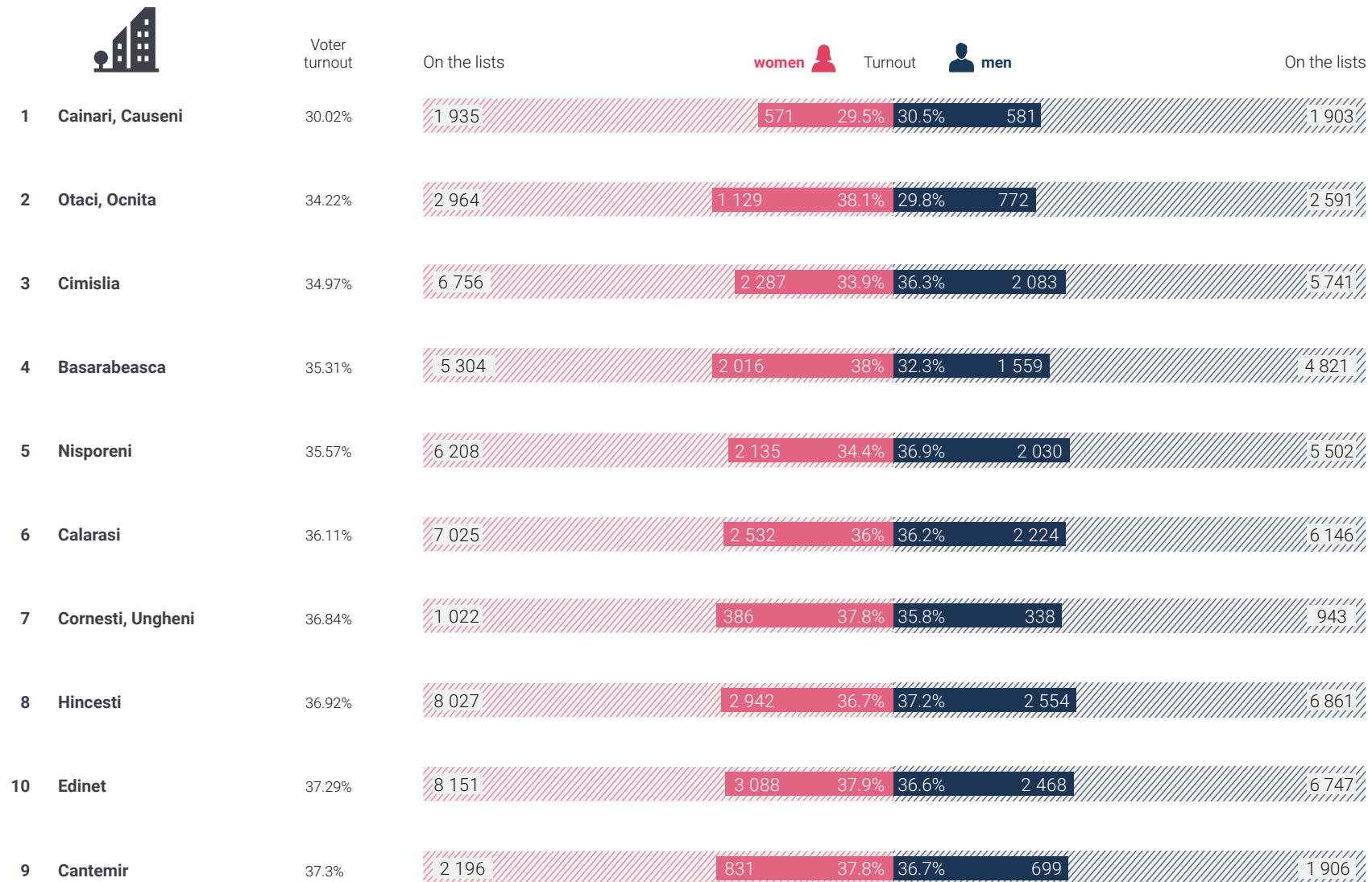
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5.10 Top 10 localities with the lowest voter participation (rural area)



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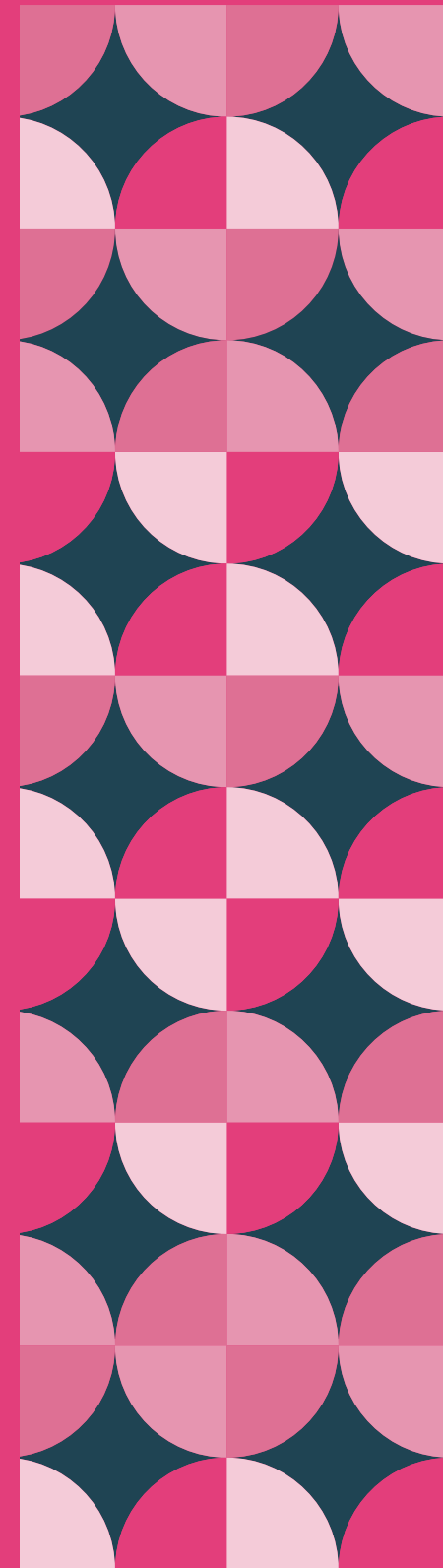
6. VOTER PARTICIPATION (SECOND ROUND)

As many as **1 650 131** voters or **59.01%** of those included in the Voters' Lists participated in the 2020 Presidential Elections (second round).

Like in the first round, the **56 – 70-year-olds** were amongst **the most active** voters, whose turnout reached **73.8%** from their age group. Nonetheless, on 15 November 2020, the voters aged **26 to 40 years** were the **most numerous**, making up almost one third (**28.7%**) of the total number of people present at polls.

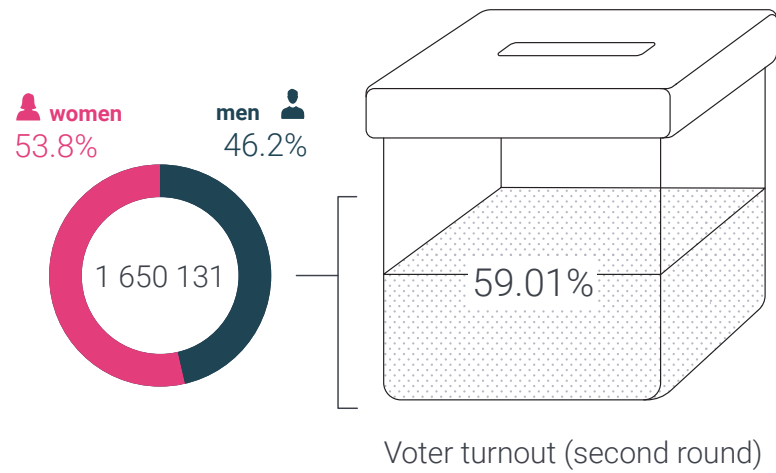
The number of **18-year-old people** who voted in the second round was by **3 381** more comparing to the first round. As for the **18 – 25-year-olds**, their proportion represented **52.2%** of those included in the Voters' Lists and **9.3%** of the second round's voter turnout.

During the second round, the voter turnout rate in the **rural area** reached **47%** (**by 2% more than in the first round**), women making up more than **53%** of the total number of people who cast their vote. The turnout rate in the **urban area** was **72.8%** (**by 16.4% more than in the first round**) out of which more than **54%** were women.

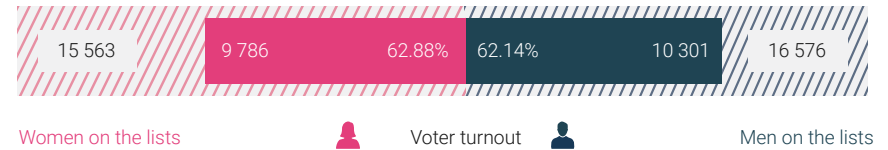
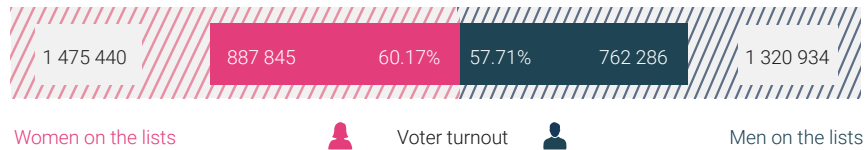
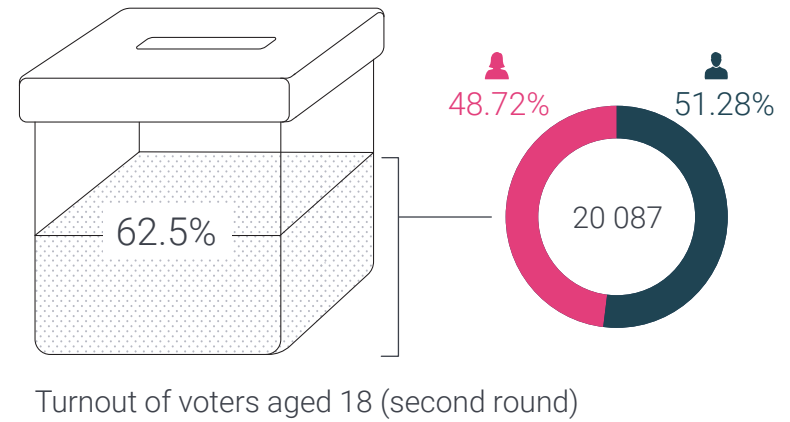


