



# **“The year in Review”**

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## Being Trans in the European Union

Comparative analysis of  
EU LGBT survey data



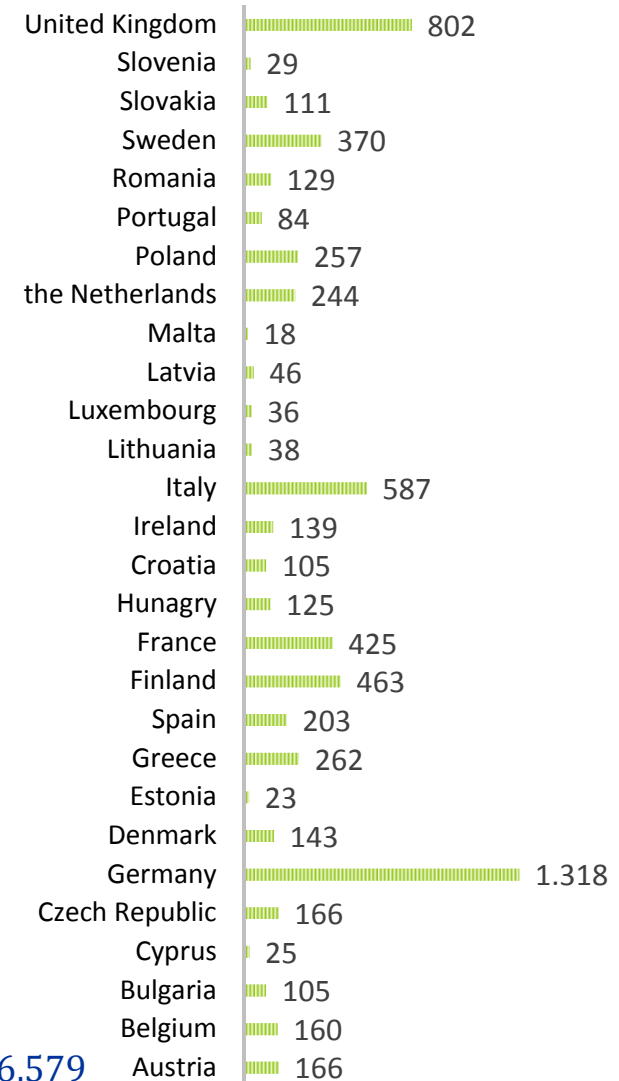
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## Trans respondents in report analysed by

- sub-categories
- per country

	N. of respondents	% of respondents
<b>Trans women (transsexual, and women with a transsexual past – male at birth)</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>17 %</b>
<b>Trans men (transsexual, and men with a transsexual past – female at birth)</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>10 %</b>
<b>Female cross dressers</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>4 %</b>
<b>Male cross dressers</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>4 %</b>
<b>Transgender</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>17 %</b>
<b>Gender variant</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Queer/other</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>36 %</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## Respondents per country

