

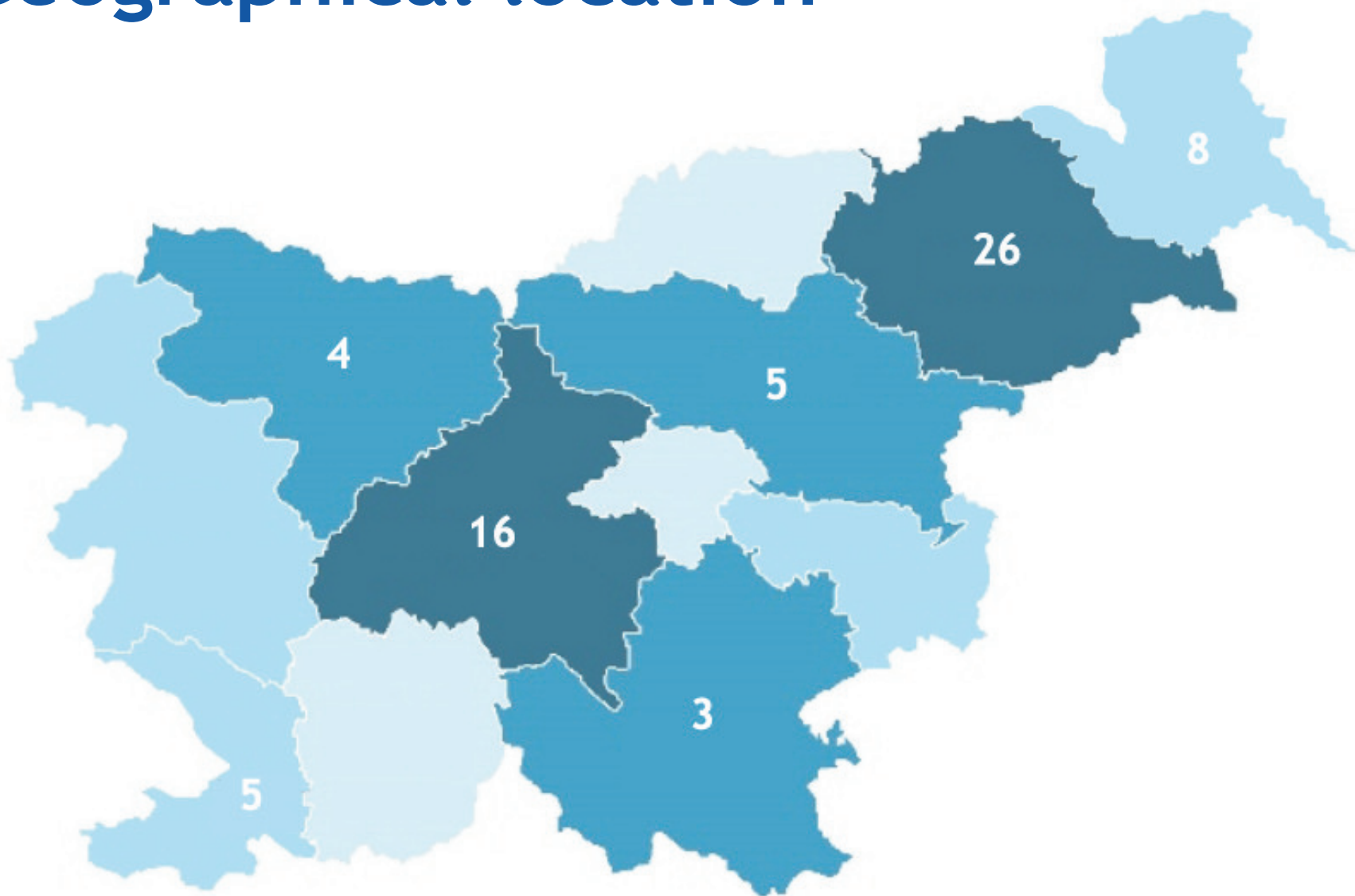
ALTERNATIVE FOOD NETWORKS IN SLOVENIA



Regional partner involvement

