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Progress in gender equality in Estonia, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Estonia achieved a score of **56.7 out of 100** which is an increase of 4.2 points since 2005. This score is about 40 points below the EU28 average but progress is happening at a slightly faster pace than in the EU. Estonia has managed to catch up on the score scale since 2005, to reach 20th place. EU domain results are presented.

The gender equality score in the domains of **time and health** are the highest in Estonia while Estonia scores on the domain of **work** among the top five in the EU28. Its score in the domain of **health** is at the bottom. Both economic growth from 2005 to 2015, the situation of **time to care** at home has become slightly more equal between women and men. Challenges remain in the domain of **time to social activities**.

Workload of employed women has been close to the domain of **money** while to gender equality in earnings and income. In the sector **time**, poverty has increased slightly, especially for women. The situation in the domain of **work** has slightly improved, closely by increased participation of women and men in the labour market.

The lowest score was in the domain of **power and knowledge**. Although the score is low, the domain of power shows improvements, highly thanks to progress in women's representation in decision-making positions in the political and social spheres. Gender equality in knowledge has also improved but at a slower pace.



4.2 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

[1] For further details on the GII 2017, please refer to the Gender Equality Index 2017 Country Report Estonia, European Institute for Gender Equality, 2017. Available at: www.eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index. The GII is based on the data of Gender Equality Index 2017 Country Report Estonia, European Institute for Gender Equality, 2017. Available at: www.eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index. The GII is based on the data of Gender Equality Index 2017 Country Report Estonia, European Institute for Gender Equality, 2017. Available at: www.eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index.

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