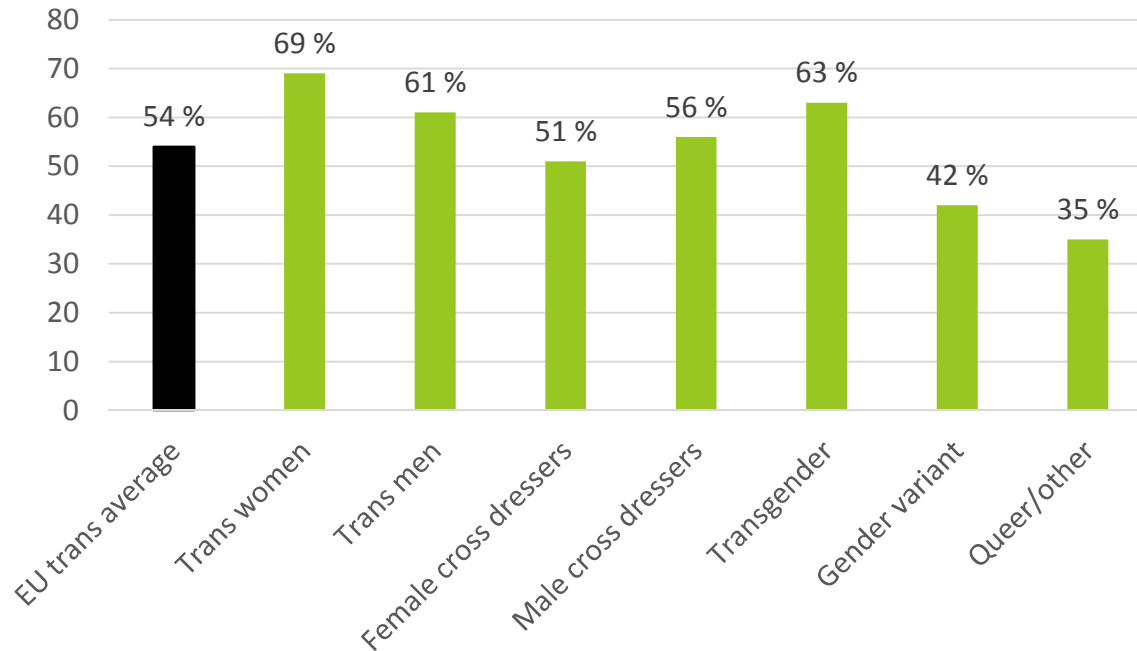


# Characteristics of trans respondents surveyed

- Are on average young, with 7 out of 10 respondents younger than 40 years old
- Are just as often well- as less- educated.
- 75% is single
- Tend to fall into the lower income quartile more often than the LGB groups in survey
- Describe their sexual orientation as bisexual or gay, or use different terms
- Live more often in an urban area
- 16% has a child in the household

# 1. Discrimination

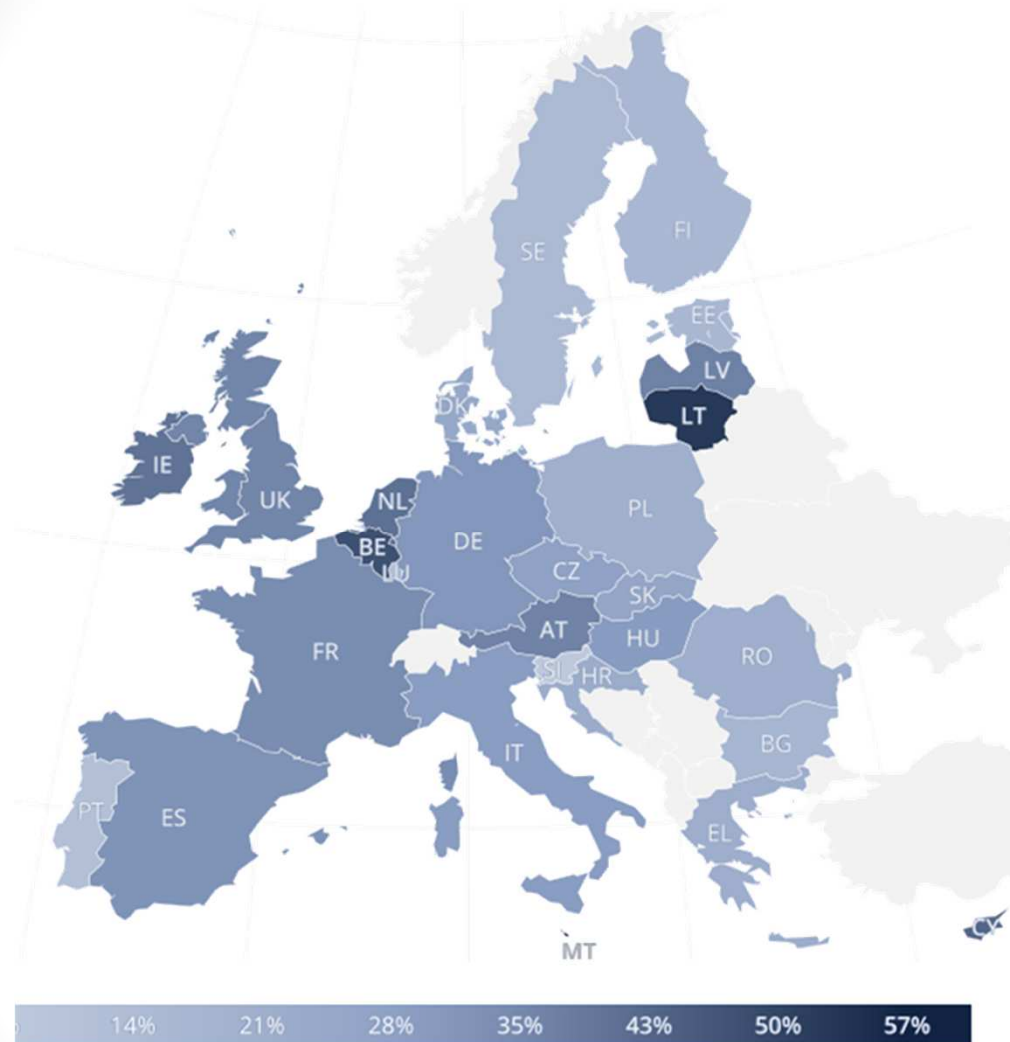
- **54% all respondents** say that in the year preceding the survey they felt personally discriminated against or harassed because of being perceived as trans.