6. Voter participation (second round)

6.1 Gender profile of voters present at polls

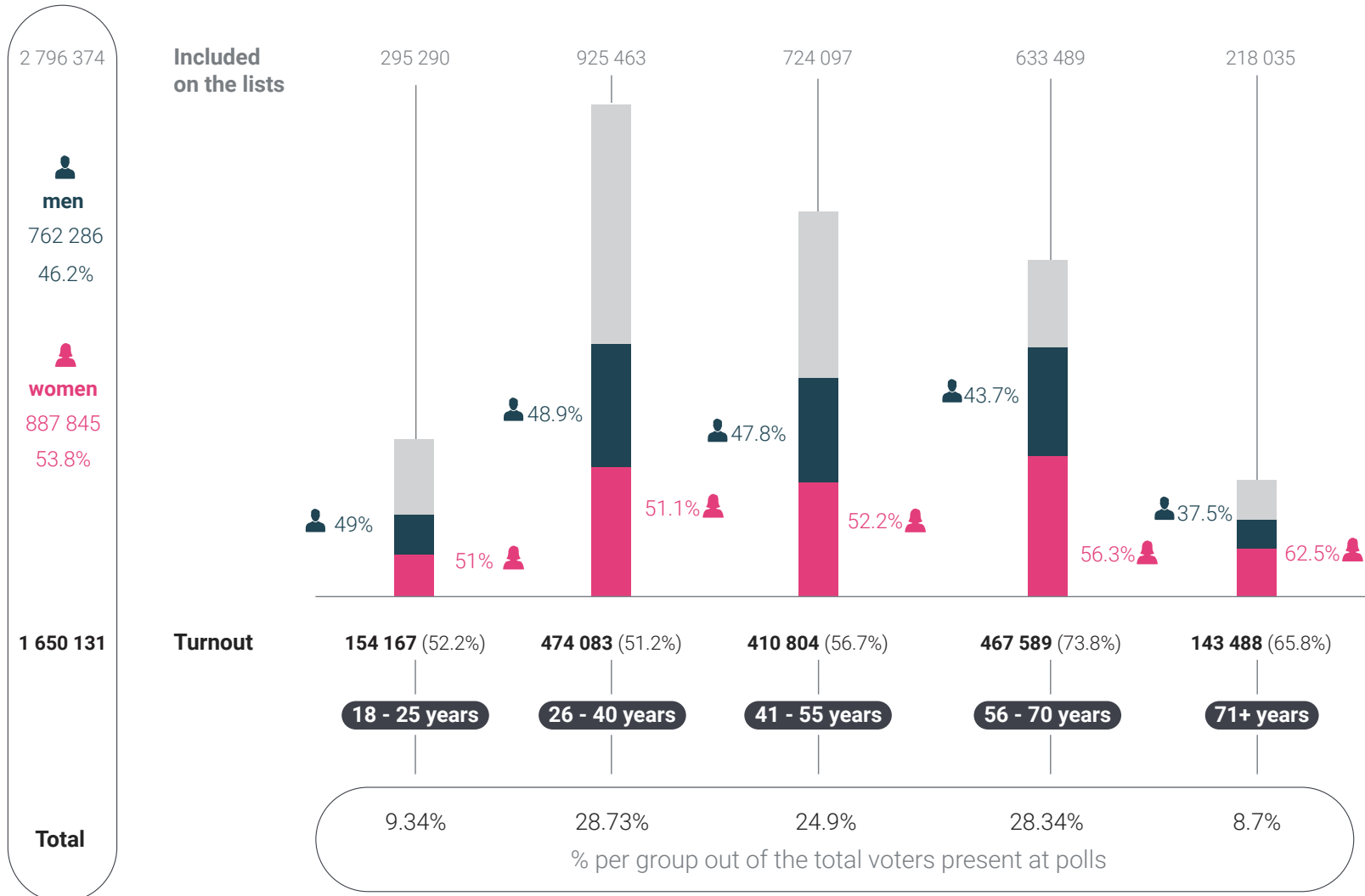


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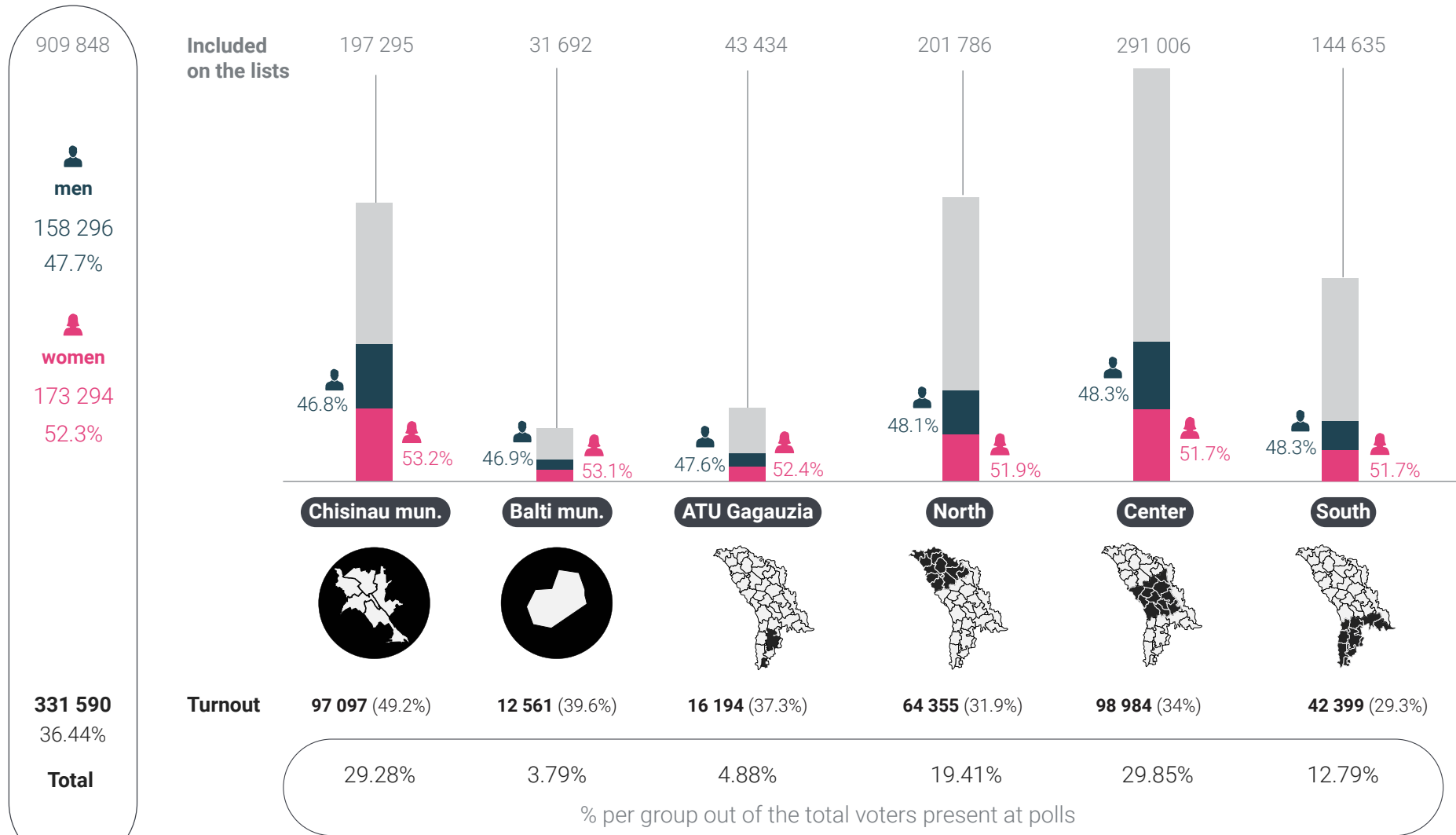
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6.3 Gender profile of voters present at polls (by gender and age)



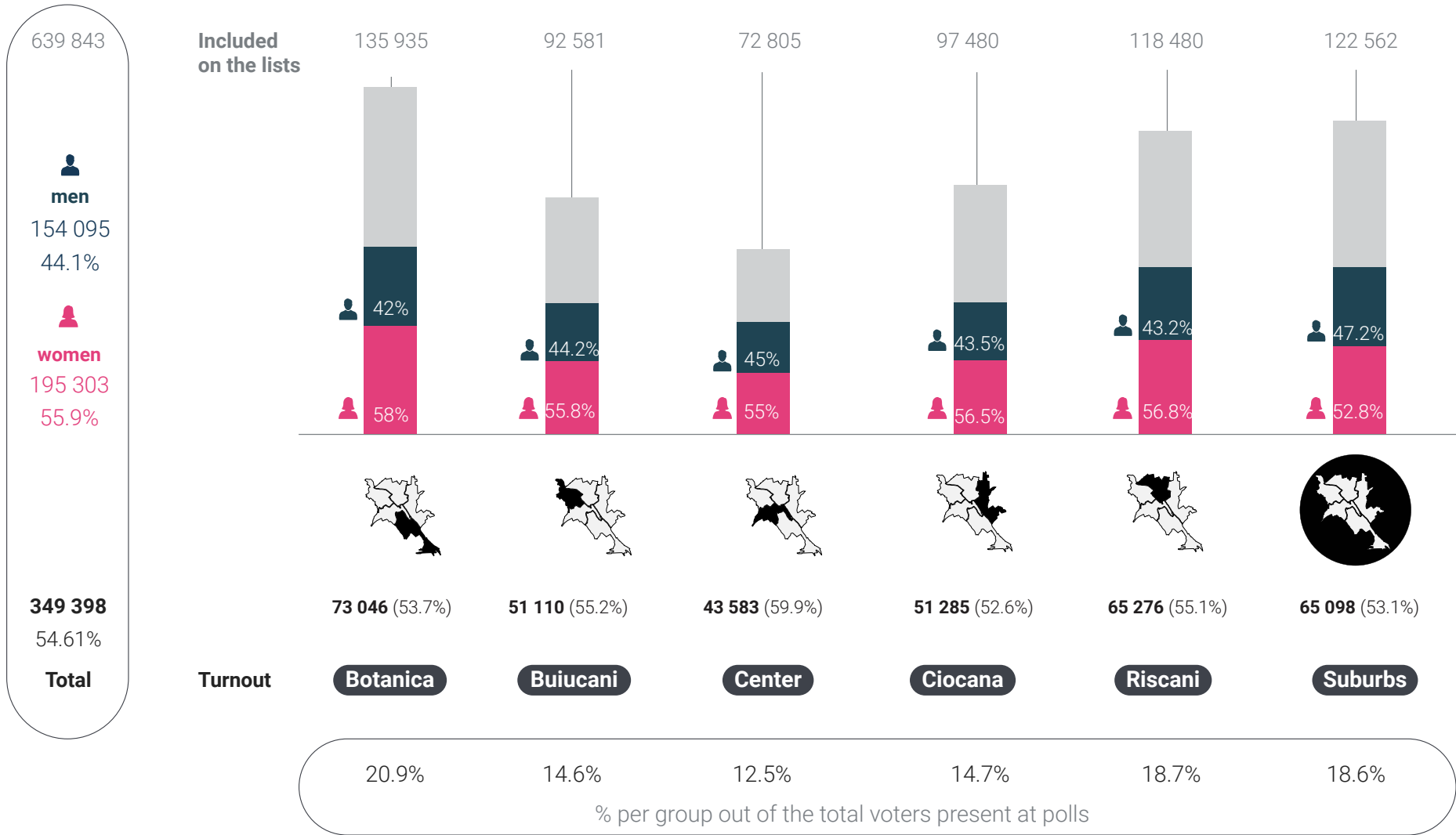
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6.4 Voter turnout of young people (18 - 35 years)



