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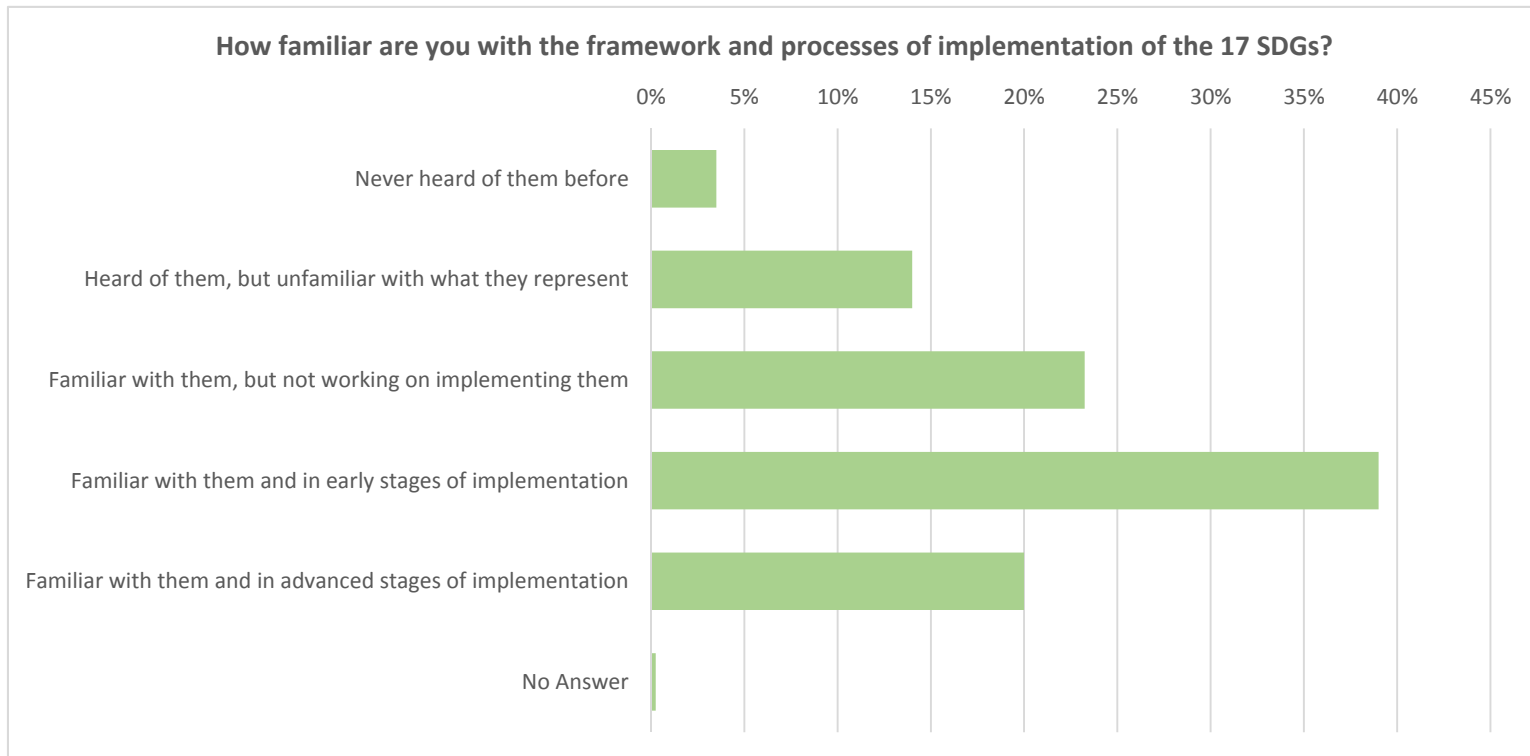
# **The key contribution of regions and cities to sustainable development**