*Question: In the last 12 months, in the country where you live, have you personally felt discriminated against or harassed because of being perceived as ... D. Transgender? Yes.*

- Those who felt discriminated against or harassed in the 12 months preceding the survey for being trans are more prone to avoid expressing their preferred gender than those who did not feel discriminated against or harassed - **60% vs 40 %**.

# Employment



Question: During the last 12 months, in the country where you live, have you... A. Looked for a job? Yes. B. During the last 12 months, have you personally felt discriminated against because of being transgender in any of the following situations: A. When looking for a job? Yes.

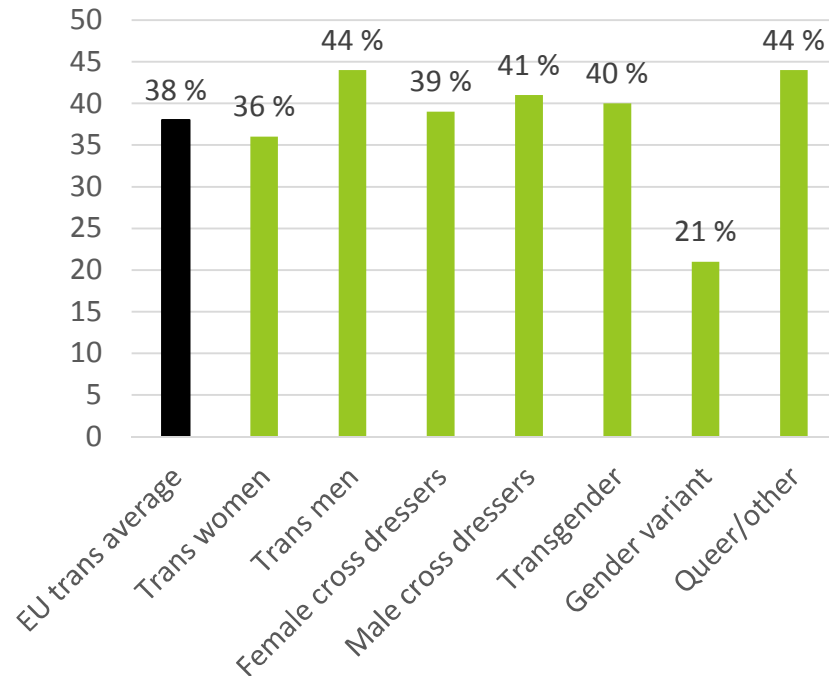
- **Over 1 in 3** trans respondents felt discriminated against because of being trans when looking for a job.
- **Trans women** are the most likely to have felt discriminated against, followed by **trans men**.
- **Large national differences**

*The job where I transitioned I was fully out as trans. I was dismissed from my job one week before I had a hysterectomy (...). In subsequent jobs I have not been out at work because of this experience.*

(trans man, 56 years old, United Kingdom)

# 3. Education

Experienced negative comments or conduct because of being trans, by identity group (% often and always)