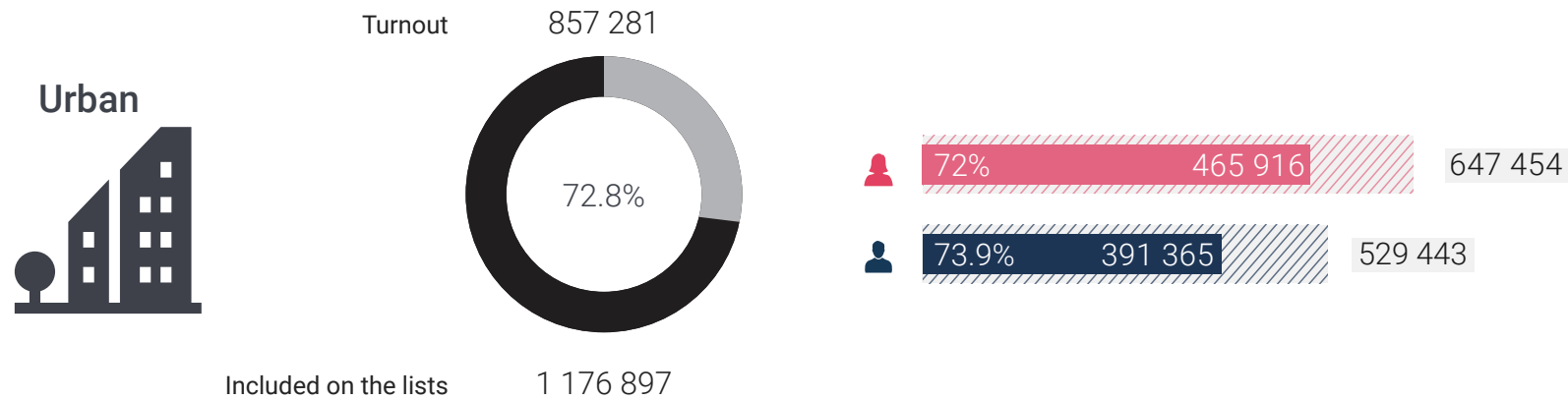
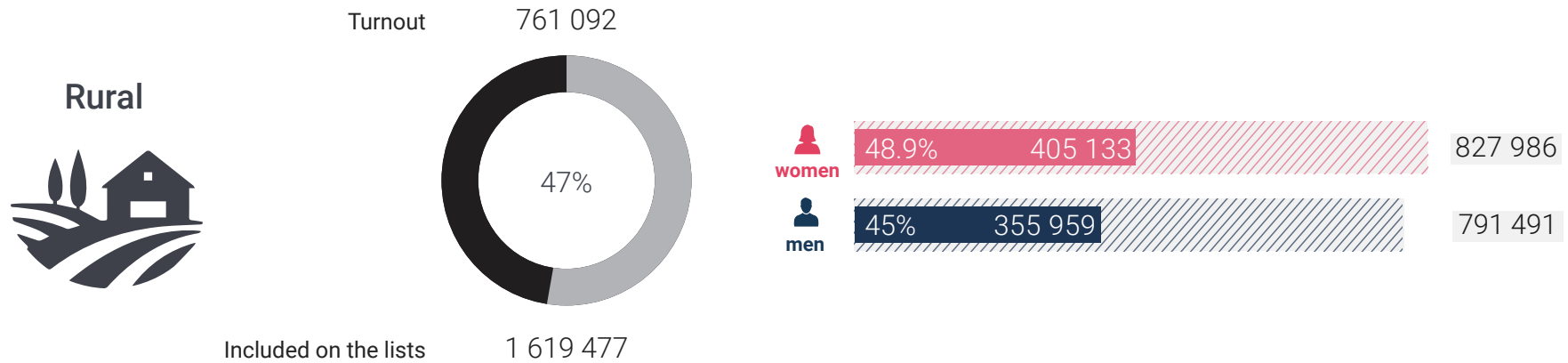
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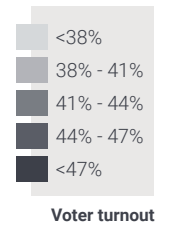
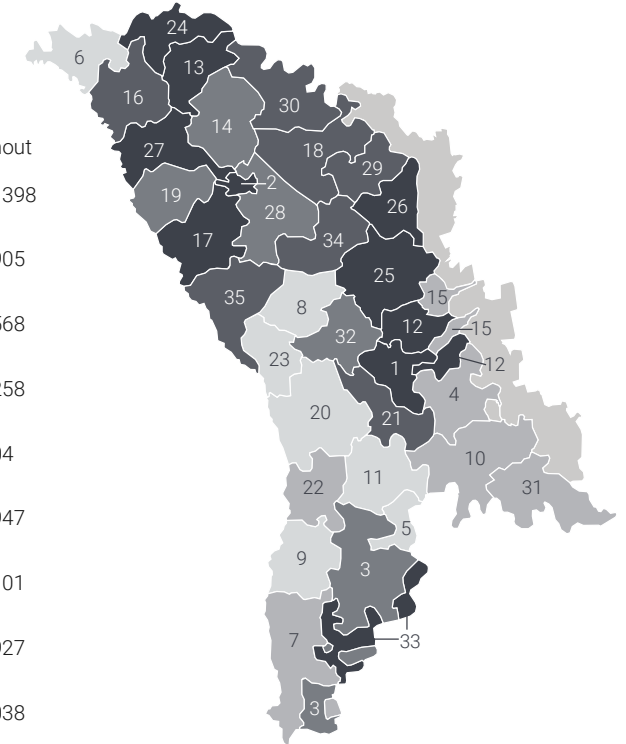
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6.7 Voter turnout rates

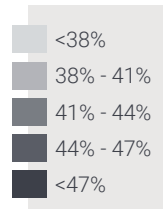
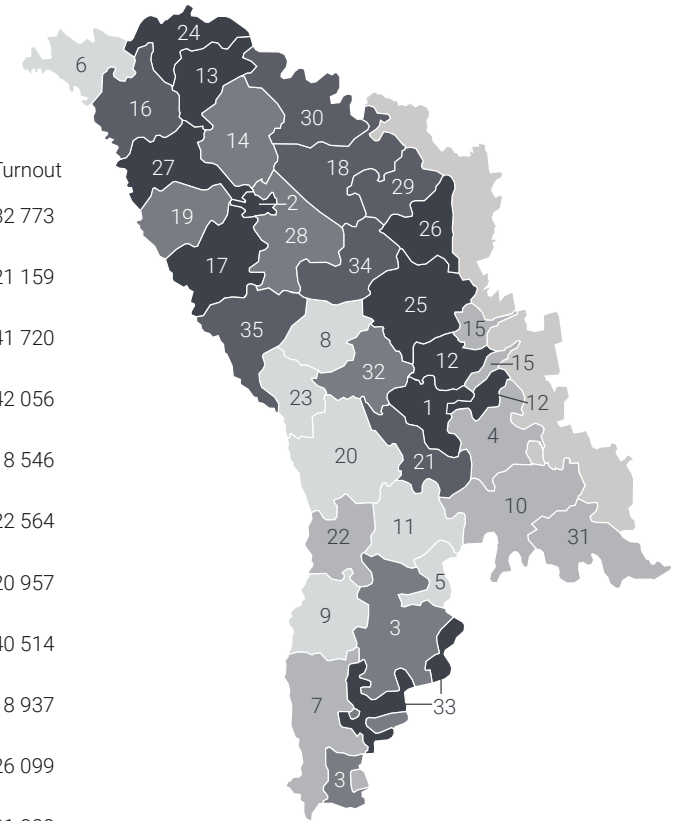
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4 Anenii Noi	46.8%	35 620	17 005	47.7%	45.9%	15 253	33 251	32 258		
5 Basarabeasca	40.5%	12 374	5 189	41.9%	39%	4 515	11 568	9 704		
6 Briceni	44.5%	31 712	14 457	45.6%	43.4%	12 490	28 776	26 947		
7 Cahul	43.9%	51 751	23 440	45.3%	42.3%	19 661	46 512	43 101		
8 Calarasi	44.3%	31 124	14 020	45%	43.5%	12 907	29 683	26 927		
9 Cantemir	40.6%	24 873	10 430	41.9%	39.2%	9 608	24 532	20 038		
10 Causeni	45.7%	36 708	17 630	48%	43.4%	15 240	35 188	32 870		
11 Cimislia	40.9%	25 501	10 335	40.5%	41.3%	9 872	23 882	20 207		
12 Criuleni	51.5%	30 586	16 411	53.7%	49.3%	14 059	28 534	30 470		
13 Donduseni	52.3%	17 173	9 323	54.3%	50%	7 643	15 278	16 966		
14 Drochia	45.8%	36 046	17 160	47.6%	43.7%	14 191	32 480	31 351		
15 Dubasari	49.7%	14 391	7 463	51.9%	47.5%	6 901	14 529	14 364		
16 Edinet	48.2%	33 819	16 847	49.8%	46.3%	13 779	29 739	30 626		
17 Falesti	47.9%	36 333	18 724	51.5%	44.1%	15 086	34 216	33 810		