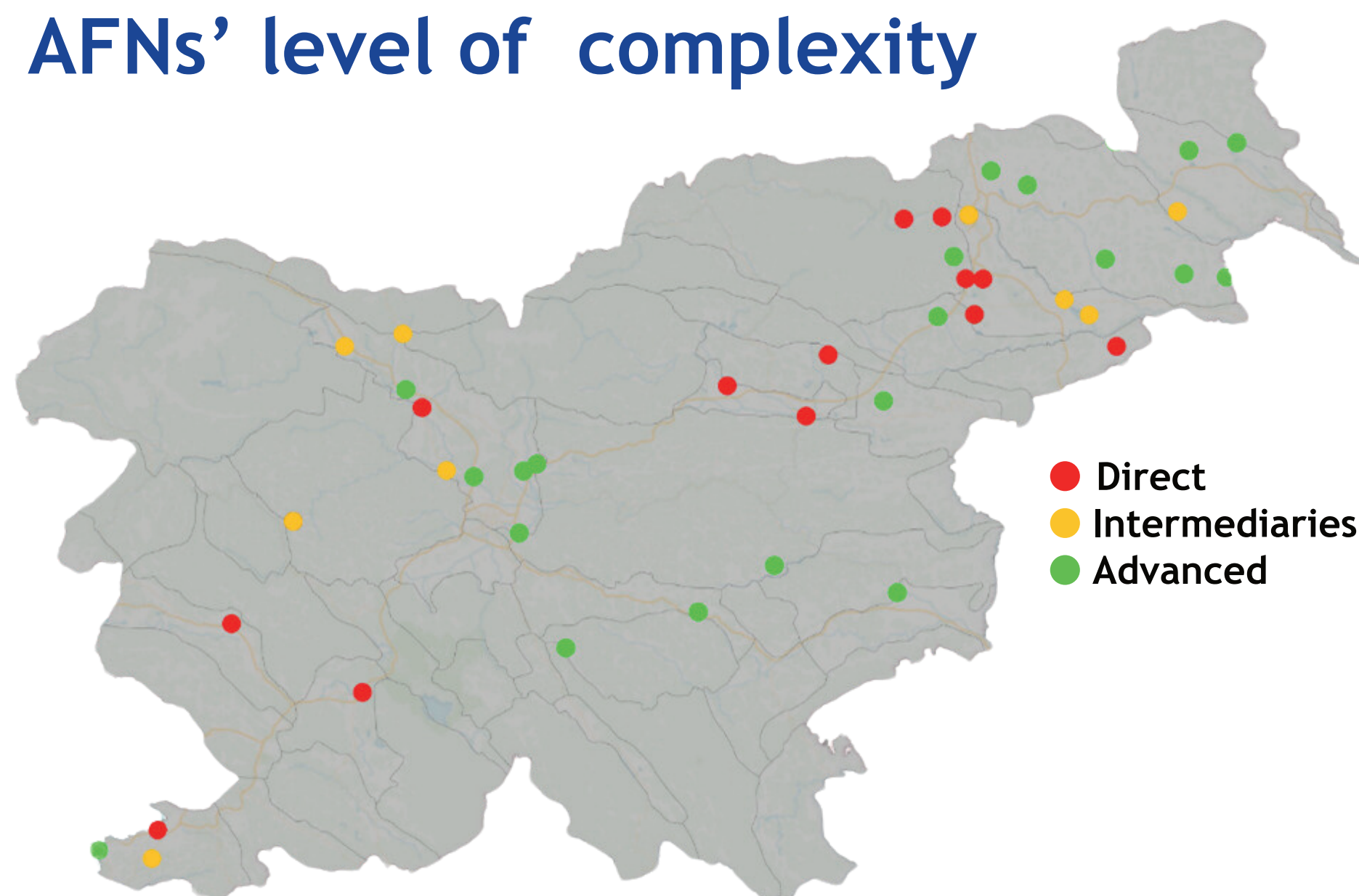


Geographical location

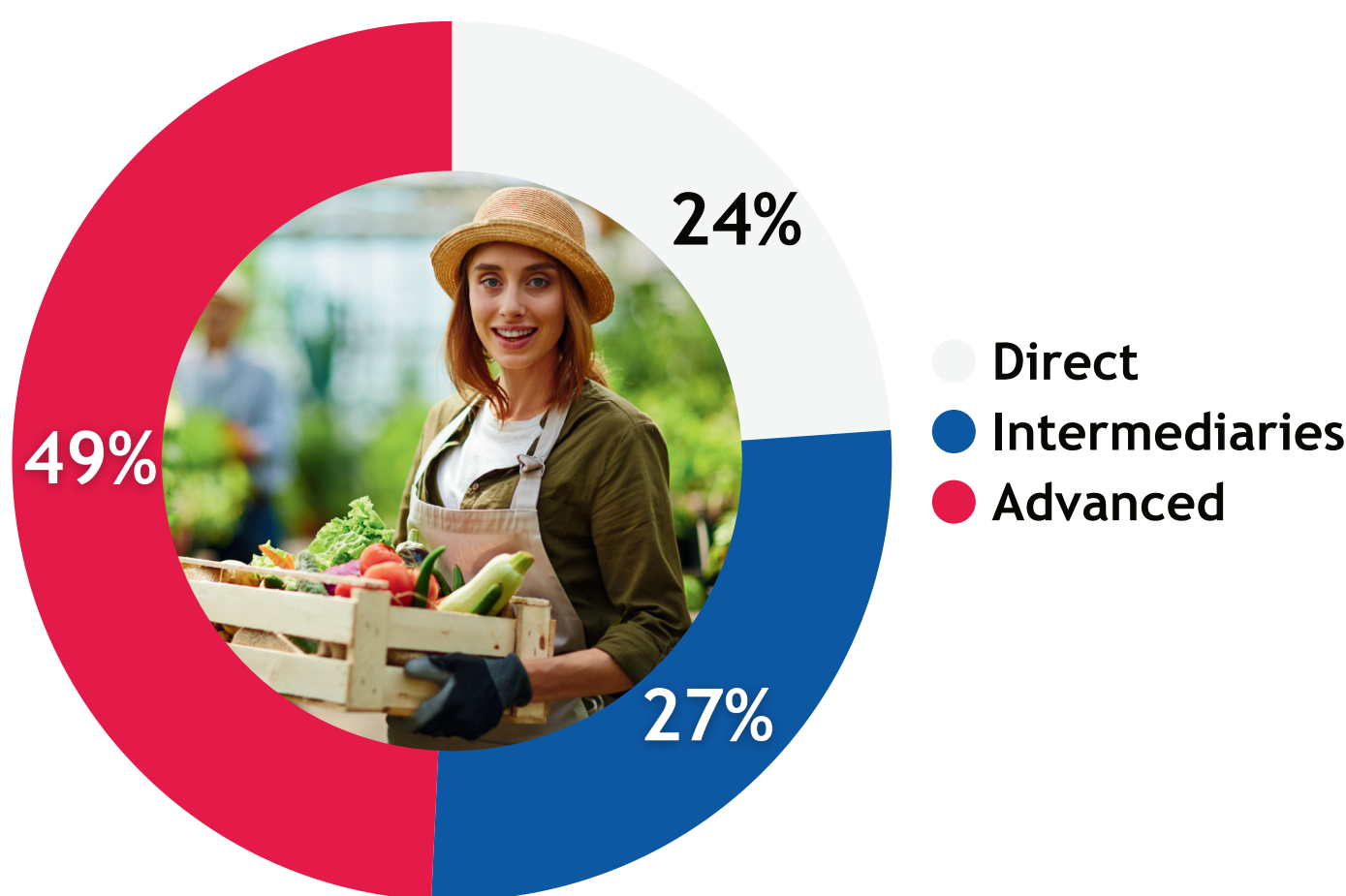


The most AFNs identified in the scope of the project can be found in the **Podravska region**, followed by the **Osrednjeslovenska region**, and **Pomurska**.