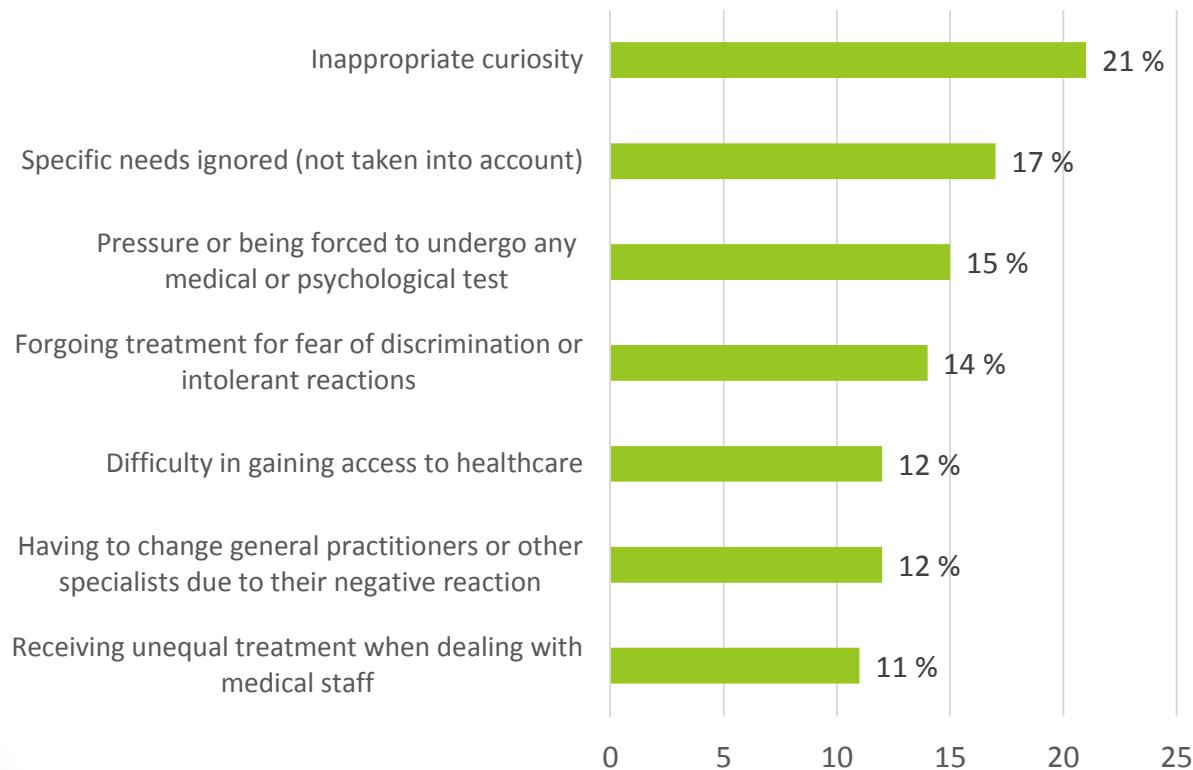
Question: During your schooling before the age of 18, did you ... C. Experience negative comments or conduct at school because of you being transgender?

- **79 %** of the trans respondents were never open about being trans during their schooling before the age of 18.
- **82 %** of the respondents state that they often or always hid or disguised being trans at secondary school.