6. Voter participation (second round)

6.7 Voter turnout rates (continued)

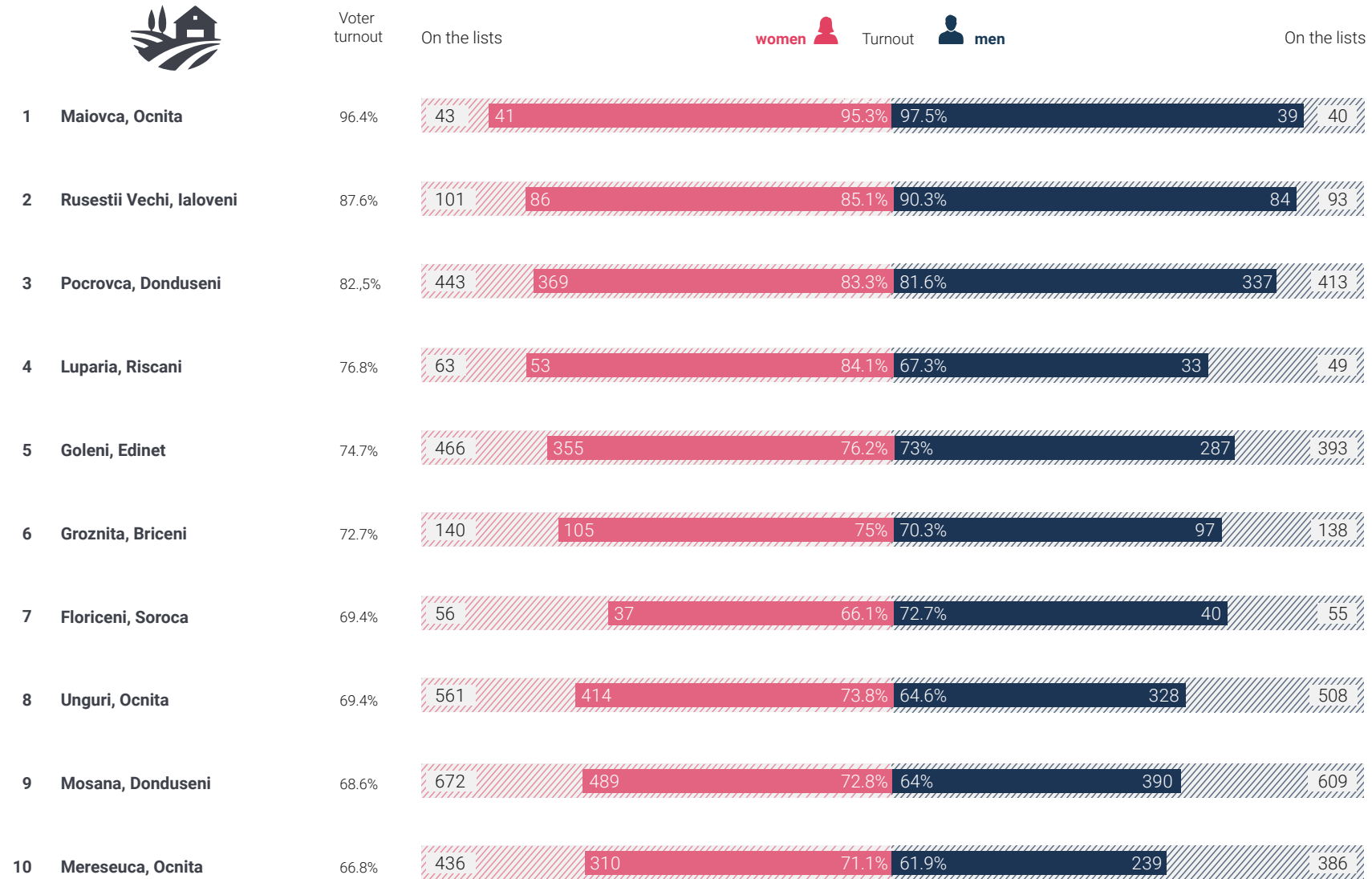
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19 Glodeni	45.5%	24 172	11 482	47.5%	43.4%	9 677	22 287	21 159				
20 Hincesti	42.4%	50 687	21 724	42.9%	41.9%	19 996	47 675	41 720				
21 Ialoveni	49.7%	43 498	22 194	51%	48.2%	19 862	41 186	42 056				
22 Leova	43.4%	21 648	9 687	44.7%	42.1%	8 859	21 044	18 546				
23 Nisporeni	42.4%	27 189	11 530	42.4%	42.4%	11 034	26 001	22 564				
24 Ocnita	52.2%	21 293	11 720	55%	49%	9 237	18 834	20 957				
25 Orhei	40.8%	51 266	21 240	41.4%	40.2%	19 274	47 966	40 514				
26 Rezina	49.8%	19 141	9 875	51.6%	48%	9 062	18 864	18 937				
27 Riscani	49.8%	27 359	14 346	52.4%	47%	11 753	25 027	26 099				
28 Singerei	45.6%	35 777	17 692	49.5%	41.6%	14 196	34 100	31 888				
29 Soldanesti	47.7%	16 541	8 305	50.2%	45.1%	7 193	15 960	15 498				
30 Soroca	49.2%	40 698	20 826	51.2%	47.1%	17 345	36 850	38 171				
31 Stefan Voda	44.9%	28 701	13 428	46.8%	43%	11 954	27 810	25 382				
32 Straseni	46.5%	39 476	18 614	47.2%	45.8%	16 880	36 866	35 494				
33 Taraclia	52.9%	17 620	9 853	55.9%	49.7%	8 206	16 518	18 059				
34 Telenesti	46.2%	27 898	13 593	48.7%	43.6%	11 956	27 404	25 549				
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Rata de participare la votare

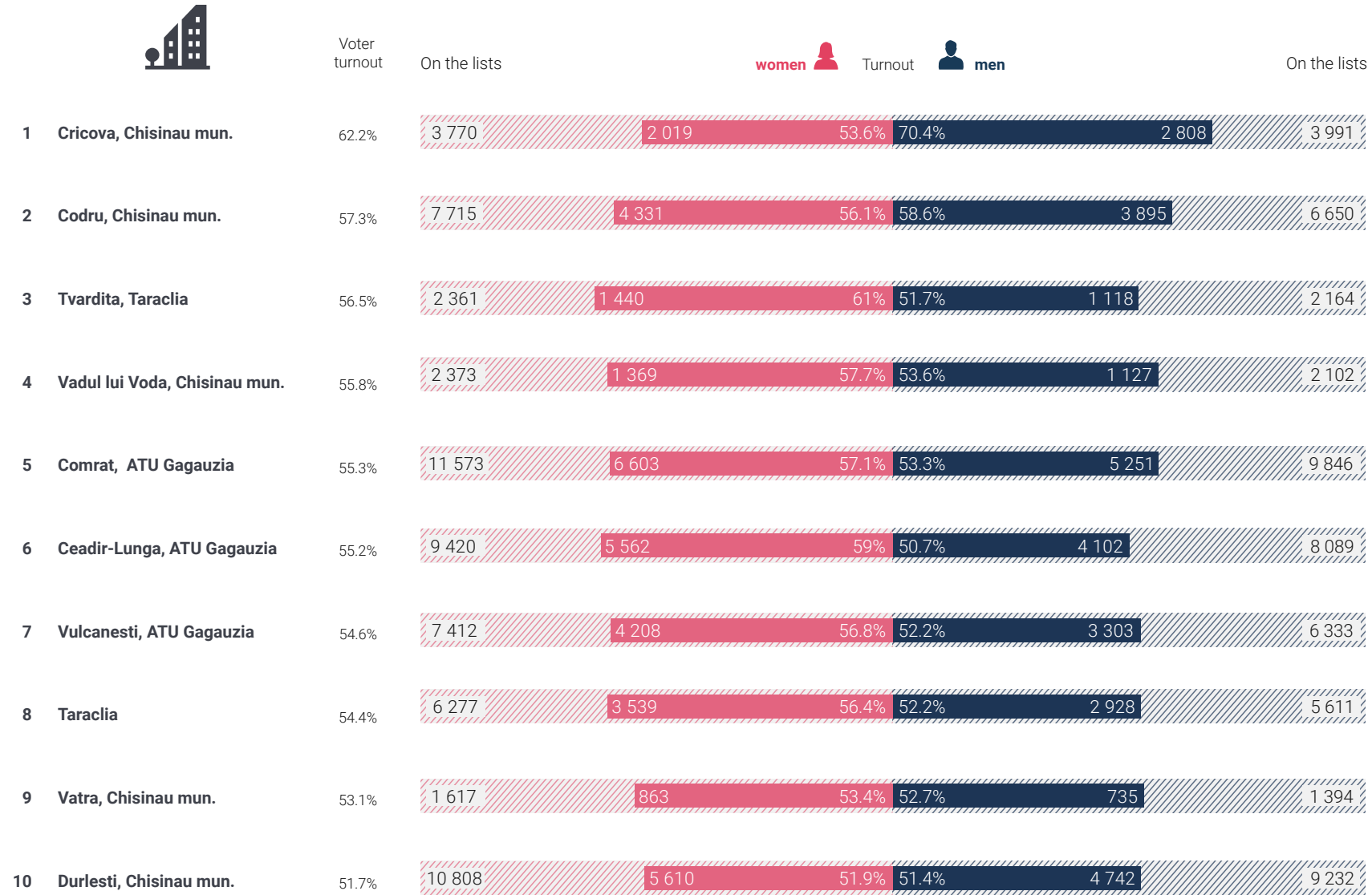
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6.8 Top 10 localities with the highest voter participation (rural area)