**Survey results  
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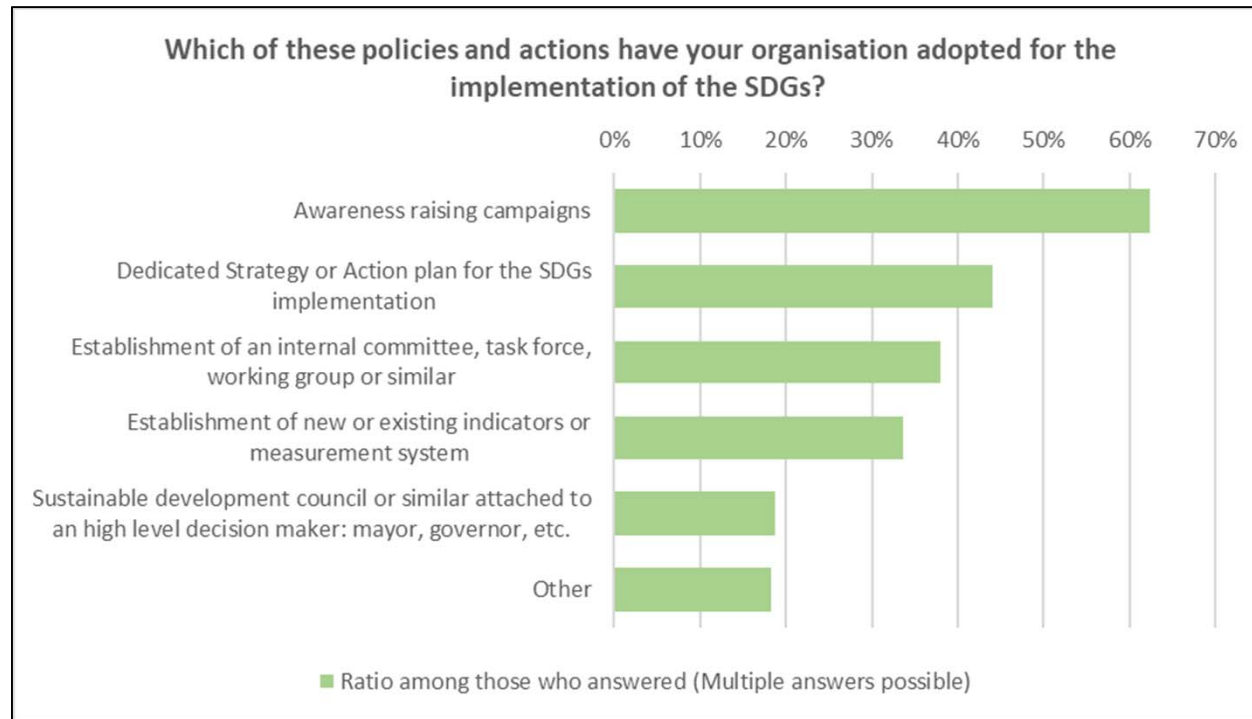
# SDGs and You