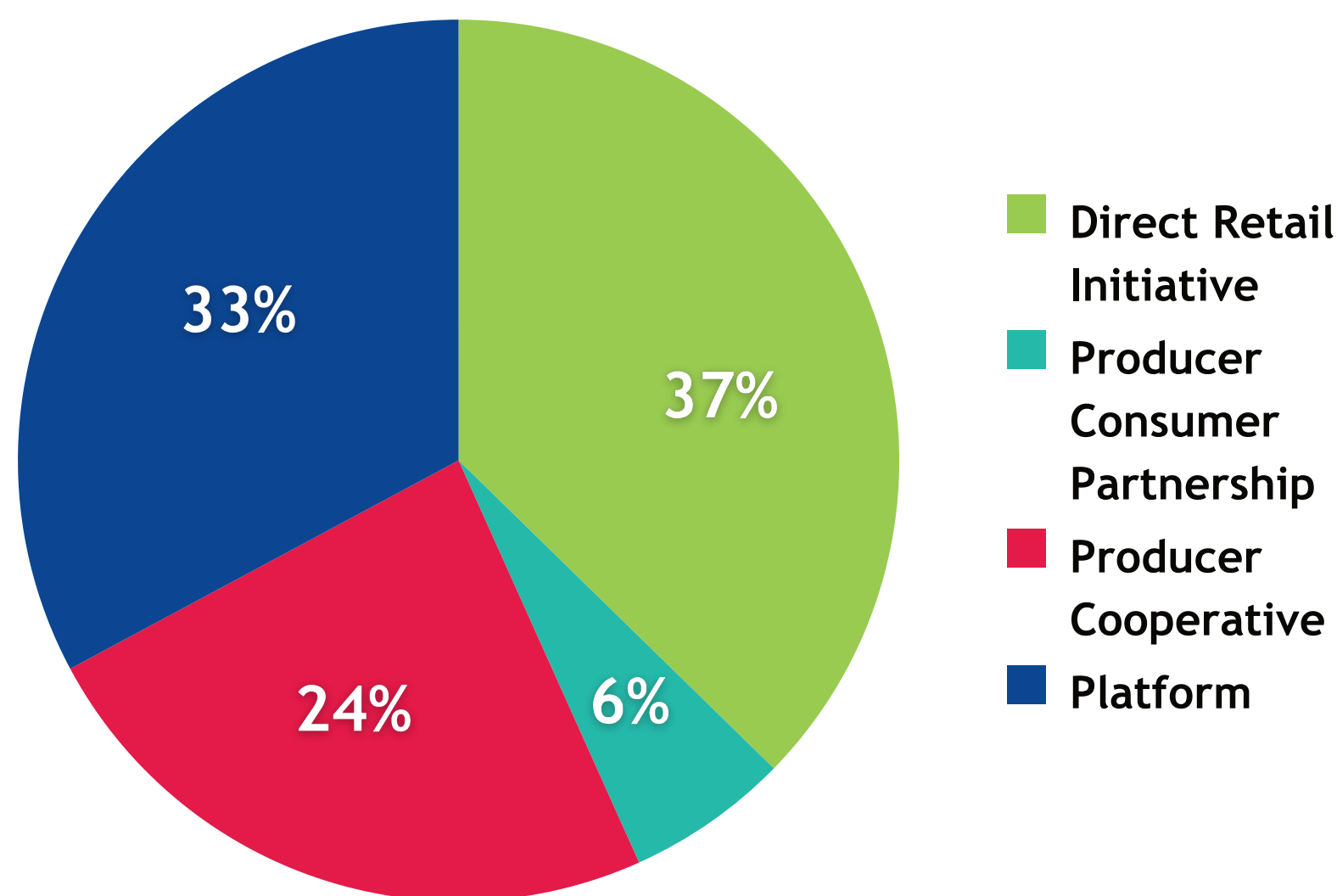
AFNs' level of complexity



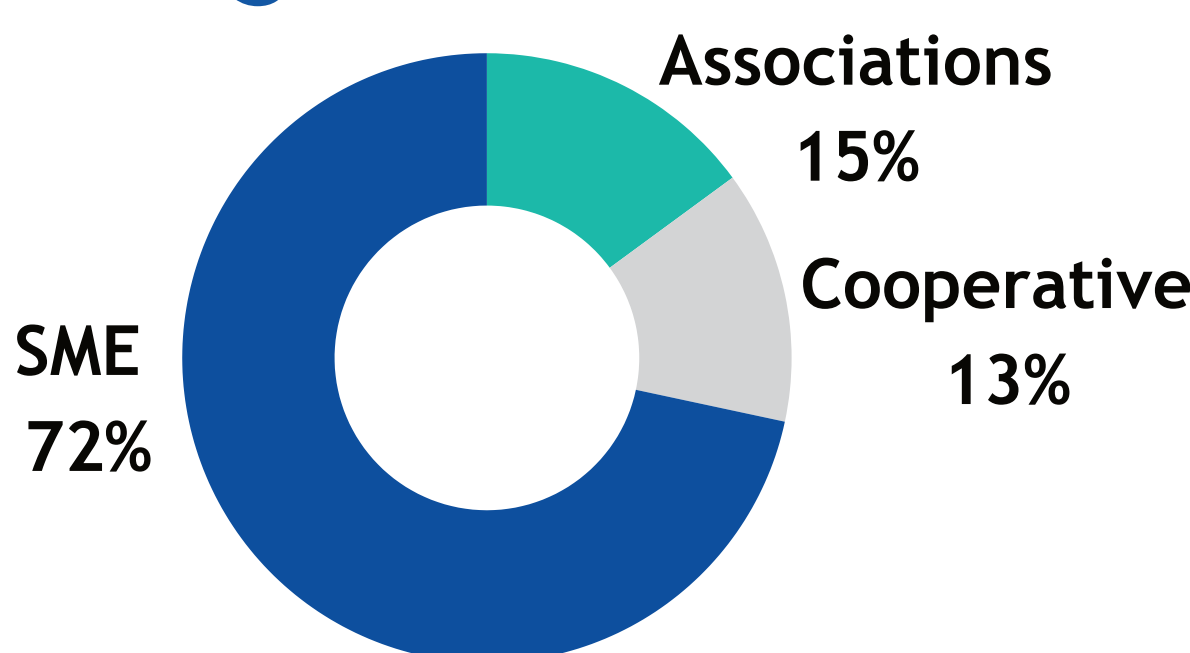
The research has identified **over 67 potential AFNs across Slovenia**. Among these, **30 were identified as potential best practices**, constituting **45% of the total identified AFNs**.