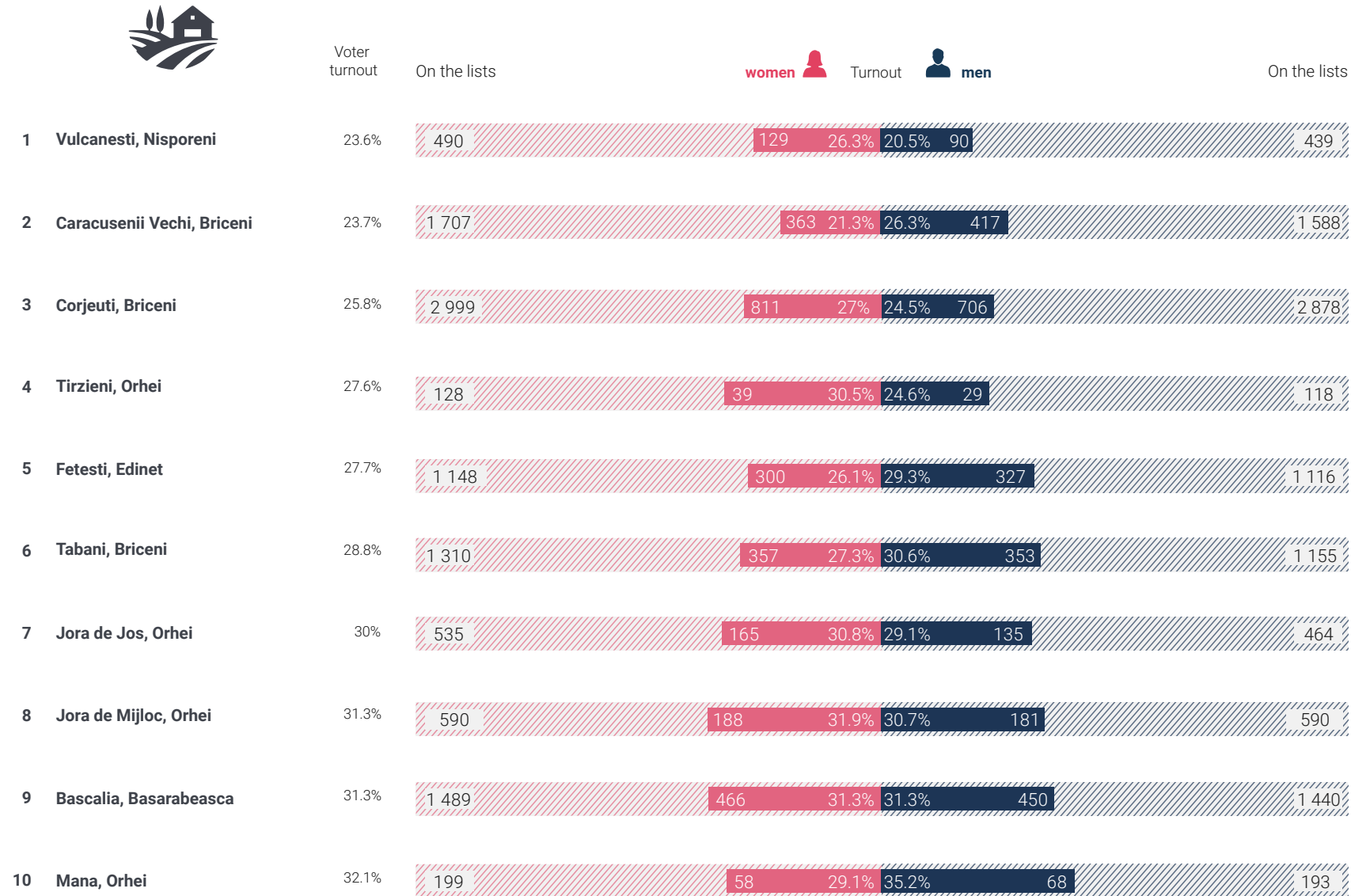
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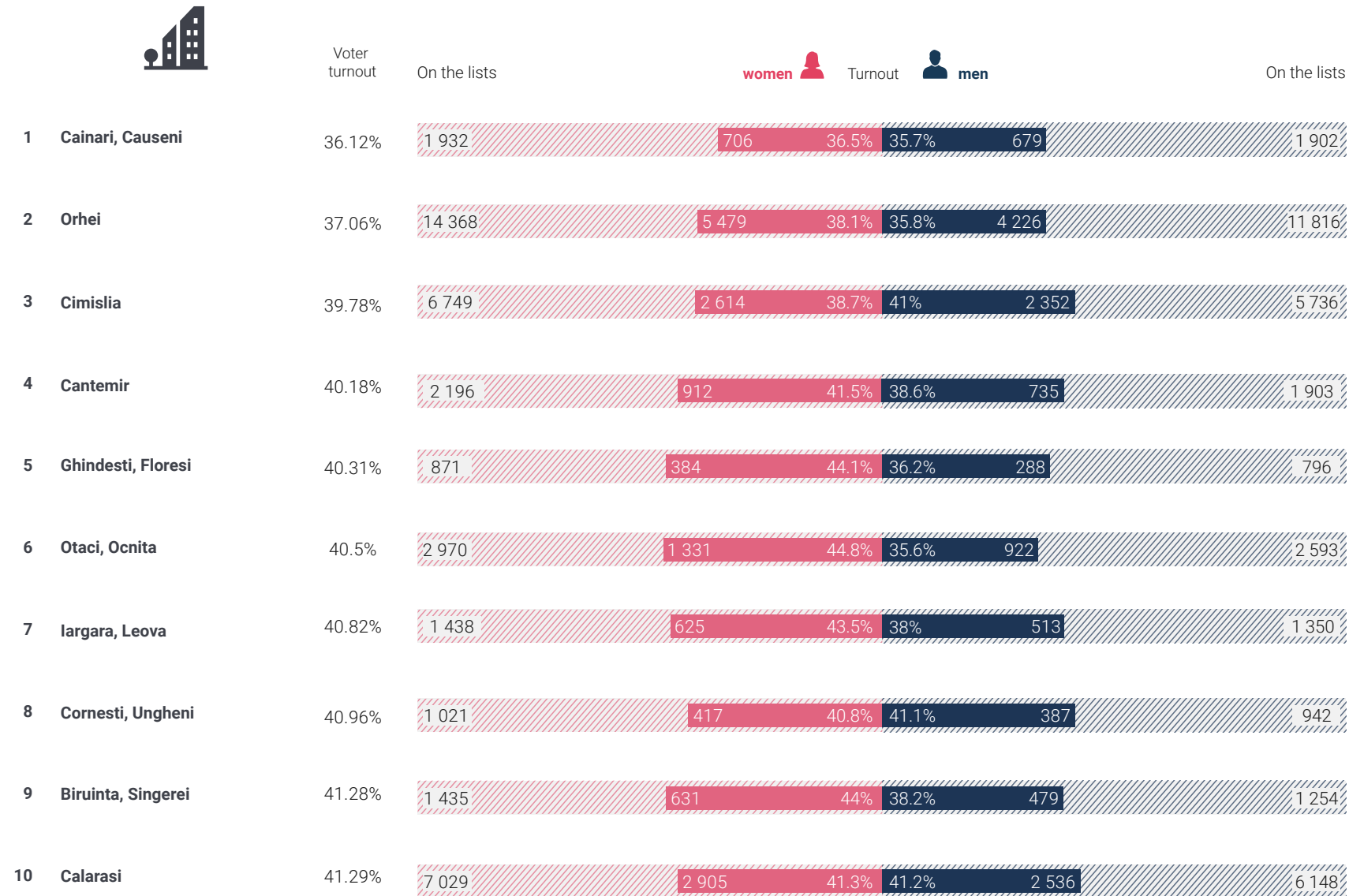
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6.10 Top 10 localities with the lowest voter participation (rural area)



6. Voter participation (second round)

6.11 Top 10 localities with the lowest voter participation (urban area)



7. OUT-OF-COUNTRY VOTING

The number of Diaspora participants in the 2020 Presidential Elections in the first round reached **149 840** (**50.56%** men) and **262 739** (**51.04%** women) in the second round.

Comparing with the 2016 Presidential Elections (second round), **124 389** more people living abroad participated in the 2020 Presidential Elections (second round).

The **26 – 40-year-olds** were among the Diaspora most active voters in both rounds, reaching **50.9%** in the first round and **50.65%** in the second round.

Italy, UK, France, Germany and Romania were **top 5 countries** with the highest voter turnout in the first round (*in descending order*) and Italy, France, UK, Germany and Romania – in the second round (*in descending order*).