# 4. Healthcare

## Experiences when using or trying to access healthcare services as a trans person (%)



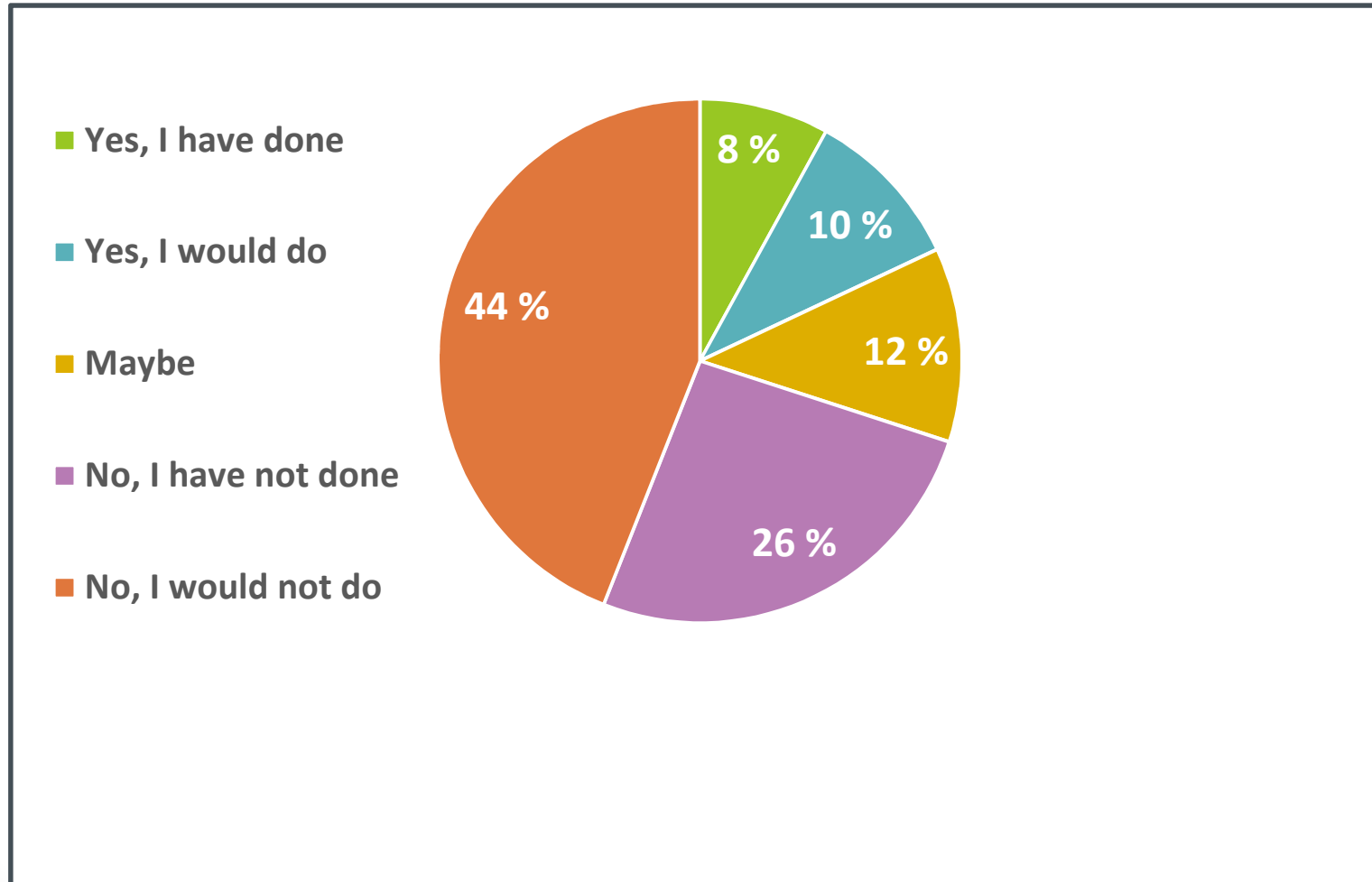
- **Up to 30 %** of respondents who sought help for being trans experienced a situation where a healthcare practitioner wanted to help but lacked information.
- **Around 1 in 5** felt personally discriminated against by healthcare or social service personnel

*Question: Have you ever experienced any of the following situations when using or trying to access healthcare services as a trans person?*