## Your level of awareness



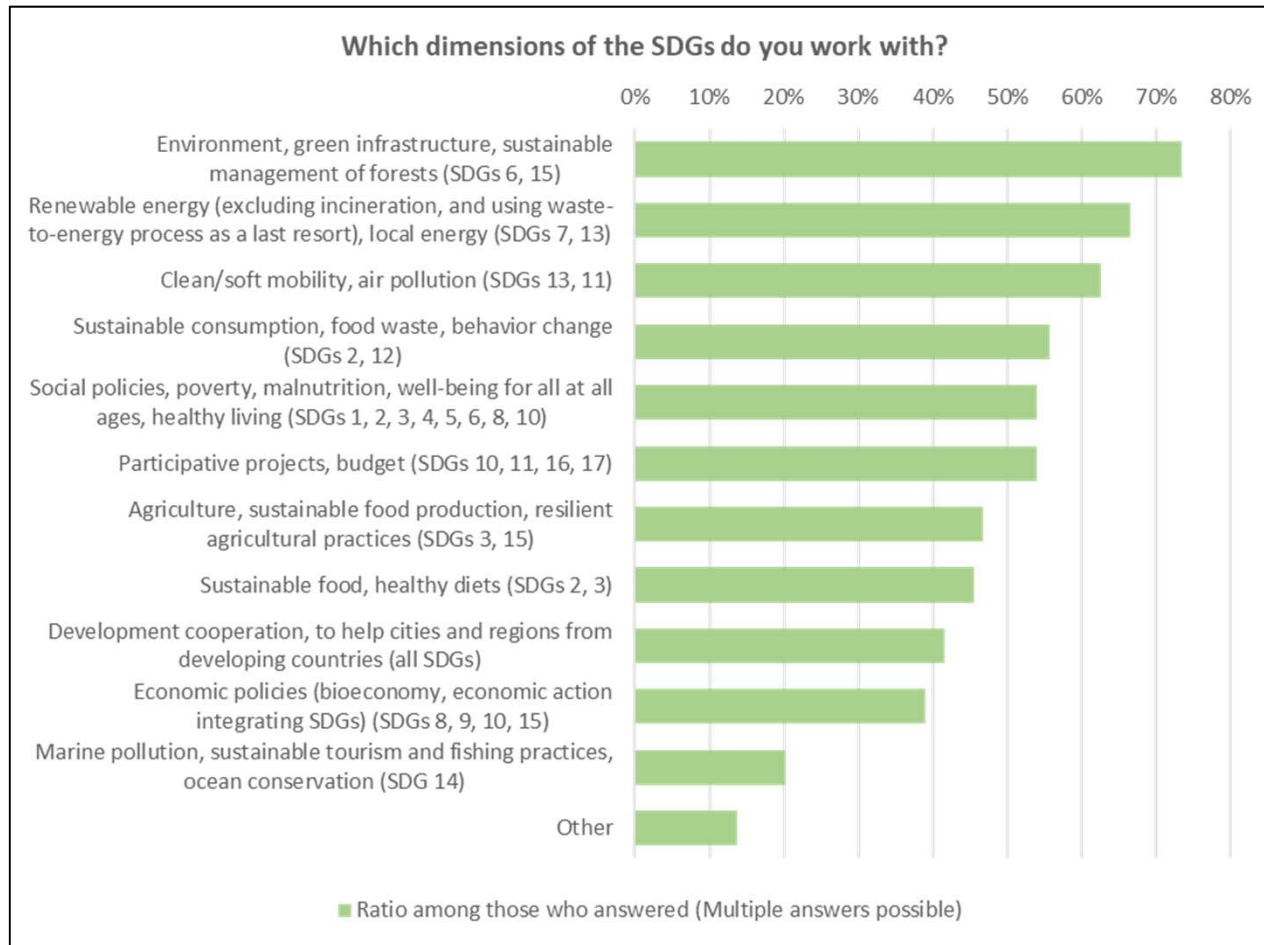
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# Policies and Actions for the implementation of the SDGs