Forms of identified AFNs



Type of organisations



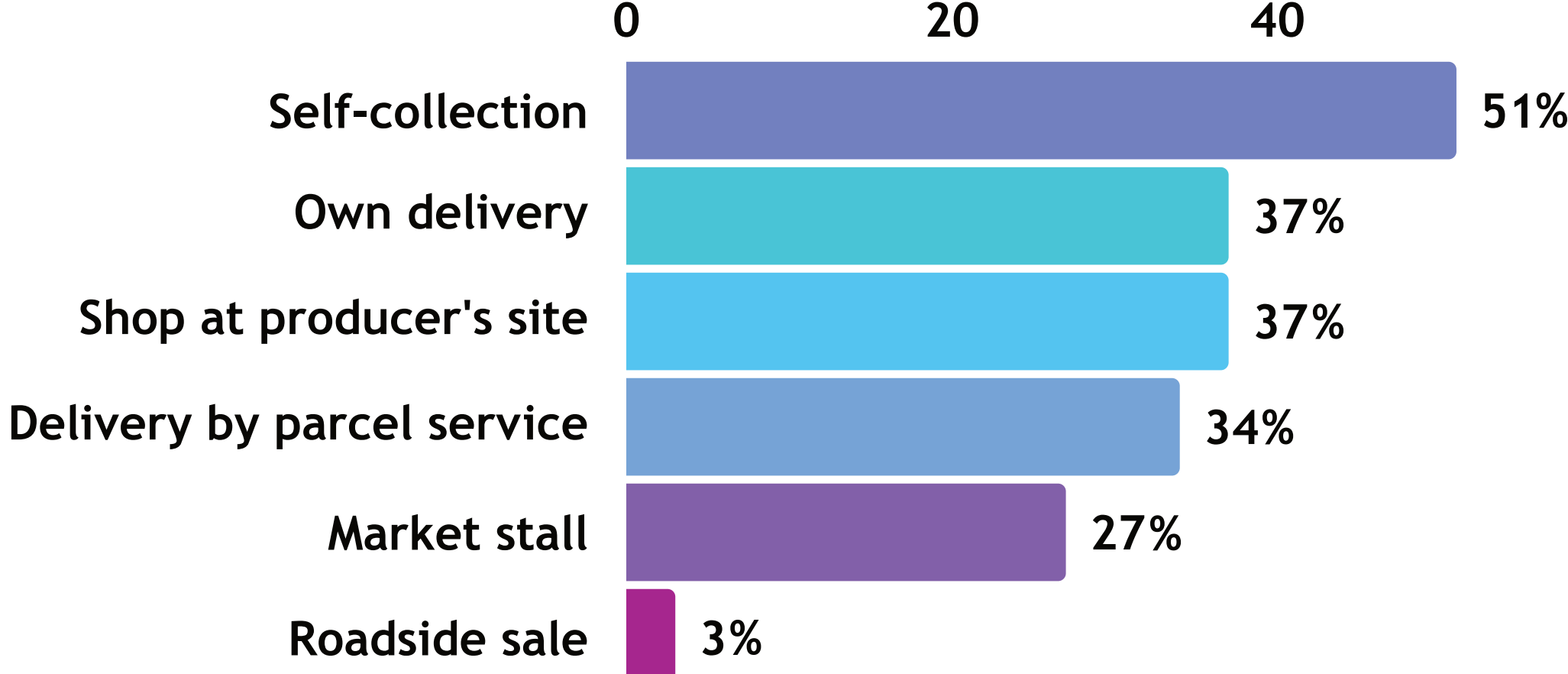
Overview

In recent years, Alternative Food Networks (AFNs) in Slovenia have seen significant growth, with a shift towards sustainability and local sourcing in response to consumer demand for transparency and quality, and the desire to support local producers. These networks have proven vital for promoting sustainable, locally driven short food supply systems, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw an increase in AFN creation due to delivery disruptions and a surge in consumer interest in local food systems. Despite challenges, such as labor shortages and supply chain disruptions, AFNs adapted by diversifying product offerings, enhancing online presence, and fostering community support, demonstrating resilience and innovation.

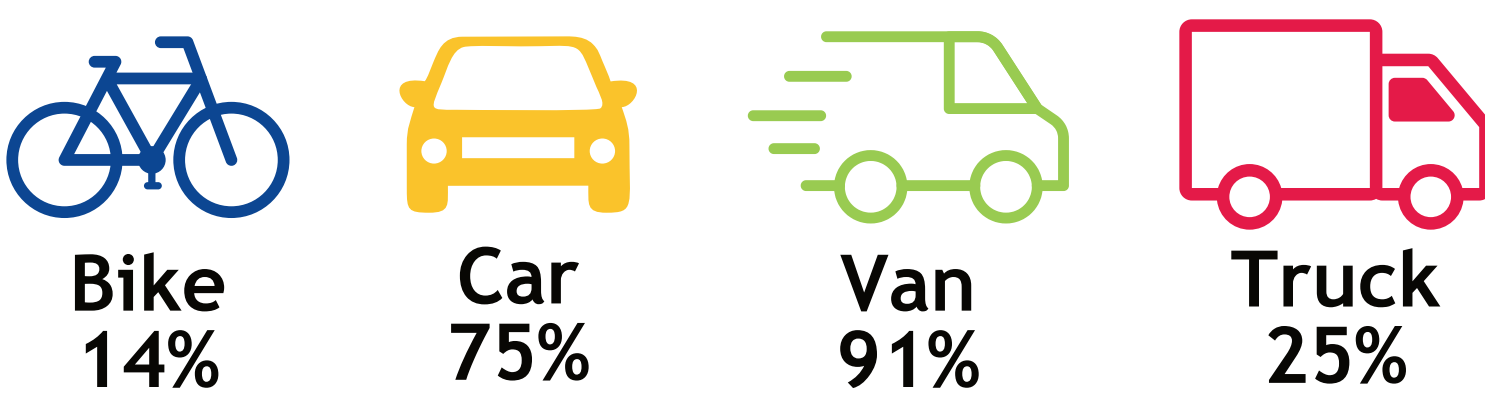
Transport & Logistics

The most prevalent distribution channel among identified AFNs is **self-collection**, followed by **own delivery**. **Shops at producer's site** are utilized by a third of AFNs, and a similar share of AFNs use **parcel service for distribution**. **Roadside sales** and **market stalls** are the least utilized modes of distribution of product assortment.

