Significant progress has been made for people living with HIV (PLHIV) in the last 30 years, which means that many PLHIV can now successfully manage their HIV and expect to live as long as the general population. Yet, HIV-related stigma, misconceptions and complacency persist as major challenges to stopping the virus.

Is HIV Sorted? is a new, large-scale survey jointly conducted by Gilead and the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) to investigate the perception and understanding of HIV amongst the general public. It included over 24,000 respondents across 12 European countries.

Stigma towards PLHIV remains an issue across Eastern and Western Europe.

HIV is still seen as a major public health concern among those surveyed in Europe:

- Only 44% of respondents believe that HIV is not sorted.
- 47% across Europe believe that HIV is still a health concern.
- 20% of Eastern Europeans believe that HIV is under control in their country.
- 73% in Western Europe believe that HIV is still a major health concern.
- 82% in Eastern Europe believe that HIV is under control in their country.

Of those included in the survey...

- 50% across Europe believe that funding for HIV should be a priority for their government or health service.
- 51% believe that PLHIV should be able to do any job.
- 24% of respondents feel that PLHIV should not be allowed to work as healthcare professionals.
- Lack of understanding about HIV in general.
- 47% lack of awareness regarding the reality of successful HIV treatment.
- Discrimination and stigma, which create barriers to testing.

To achieve the UNAIDS 90-90-90 treatment targets by 2020, we must not allow HIV to be deprioritised. We need to:

- Address the remaining issues.
- Together, we can stop the virus.

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**About this survey**

- The survey was fielded in June 2018 by independent market research company Opinium, using a consumer panel of HIV-negative (self-described) adults aged 18+.
- Additional survey data will be made available during 2018 and 2019.

**REGIONAL BREAKDOWN**

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**STIGMA TOWARDS PLHIV REMAINS AN ISSUE ACROSS EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE**

Of respondents who have had a new sexual partner within the last year:

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- 51% believe that PLHIV should be able to do any job.
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