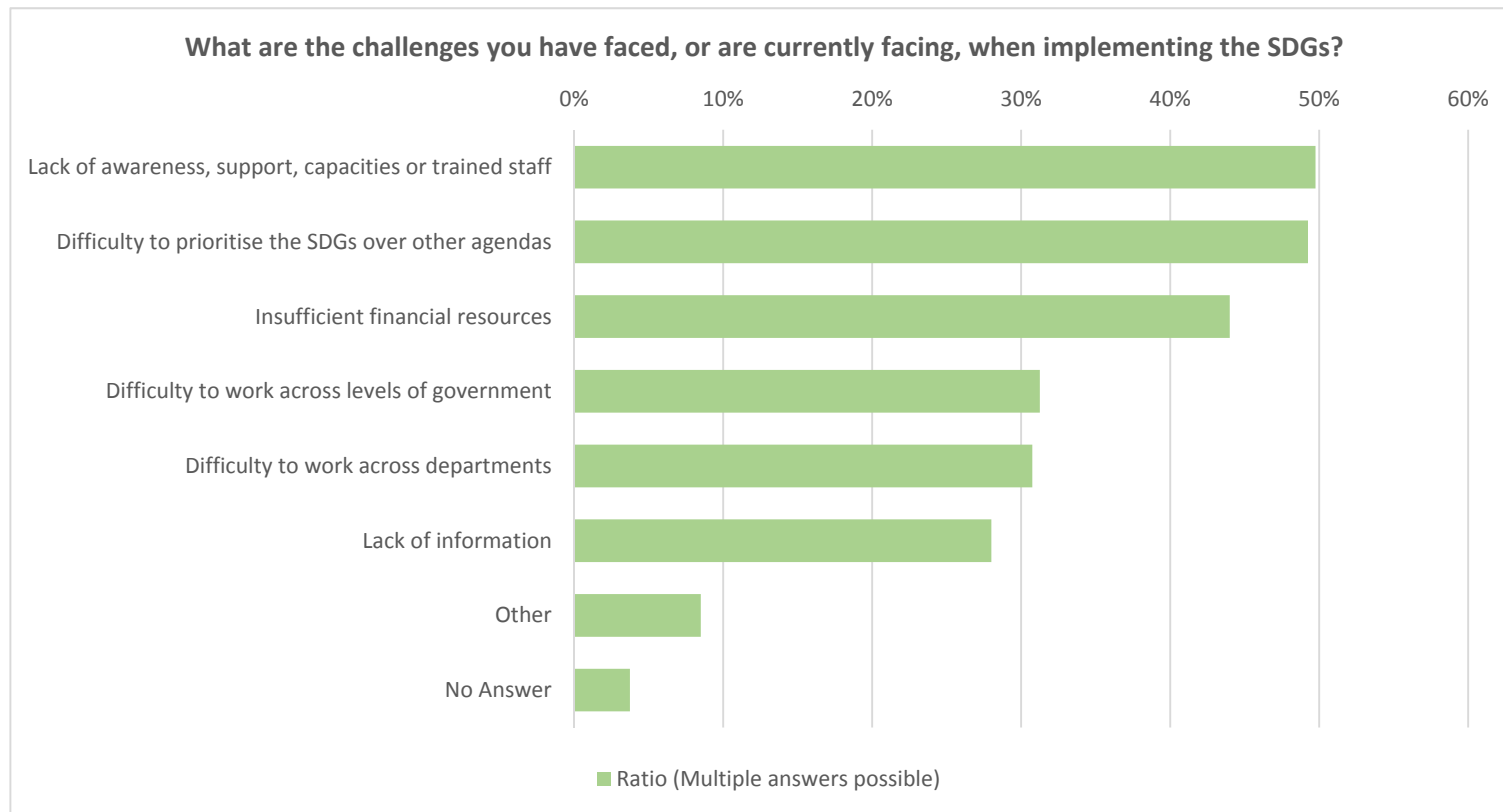
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# Sectoral Priorities