Distribution channels

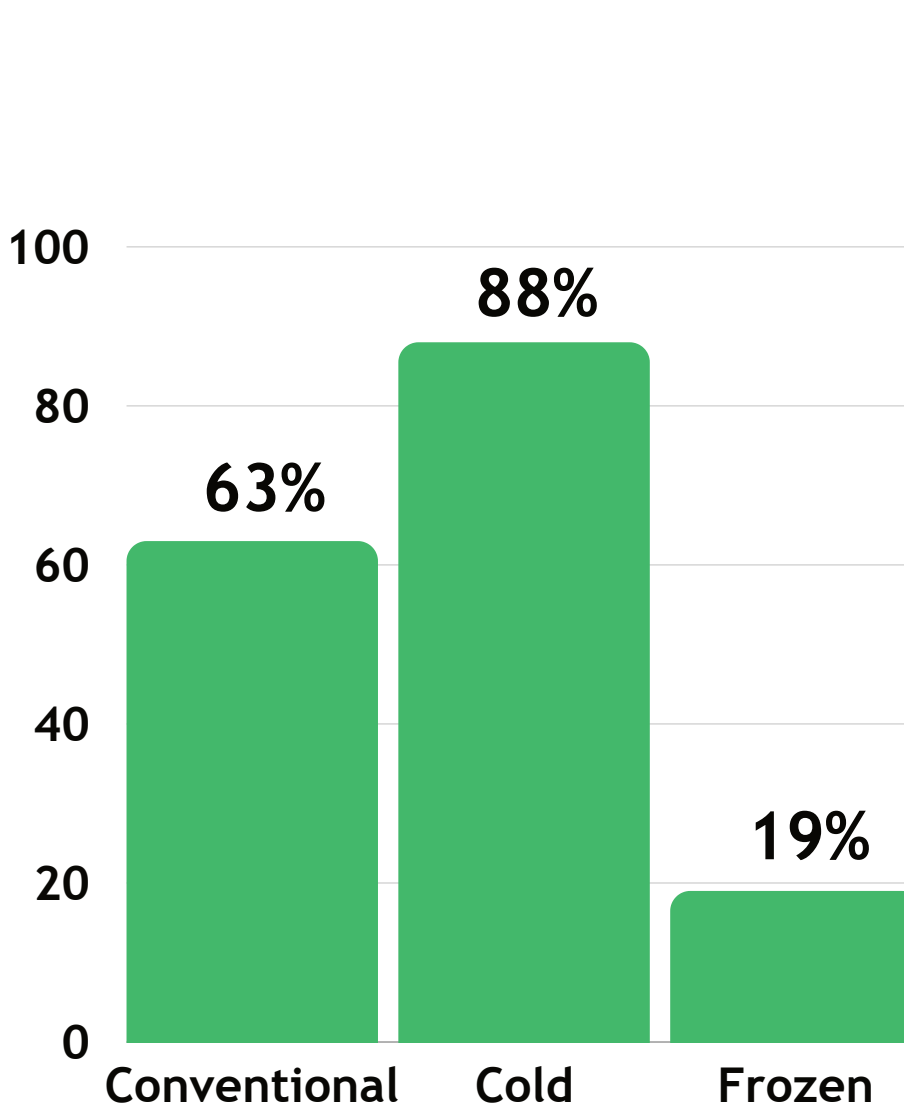


Transportation methods

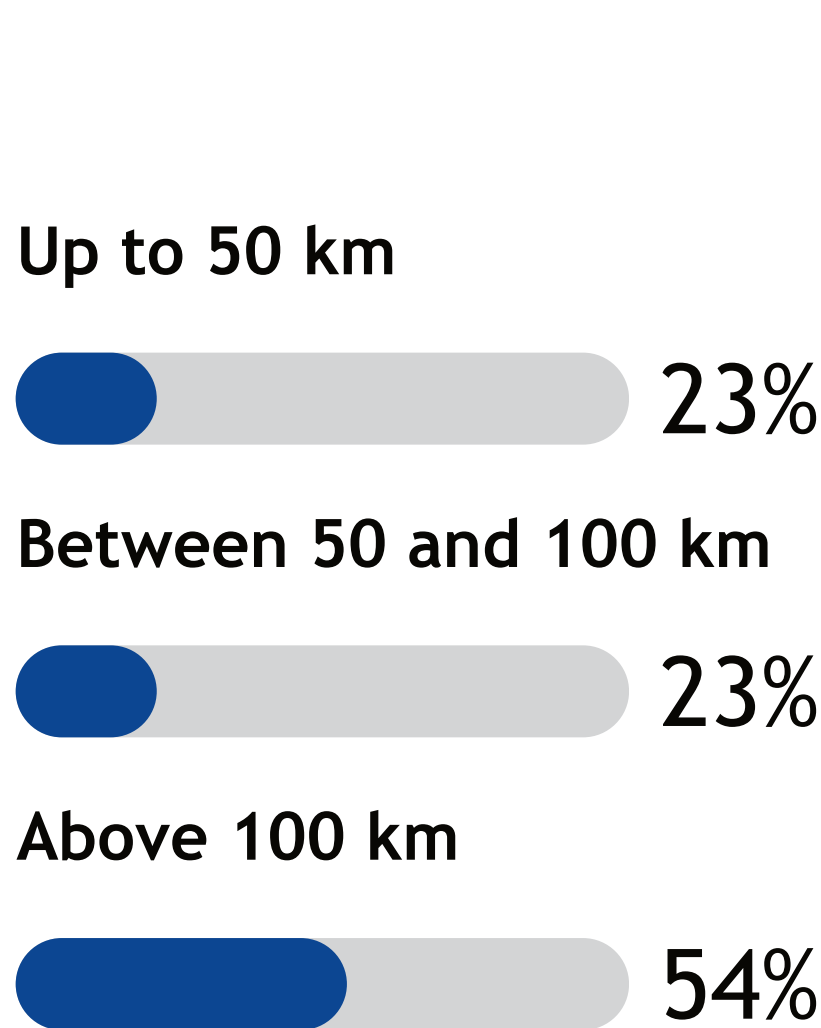


Vans are the predominant mode of transportation for deliveries among AFNs, with 10 out of 11 utilizing them, followed by