

The European MSM Internet Survey is the largest international and multi-language study on gay, bi- sexual and other men who have sex with men (MSM), happened between October 2017 and end of January 2018. This community report is the third in which we would like to give feedback to you.

KEY FINDINGS FOR THE 127,000 RESPONDENTS IN 48 COUNTRIES

This 3rd EMIS-2017 Community Report covers the stress factors affecting our mental, sexual, health and wellbeing. Much appreciation to you all for completing EMIS-2017.

This and other reports are available at www.emis2017.eu

Note: Some of the findings here can be compared to Community Report Vol. 2. 'On Men Living with HIV'

MINORITY STRESS

21%

OF YOU WERE VERBALLY INSULTED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR BECAUSE OF YOUR ATTRACTION TO OTHER MEN

30%

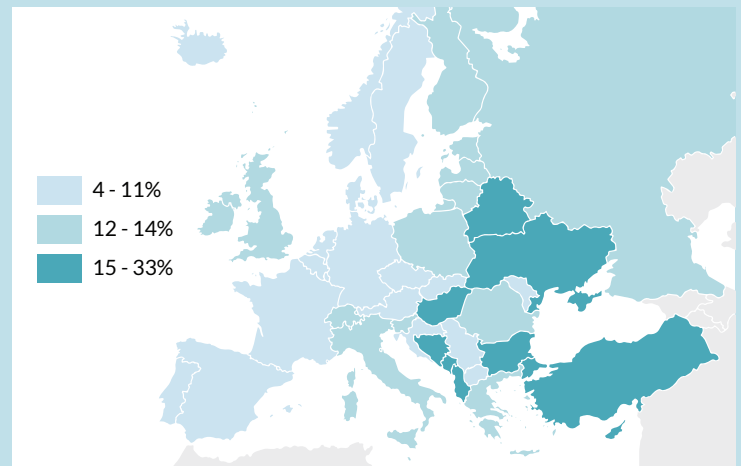
OF YOU WERE NOT OUT OR ONLY OUT TO A FEW PEOPLE

12%

OF YOU WERE LACKING SOCIAL SUPPORT

13%

OF YOU INDICATED THAT YOU WERE MEMBER OF AN ETHNIC OR RACIAL MINORITY



% Of respondents lacking social support

SEXUAL HEALTH & WELLBEING OUTCOMES

23%

OF YOU WERE SEXUALLY UNHAPPY (scoring less than 5 on 1 to 10 scale)

11%

OF YOU SAID YOU WERE LACKING CONTROL OVER SAFER SEX

9%

OF YOU DID NOT FIND IT EASY TO SAY 'NO' TO THE SEX YOU DON'T WANT

42%

OF YOU **DID NOT** KNOW WHERE TO GET AN HIV TEST (AMONG THE 27,000 WHO **NEVER** TESTED)

YOUR ECONOMIC SITUATION

17%

OF YOU WERE **STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY**

6%

OF YOU WERE **UNEMPLOYED**

4%

OF YOU WERE **RETIRED**

2%

OF YOU WERE **LONG TERM SICK**

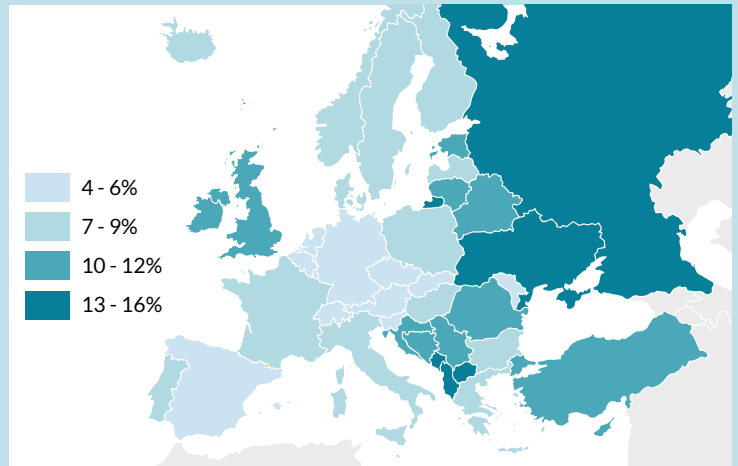
MENTAL HEALTH

8%

OF YOU SHOWED SIGNS OF SEVERE ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

21%

THOUGHT ABOUT 'HURTING YOURSELF' 'I WOULD BE BETTER OFF DEAD' IN THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS.



% Of respondents with severe anxiety or depression

Chapter 4.2 of the main report provides further details on mental health.

% OF YOU WHO USED THESE DRUGS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR



34% USED
POPPERS



24% USED
CANNABIS



22% USED
**ERECTILE
DYSFUNCTION DRUGS**



1% INJECTED
DRUGS
(EXCLUDING STEROIDS)
IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS



12% USED
**SEDATIVES /
TRANQUILIZERS**



10% USED
COCAINE



8% USED
**ECSTASY PILLS
OR POWDER**



5% USED
STIMULANT DRUGS
TO MAKE SEX MORE INTENSE OR LAST
LONGER IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS

DRUG USE

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE IN THE PAST YEAR



91% CONSUMED
ALCOHOL



50% CONSUMED
**TOBACCO
PRODUCTS**

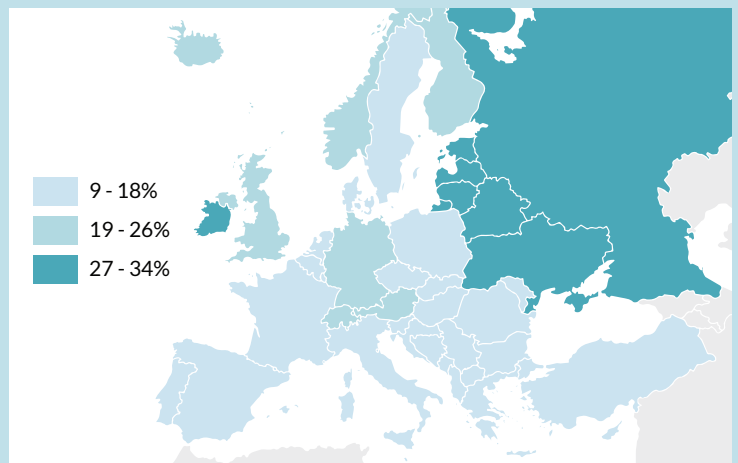
SUBSTANCE USE CONCERNS



13% OF YOU WERE
**CONCERNED ABOUT
YOUR OWN DRUG USE**



18% OF YOU HAD
**POTENTIAL ALCOHOL
DEPENDENCY**



% Of respondents with potential alcohol dependency

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