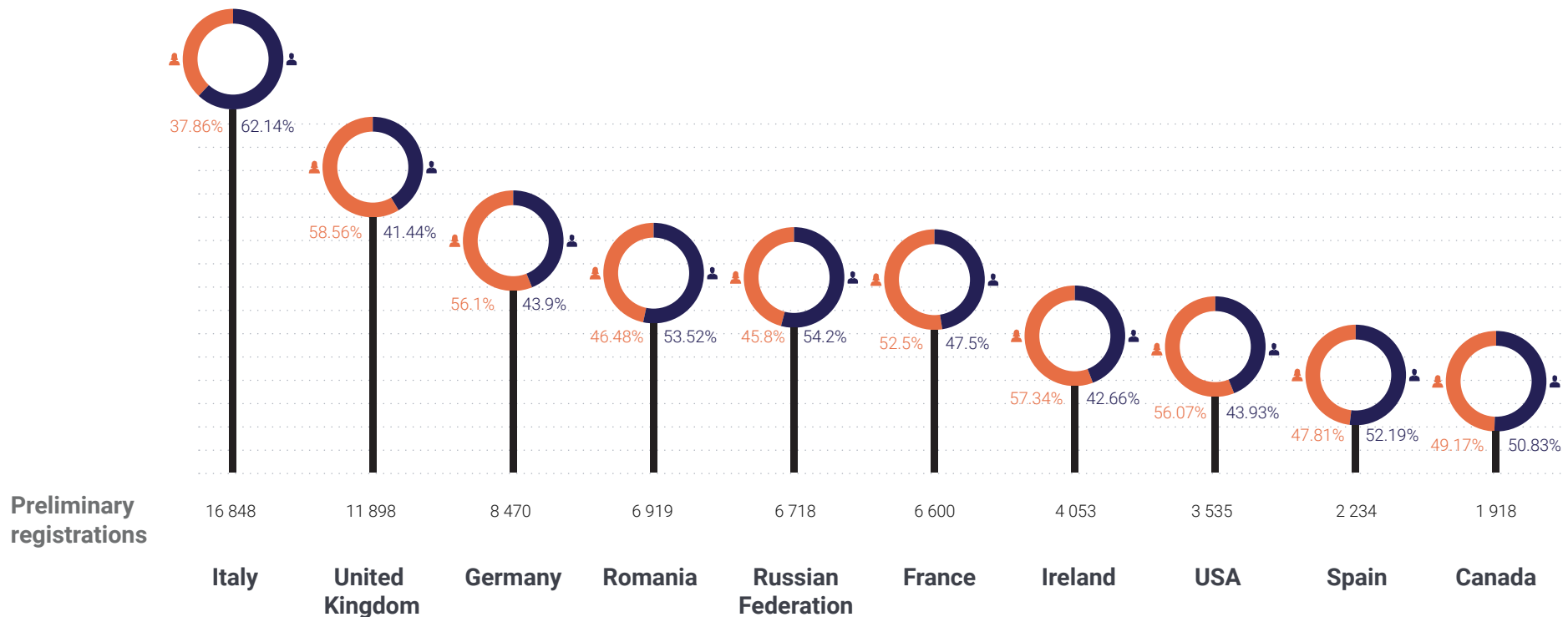


7. Out-of-country voting

7.1 Preliminary registration of voters (comparative analysis)

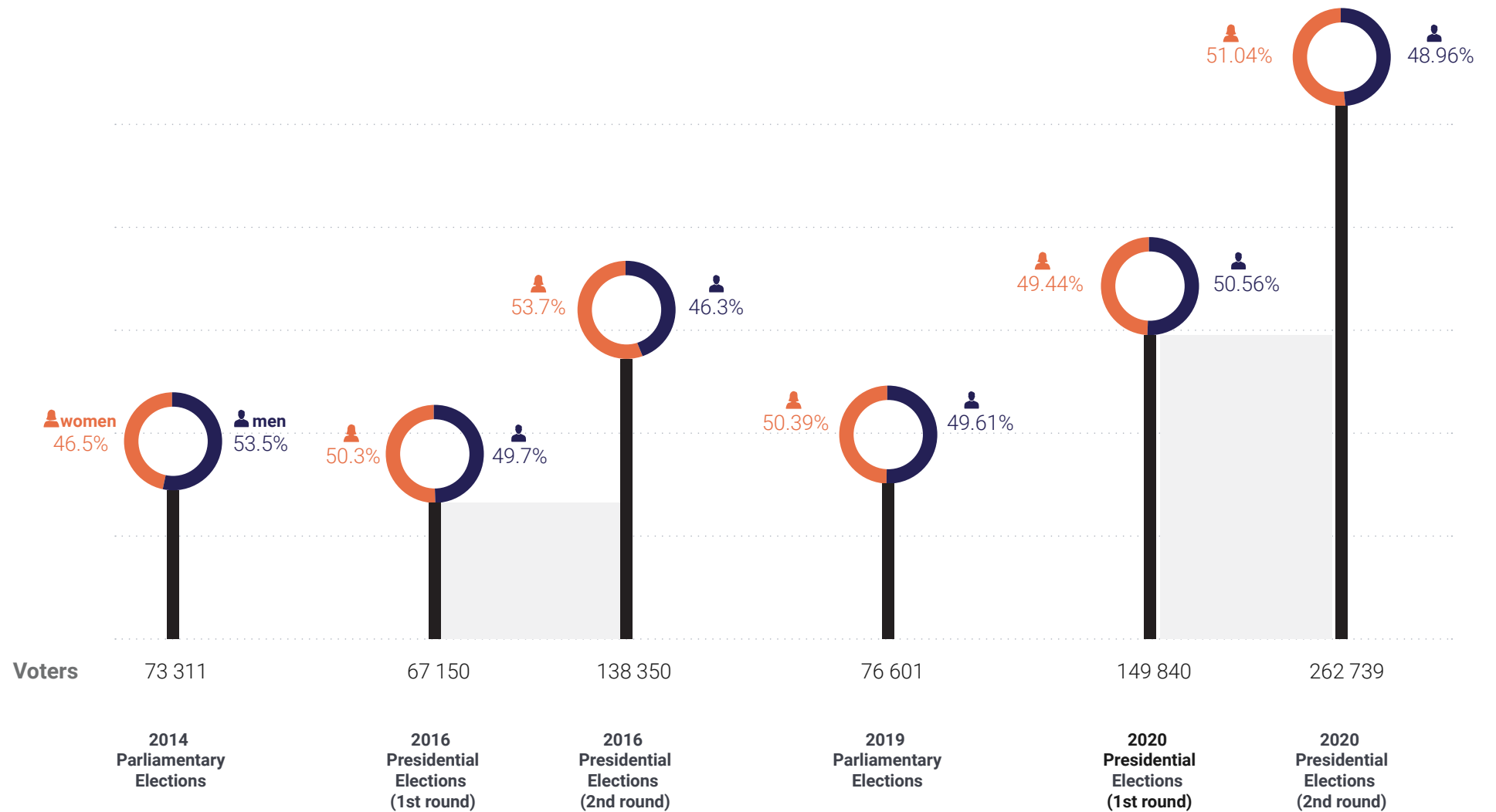


Top 10 most active countries



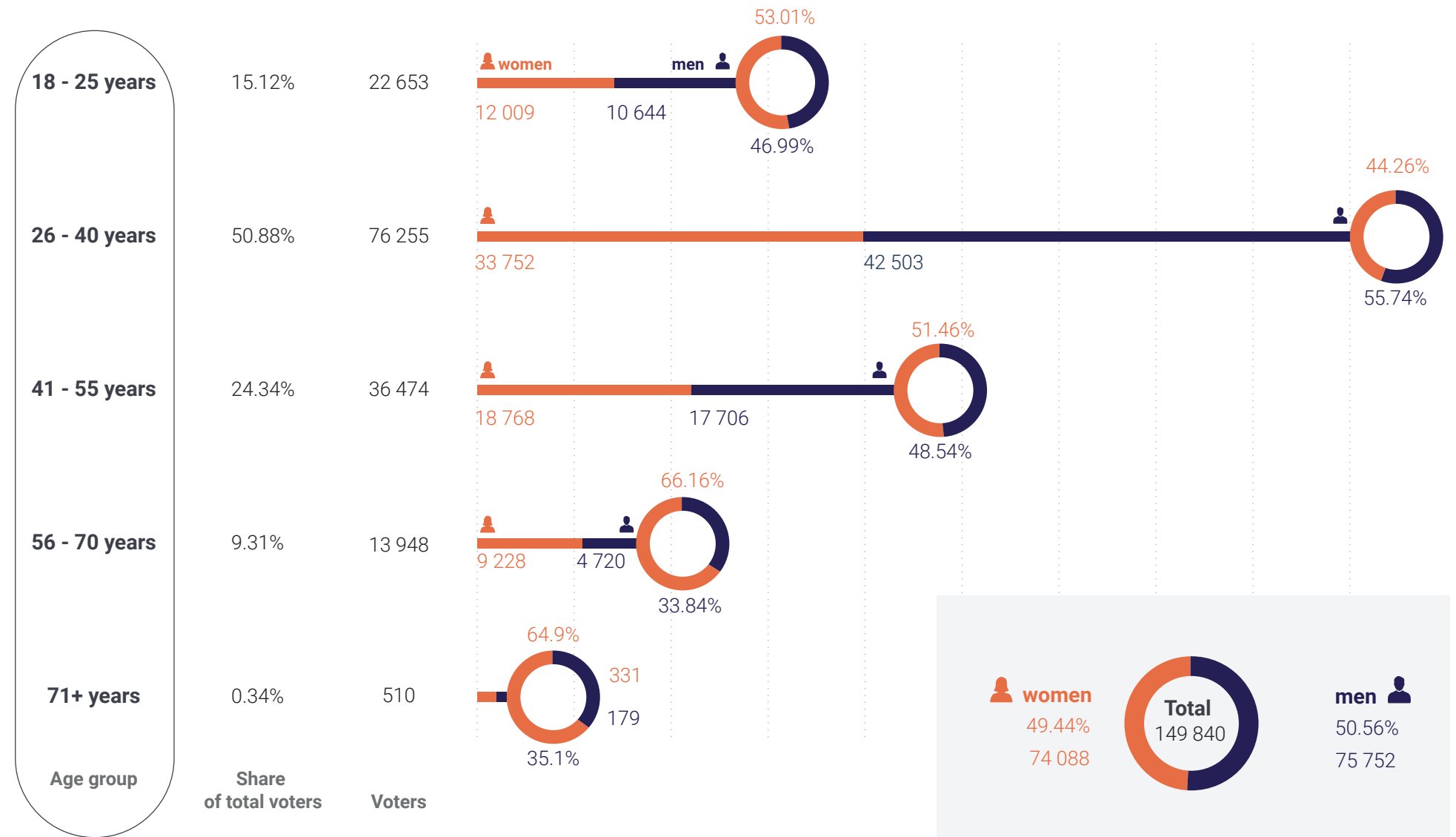
7. Out-of-country voting

7.2 Gender profile of voters abroad (comparative analysis)



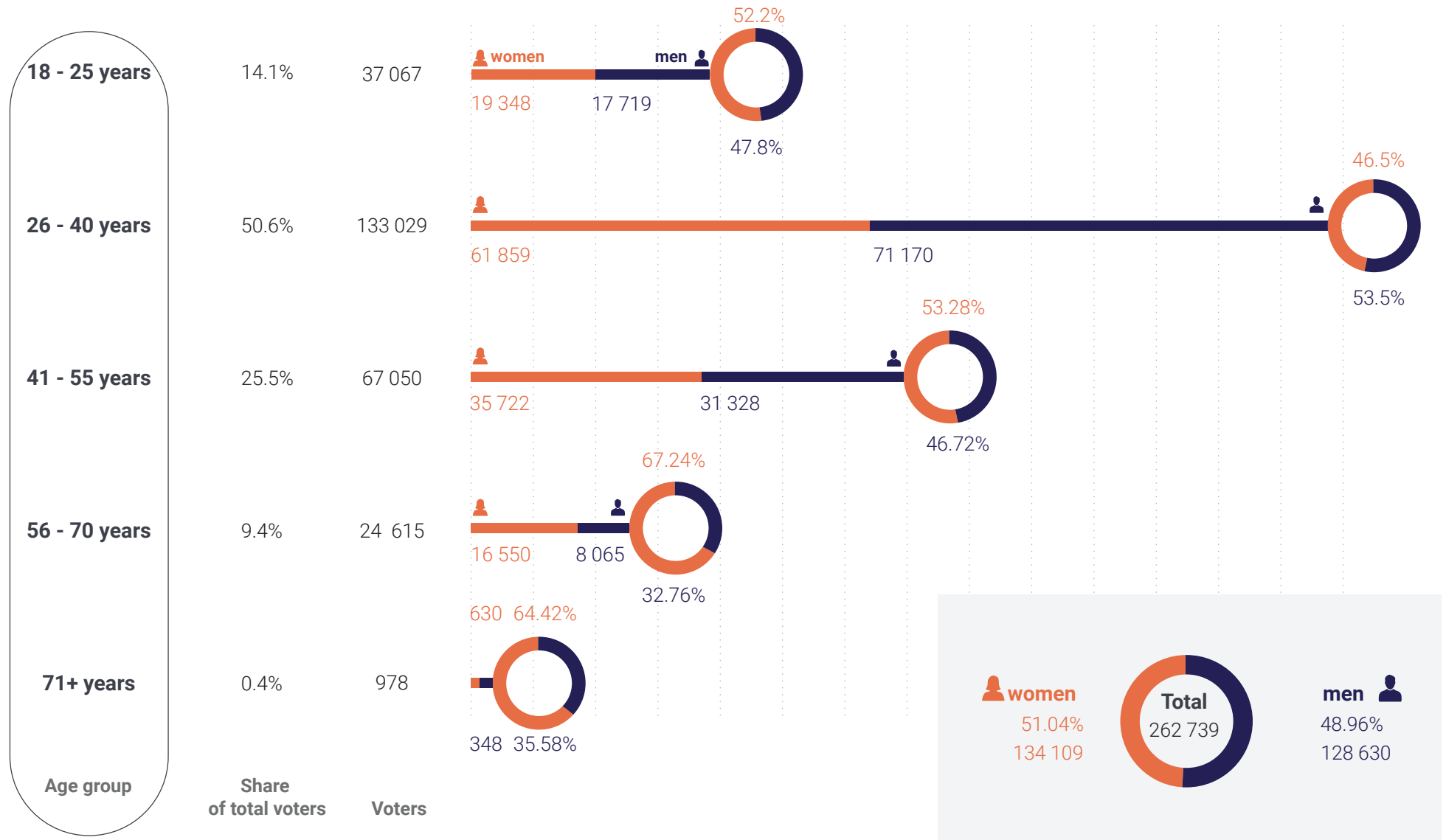
