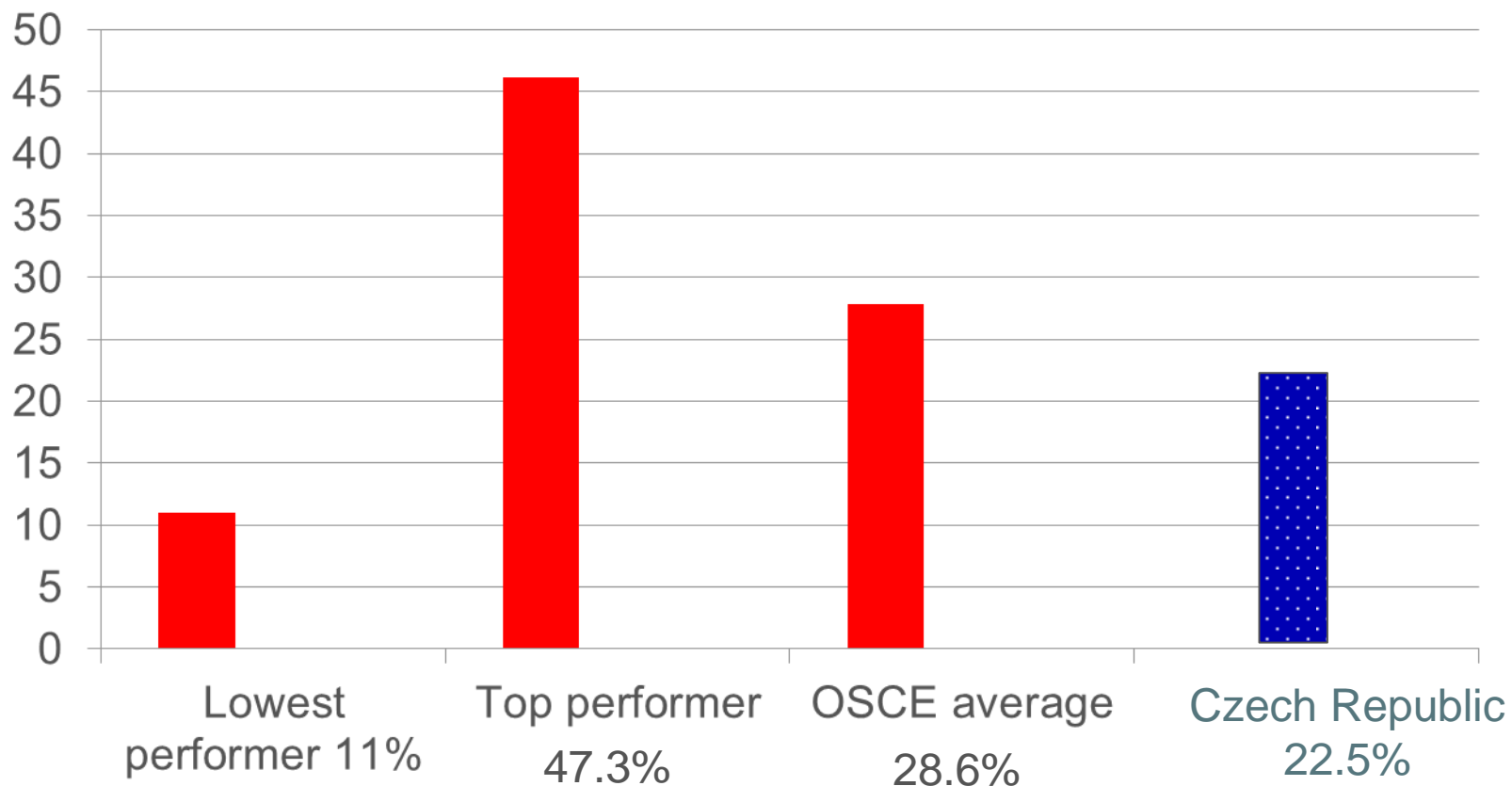


Women in Politics and Political Parties



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Women in national parliaments in OSCE



Top five barriers for women and men to enter politics



Women's participation in political parties

Political parties as gatekeepers of democracy

Internal Party Democracy

- Transparent leadership/candidate selection
- Equal access to party/campaign resources
- Appropriate times, venues for activities
- Accessible party culture and policies
- Gender equality on party agenda/platform

Gender Audits of Political Parties



Recommendations



Political parties

- Conduct Gender Audits of political parties
- Promote gender action plans and gender-sensitive party structure
- Consider voluntary party quotas
- Support women's active participation
- Equally assess women and men candidates



Elections

- Institutionalize gender analysis of electoral legislation and processes
- Consider effective legislative quotas
- Work with media to address male-dominated electoral landscape
- Consult women's NGOs and advocates.



Parliaments

- Promote parliament as a gender-sensitive employer
- Ensure legislation that works for women and men
- Support women's parliamentary networks
- Introduce codes of conduct to address discrimination