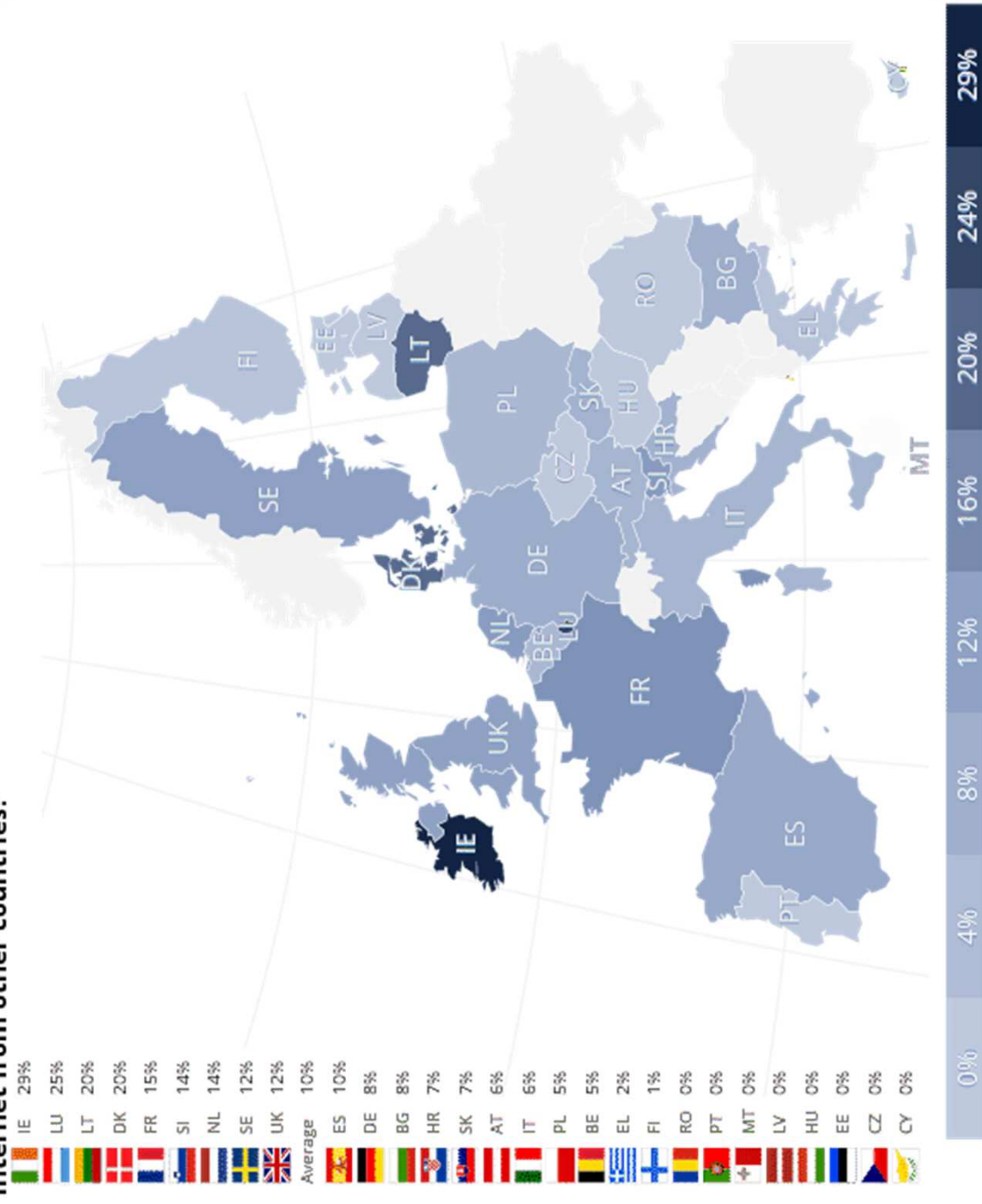
*“I have experience of communication with transphobic psychologists who think that my gender identity is result of some kind of trauma and is nearly illness. I do not think that it is illness. I like my identity; I only do not like reaction of society.”*

(Queer person, 40, from Latvia)

# Going abroad for treatment



**5. Transgender specific questions / Have you gone abroad or considered going abroad for medical treatment to alter your physical appearance, including buying hormones over the internet from other countries?**



