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Progress in gender equality in Austria, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Austria achieved a score of **63.3 out of 100**. This is slightly below the EU-28 score of 66.2 and progress has been slower than in the EU on average. Austria has been ranking 19th place for women's rights.

The highest scores in Austria are in the domains of **health** and **money**. The gender equality score in the domain of **health** shows great gender balance in access to services and overall health status. It has remained stable and well above the EU-28. The situation in the domain of **money** has progressed, although the situation among the population is more inequity.

The biggest improvements took place in the domains of **power** and **knowledge**. The score for **power** is the lowest in Austria. Improvement in this domain is largely due to a more equal representation of women and men in decision-making in the economic sphere. Despite an improvement in educational attainment and participation, the domain of **knowledge** shows persistent inequalities of study fields across traditional gender lines.

In the domain of **work**, Austria is ranked 19th in the EU-28. Participation in the labour market has improved, but continued segregation of women and men into certain professions has impeded progress.

The lowest score was in the domain of **time**, which has progressed marginally. The division of time allocated to social activities has become more gender unequal.



14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

(1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index, EU Gender Main Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings by sex, all through European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Violence Against Women Survey and EU Survey on Intersecting Inequalities. The gender equality index is calculated as the average of the scores of the 14 domains. The score of Austria is 63.3/100. For details on methodology, see Annex 1. Change of the indicator calculated by the indicator is either the difference in the indicator or the indicator in the indicator.

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