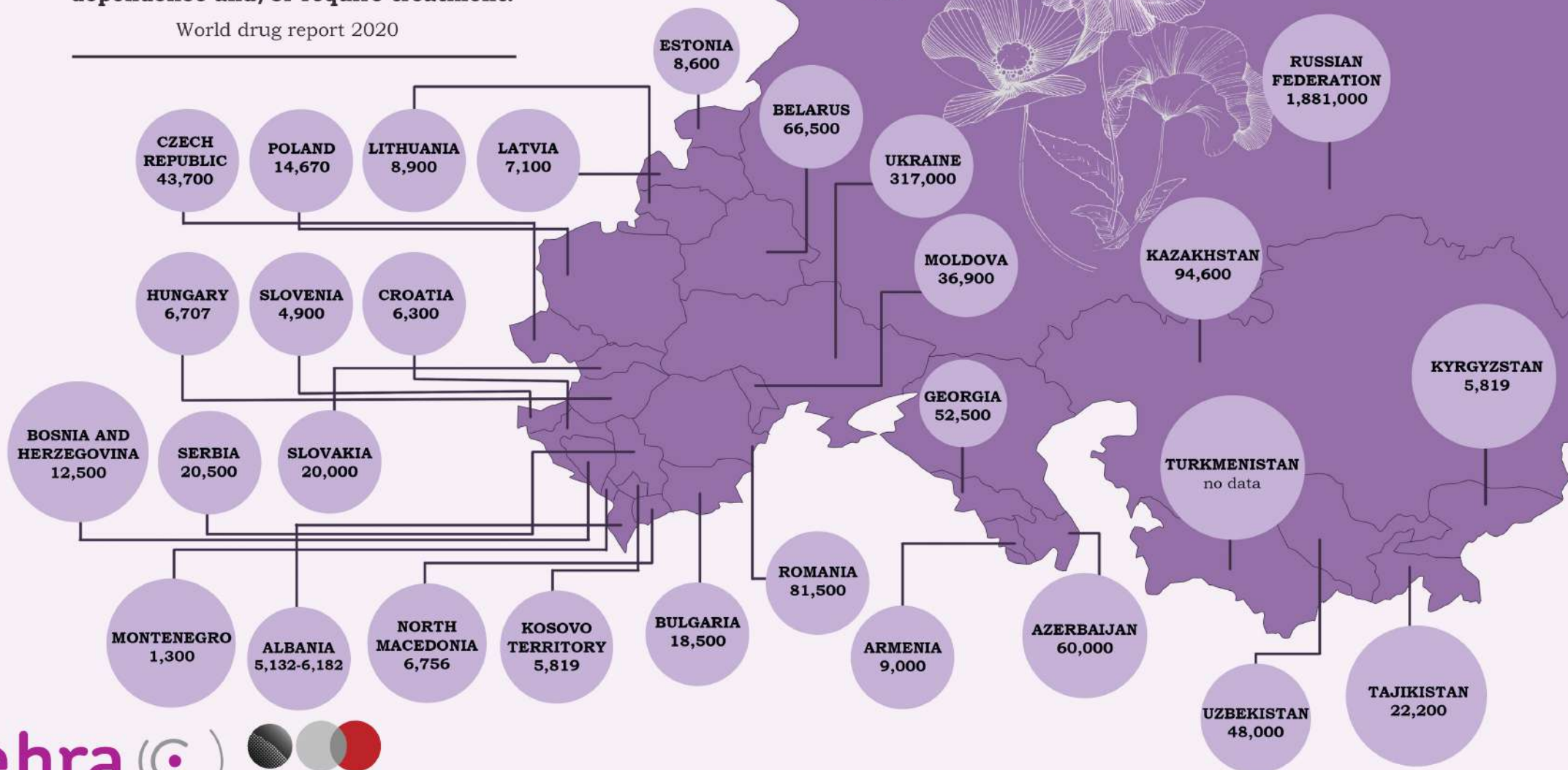


# The number of people who inject drugs

Globally, between 7% and 19% people who use drugs are estimated to suffer from drug use disorders, meaning that their pattern of drug use is harmful, or they may experience drug dependence and/or require treatment.

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# Needle and syringe program