NA - LGBT Survey 2012 | Yes, I have done | Transgender subgroups : Transgender

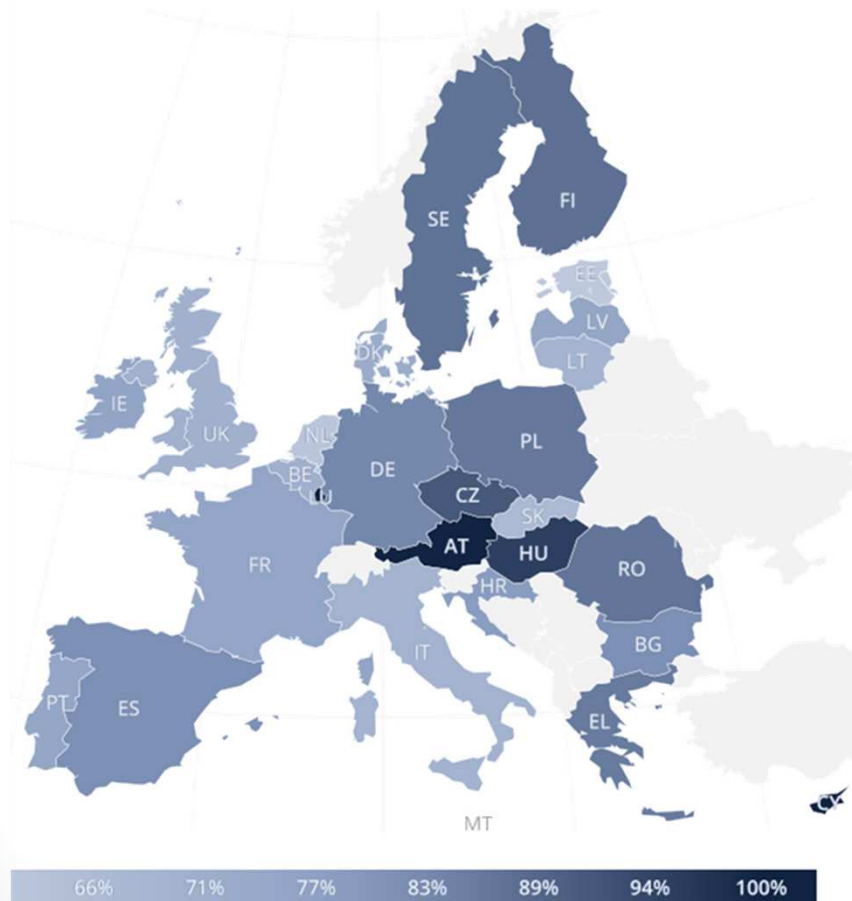
# 5. Violence and hate crime

## Trans respondents' perception of perpetrators of hate-motivated violence and threats (%)

Was the perpetrator alone?	In %
Alone	37
More perpetrators	63
Who was/were the perpetrator(s)? (most common)	
Family/household member	9
Someone from school, college or university	11
Someone else you know	13
Member of an extremist / racist group	14
Teenager or group of teenagers	32
Someone else you didn't know	41

- **1 in 3** trans respondents experienced violence or was threatened with violence in the five years preceding the survey.
- **46 %** stated that the last incident of violence happened in a street, square, car park or other public places.
- Trans women, male cross dressers and transgender respondents are the most affected groups.

# Reporting violence and hate crime



Question: Did you or anyone else report the last incident of physical / sexual attack or threat of violence to the police. Answer : No.