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7.3 Profile of voters abroad (by gender and age / first round)



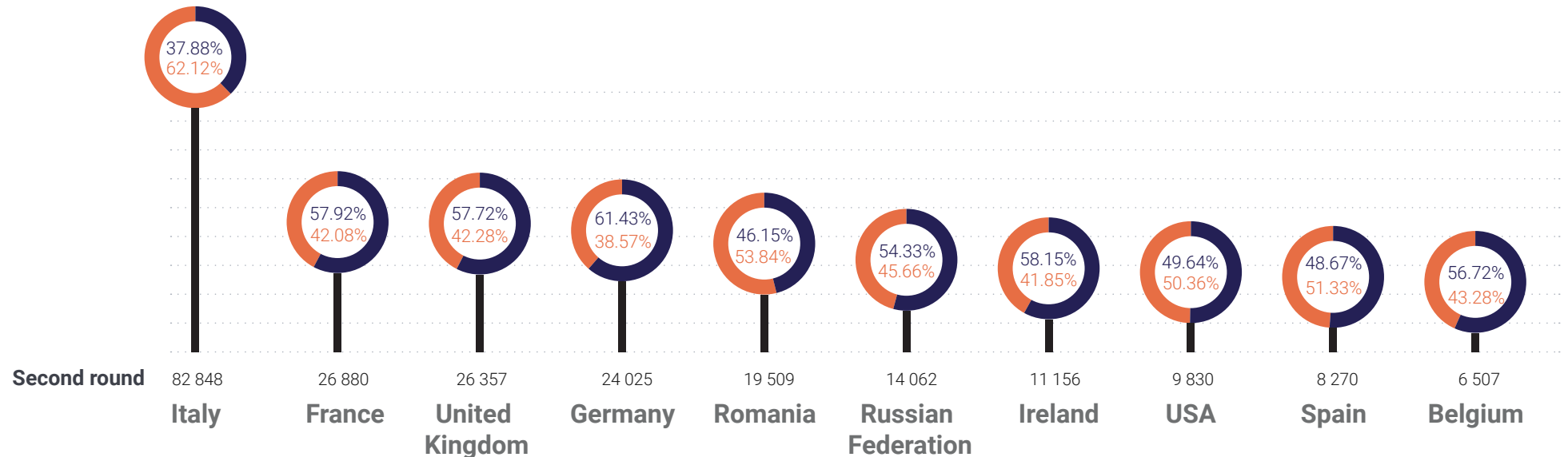
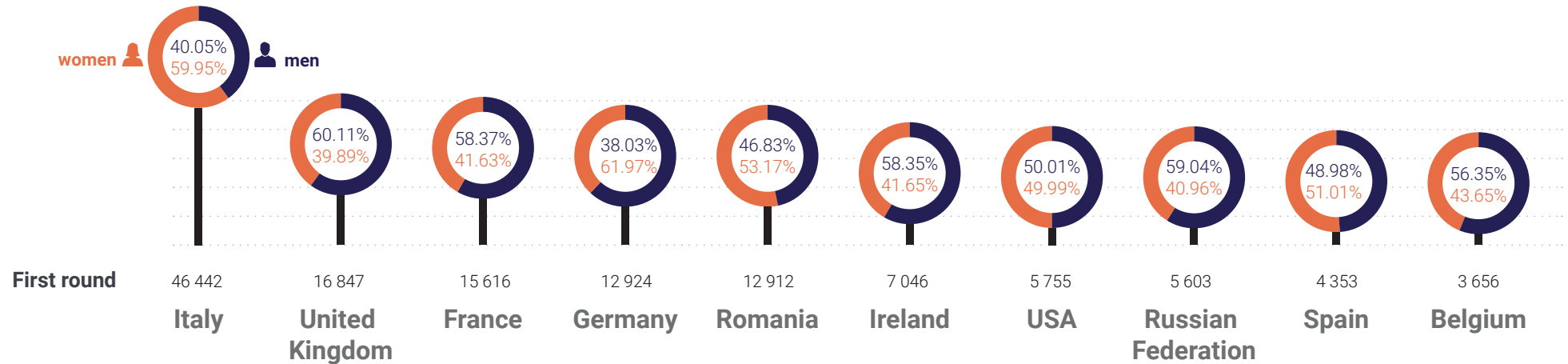
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7. Out-of-country voting

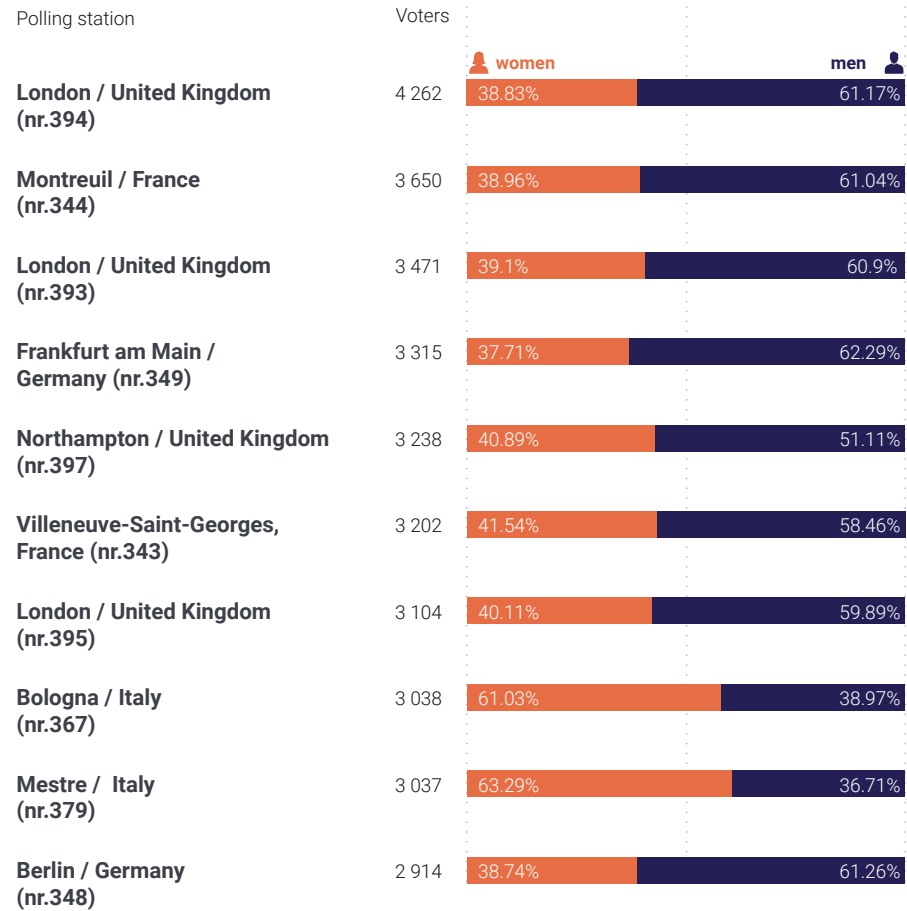
7.5 Top 10 countries with the highest voter participation



