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49 countries
EMIS 2017 was conducted not only in the European Union, but also in Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, all Balkan countries, Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine, all Russia and in Canada - 49 countries in total.

134,000 participants
A large multi-national study, as was EMIS 2017, would have been nothing without your response. And you have participated in high rates all across Europe: 128,000 men living in Europe, and more than 6,000 men living in Canada took part.

We estimate that more than 2% of all men who have sex with men in Europe took part in EMIS 2017. The highest participation rates were from Malta, Norway, Sweden, Ireland and Switzerland.

Graph 1 shows the differences in study participation across the 49 countries.

“WHO ARE YOU?”
We asked a range of questions about you and here is some information on: Age, gender identity, status of relationship, coming out and HIV:

- 10% of you reported that you had been diagnosed with HIV.
- Half of you were up to 35 years old, spanning 14 to 89 years of age.
- About 1% of you in Europe, and about 2% in Canada were trans men.
- As refugees or asylum seekers about 1% of you came to Europe or Canada.
- In Europe as well was in Canada half of you were single while the other half were in a relationship's.
- 61% in Europe and 46% in Canada were out to almost every person you knew.
- 10% of you reported that you had been diagnosed with HIV.

Great support made this success possible
PlanetRomeo, Grindr, Hornet and many other apps helped giving our study visibility across Europe and Canada. We also had support from numerous gay/lesbian, HIV and sexual health organizations. All together you contributed to this success. A big THANK YOU.

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Condom knowledge 97%

The Condom is one of the ways to prevent HIV and other STIs. It is a barrier device mostly made of latex rubber which is put on the penis before anal intercourse. 97% know: The correct use of condoms throughout intercourse reduces the likelihood of picking up and passing on STIs (including HIV).

U=U knowledge 57%

(Undetectable = Untransmittable)

An efficient HIV-therapy for HIV-positive people prevents HIV transmission. 57% know: A person with HIV who is on effective treatment (called ‘undetectable viral load’) cannot pass their virus to someone else during sex.

Graph 2 shows the differences in knowledge about U=U across Europe. The highest rates of U=U knowledge we found in Denmark, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Netherlands, Iceland, Israel, Sweden, Latvia, Czech Republic, Norway, Canada and Belgium (named in decreasing order).

PrEP knowledge 51%

(Pre-Exposure prophylaxis)

As an HIV-negative man, you take an HIV-compound with two active ingredients to protect yourself from getting HIV. 51% know: Pre-Exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) involves someone who does not have HIV taking pills before as well as after sex to prevent them getting HIV.

Graph 3 shows how this knowledge differs across the European countries. Countries within the category of the highest PrEP knowledge were United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Netherlands, France, Israel, Norway, Iceland and Malta (named in decreasing order).

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