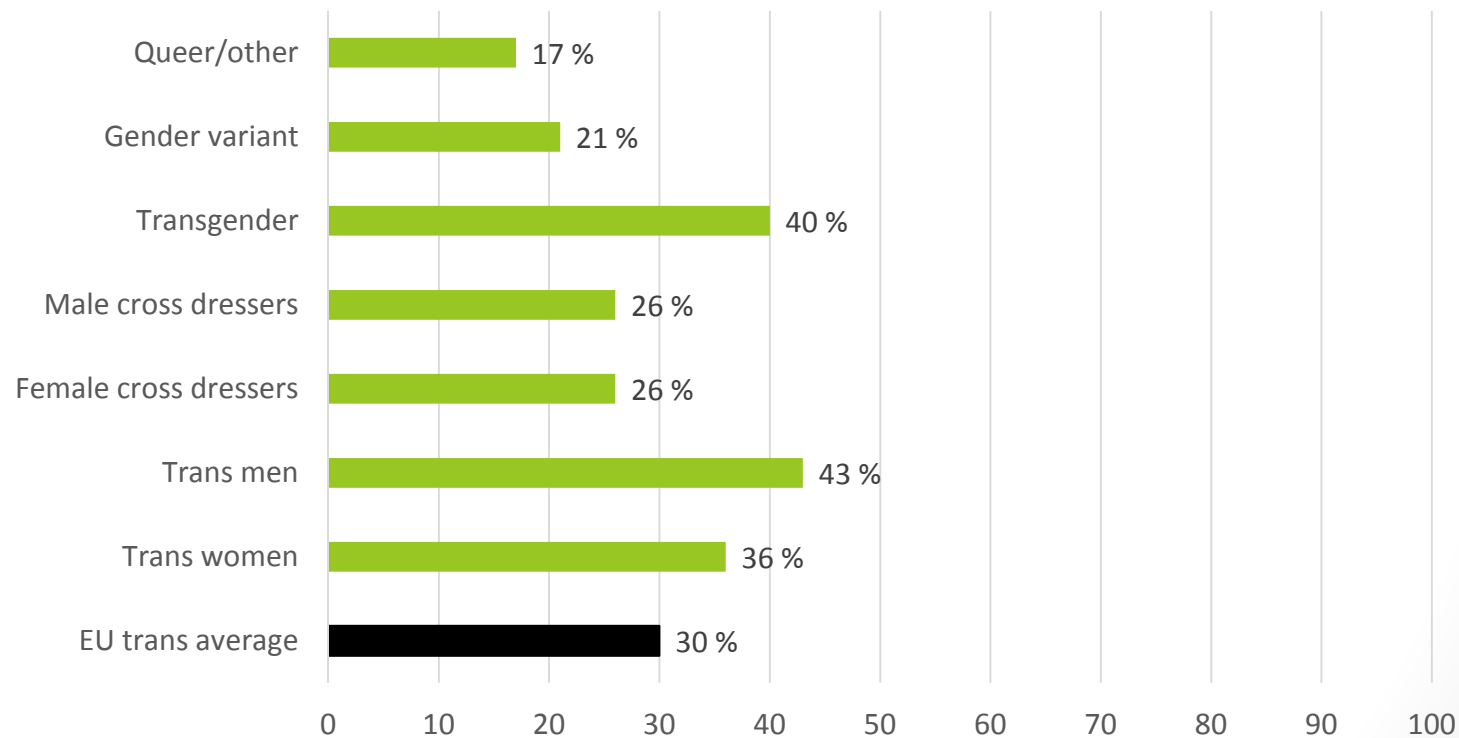
- **Only 1 in 4** most serious incidents of violence was reported to the police by the respondents.

## Respondents didn't report because:

- The police would not do anything.
- Fear of a homophobic or transphobic reaction from the police

# 6. Legal gender recognition

Feeling discriminated against in a situation where it was necessary to show an official document identifying the owner's sex (%)



*Question: During the last 12 months, have you personally felt discriminated against because of being trans in any of the following situations: - K. When showing your ID or any official document that identifies your sex.*

# What needs to be changed?

<b>Respondents' opinions on ways to enhance a comfortable life as a trans person</b>	<b>Agree or strongly agree (%)</b>	<b>Current situation is fine (%)</b>	<b>Strongly agree (%)</b>
More options for medical treatment	<b>79</b>	12	9
Easier legal procedures for gender recognition in the preferred gender	<b>87</b>	7	6
Workplace anti-discrimination policies referring to gender identity	<b>77</b>	5	4
Measures implemented at school to respect transgender people	<b>93</b>	2	5
Public figures in politics, business, sports, etc. speaking openly in support of transgender people	<b>92</b>	3	5
National authorities who promote the rights of transgender people	<b>94</b>	2	5
Better acceptance of differences in gender identities by religious leaders	<b>92</b>	2	6



*As transgender, I feel it is crucial policy makers and healthcare providers understand there are more than just two extremes of the gender spectrum (...). We need more understanding, but more importantly, more resources and legal support to live our lives equal to other people.*

(trans woman, 28, Netherlands)

For more information on the FRA LGBT  
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