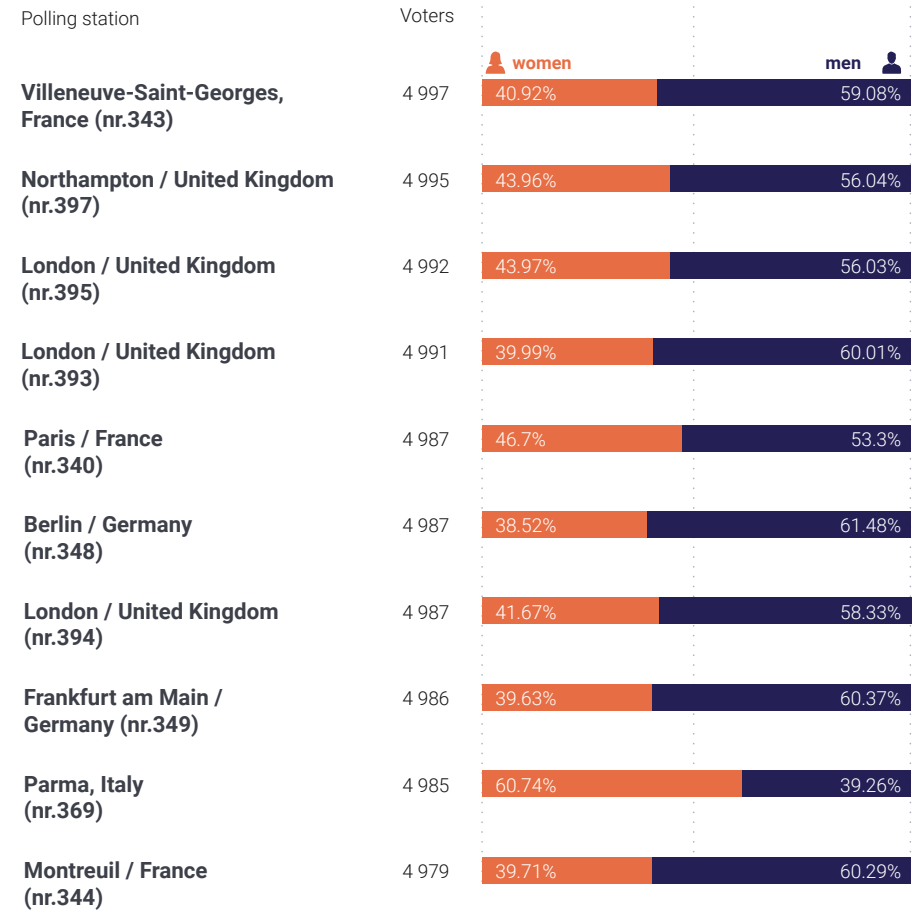
7. Out-of-country voting

7.6 Top 10 polling stations abroad with the highest voter participation

First round



Second round

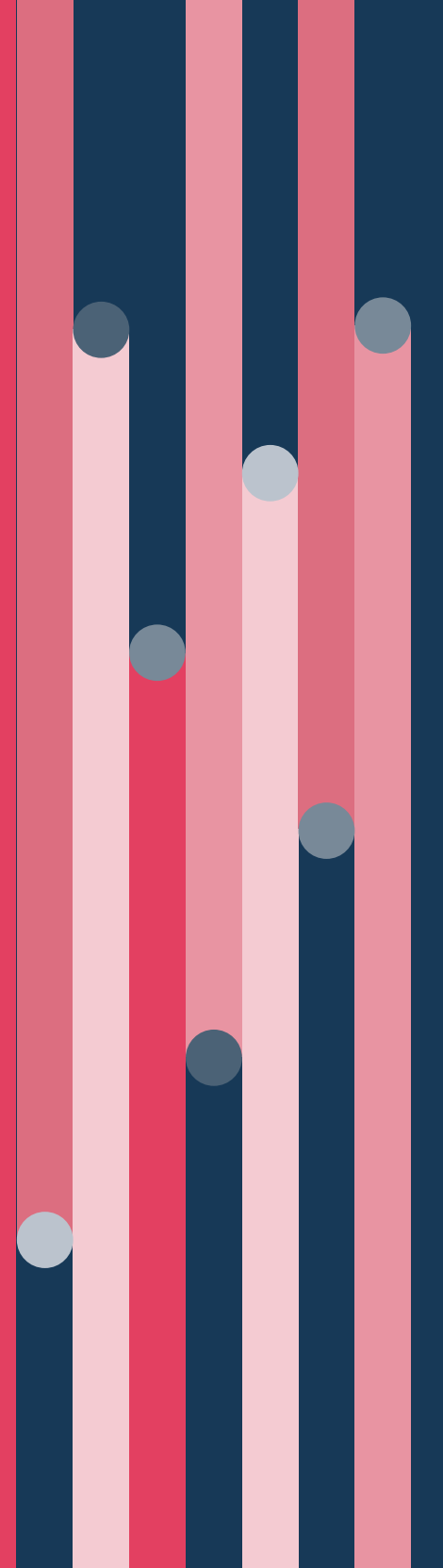


8. VOTER PARTICIPATION (COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS)

As many as **1 364 597** people cast their vote during the 2020 Presidential Elections (first round), which was by **76 136** less than the number of voters who participated in the 2016 election exercise (first round).

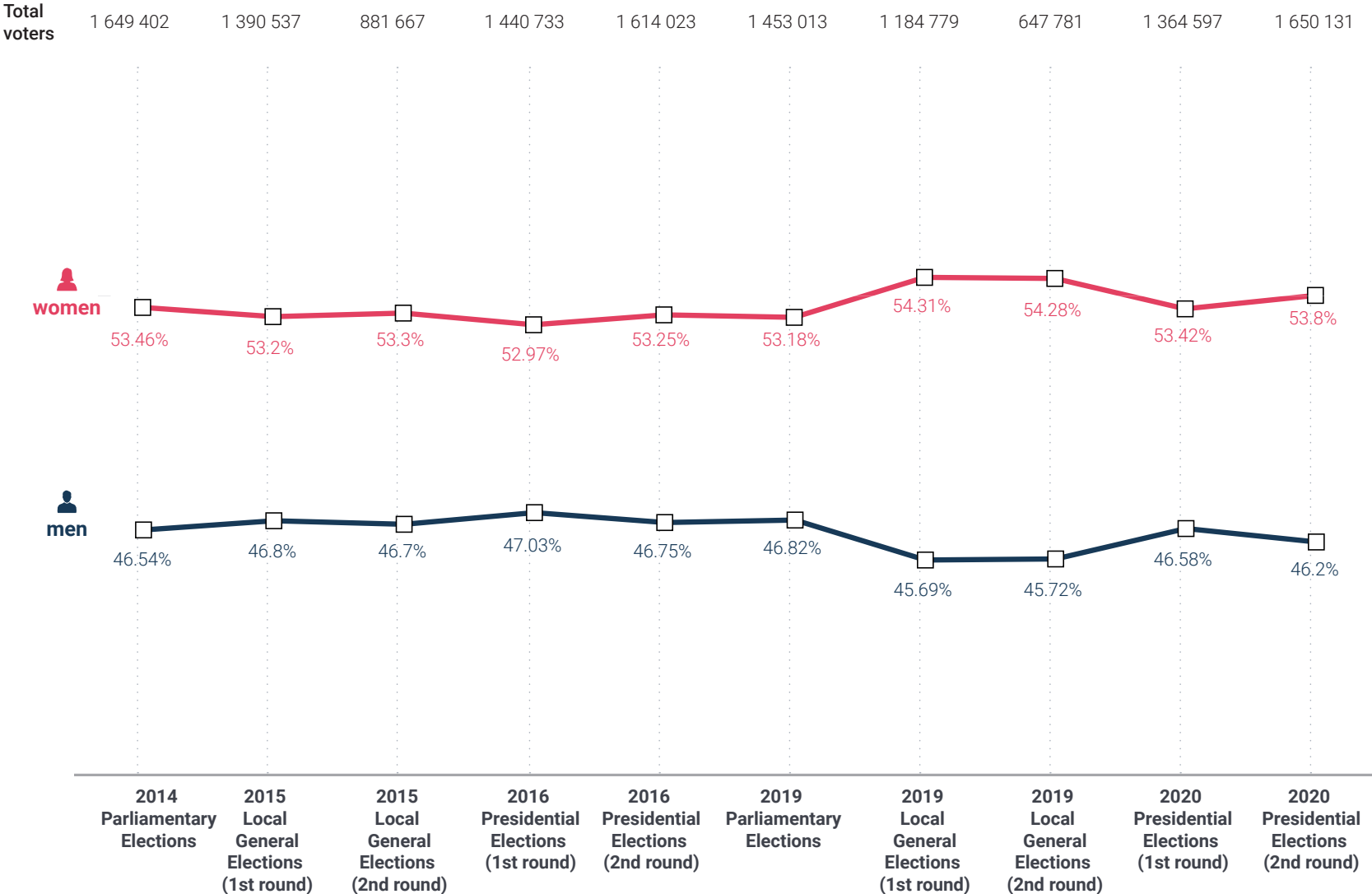
The number of people who cast their vote during the 2020 Presidential Elections (second round) reached **1 650 131**, excelling by **36 106** the number of voters who participated in the 2016 election exercise (second round).

The trend observed during the 2016 and 2020 Presidential Elections shows that women mobilise themselves to a greater extent during the second round of voting.



8. Voter participation (comparative analysis)

8.1 Voter participation (comparative analysis)



Previous editions of the infographics on the gender profile of elections





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