## Barriers to access services:

Lack of psycho-social support



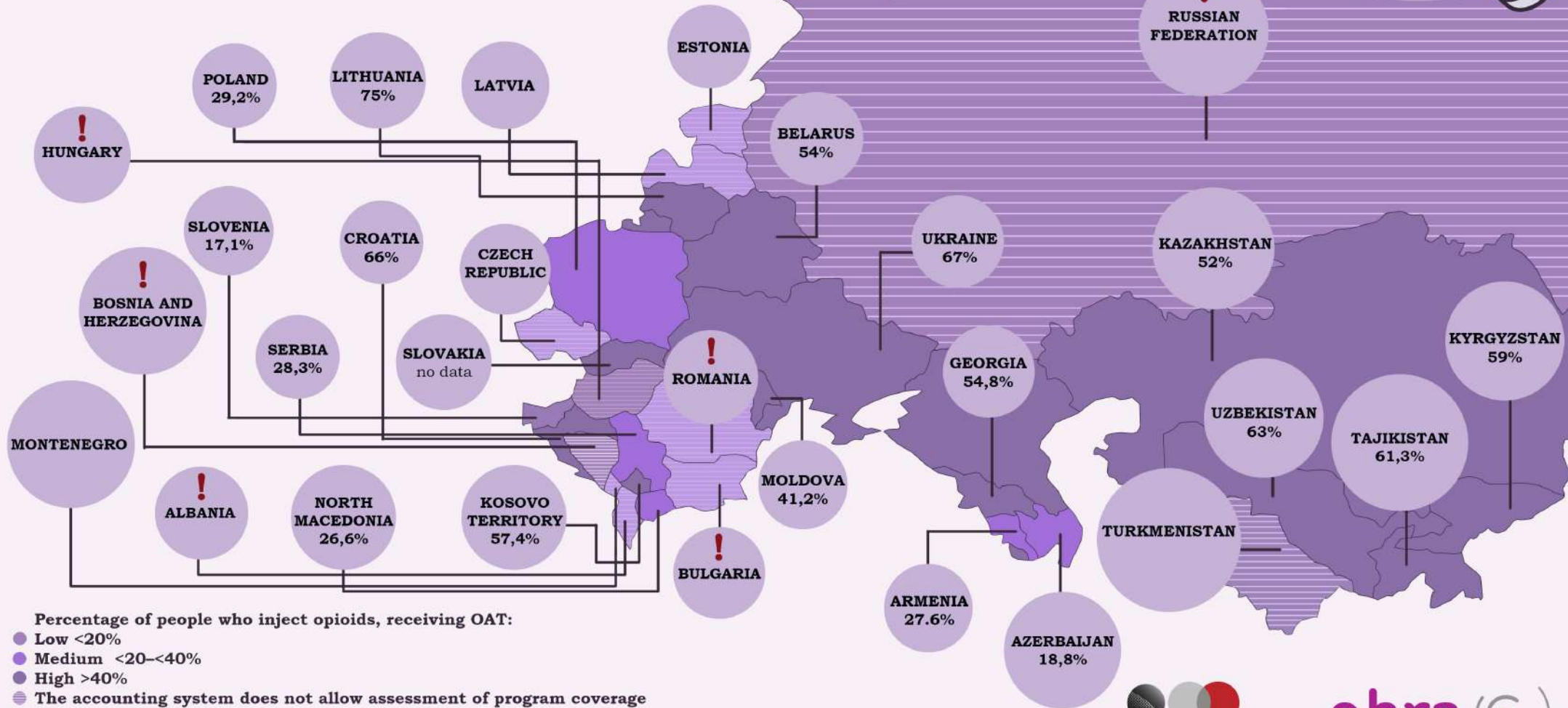
Limited access



Failure to meet customer needs



Poor quality of services



Percentage of people who inject opioids, receiving OAT:

● Low <20%

● Medium <20-40%

● High >40%

● The accounting system does not allow assessment of program coverage

! Countries where programs have closed/ threatened to close



# HIV among people who inject drugs

## 15 out of 29 countries have a concentrated HIV epidemic\*

\* The prevalence of infection exceeds 5%

### Barriers to accessing HIV treatment

Drug user registry



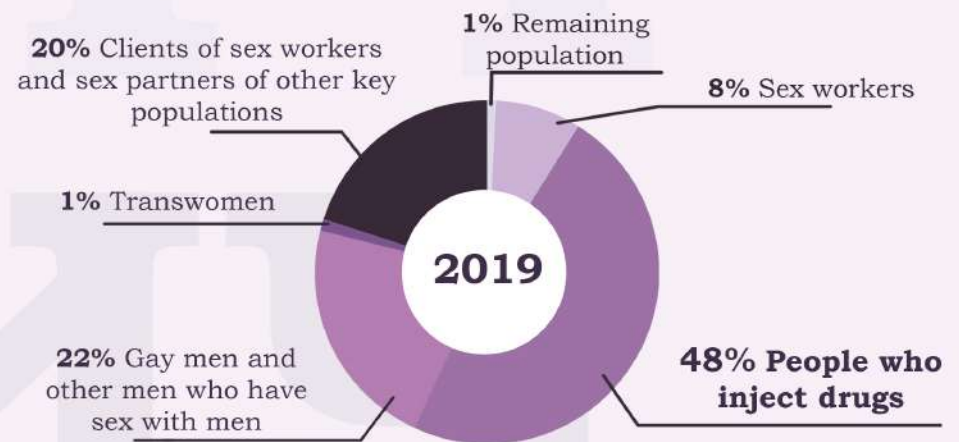
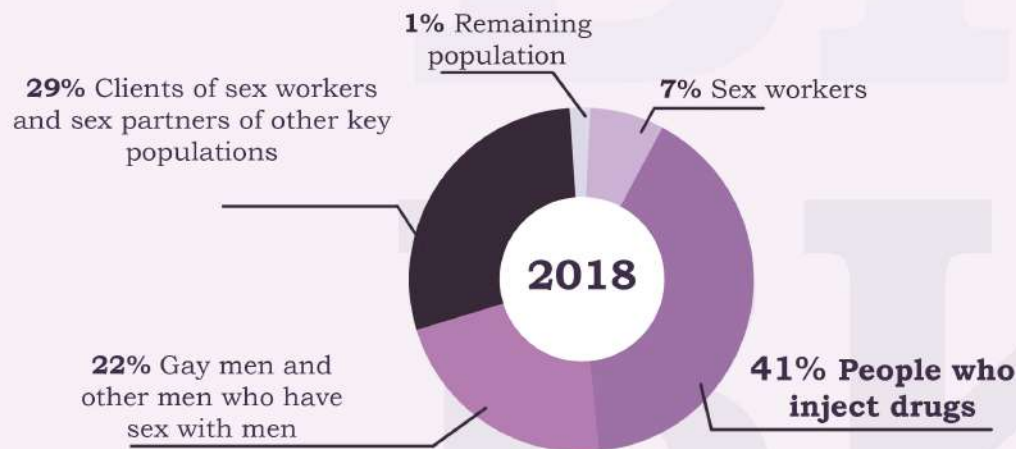
Criminalisation