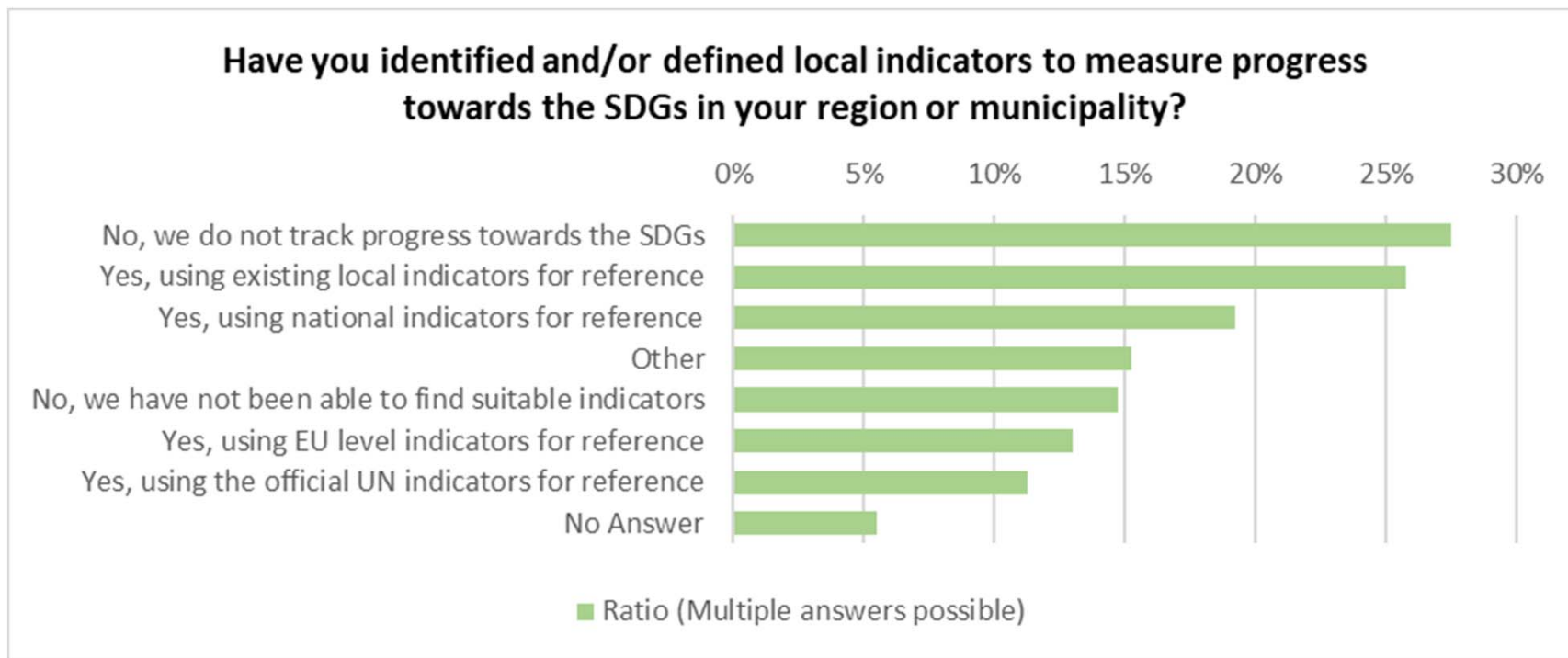
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# Main challenges



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# Monitoring progress: A priority



# Multi-level and multi-stakeholders cooperation

- Strong cooperation **between local and regional levels**:
  - 60% local governments cooperate with their regional level;
  - 55% respondents cooperate with other regional/intermediary/local authorities
- The cooperation with the **national level** is weaker:
  - only 23% stating to have joint projects with the national level
- **VNR** to the UN are a **missed opportunity** – only 21% of respondents are engaged
- Most frequent **partnerships** are with the **civil society or NGOs** (39%), while collaboration with **private sector** is weak (28%);
- **Partnerships** on SDGs are not exploited yet (60% have no formal partnerships)

# Expectations from the EU

- **Leadership** and ambitious implementation
- EU overarching **strategy**
- Policy **coherence; Mainstreaming** SDGs in governance and policies
- EU action on climate change

Specific expectations from the **Committee of the Regions** – « your » institution

- Facilitating peer-learning, capacity-building and information on financial information.



# Moving Forward

- Need to continue **raising awareness**, in particular with small municipalities
- Need to **better support LRGs** on how to use the SDGs to improve their policies/actions
- Need to understand the **transformative element** of the SDGs: they are **not an additional agenda**, but a new framework
- Need for a **harmonised indicator framework** that can be used by LRGs
- Need to improve the **collaboration** within administrations, with the **national government** and with the **private sector**
- Need for an **EU long-term strategy on SDGs**
- Need to **join forces to advocate for a territorial approach** to SDGs at EU

# Thank you

**Link to survey results and annex:**

[https://cor.europa.eu/en/news/Pages/SDGs\\_survey.aspx](https://cor.europa.eu/en/news/Pages/SDGs_survey.aspx)