cars, used by 6 out of 8 AFNs. Trucks and bikes are employed less frequently; only 2 out of 8 AFNs are using trucks and 1 is opting for bikes.

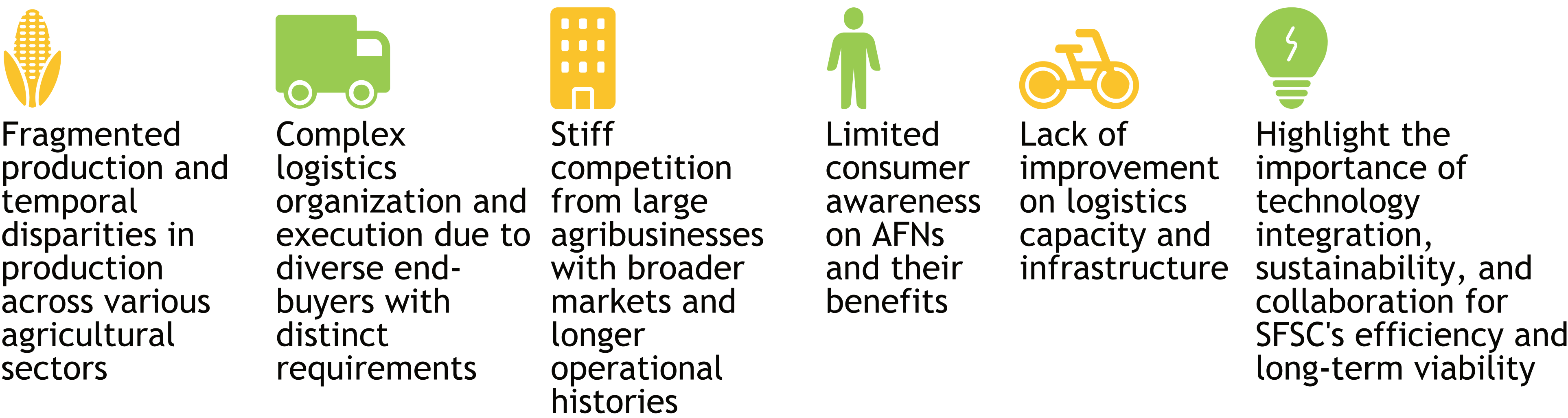
Storage facilities



Delivery area



Challenges



Logistics solutions