Centralisation of services (no option to receive treatment locally)



Stigmatization of people who use drugs

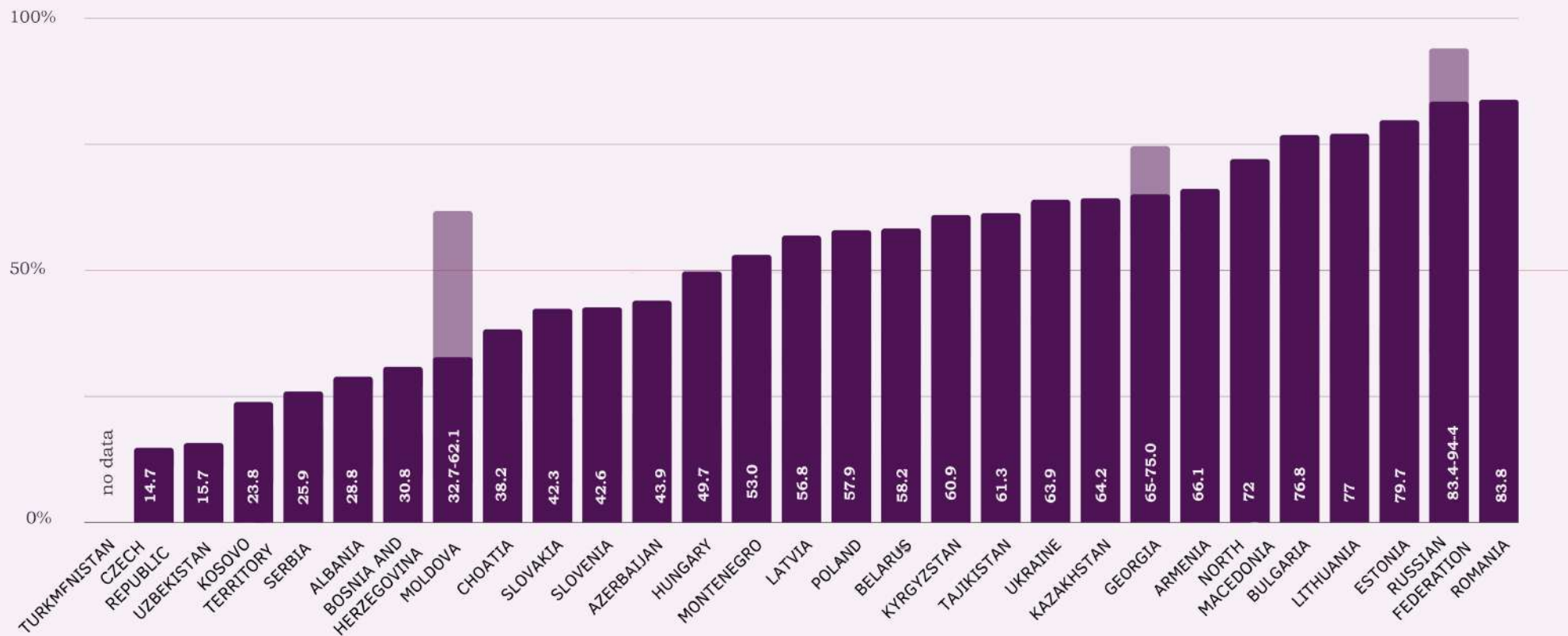
### Distribution of new HIV infections by populations (aged 15 - 49 years) in EECA region\*\*



\*\* EECA - Eastern Europe, Central Asia (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Macedonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) (UNAIDS data 2019/2020)

# Hepatitis C among people who inject drugs

Hepatitis C prevalence among people who inject drugs exceeds 50% in 18 out of 29 countries



## Barriers:



Low awareness



Criminalization for people who use drugs



Low access to diagnostics and treatment



Expensive treatment