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Progress in gender equality in Latvia, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Latvia achieved a score of **83.8 out of 100**, which is an increase of 43 points. Progress is in line with the EU28 average. Latvia's best result has moved up one position to 17th place. Latvia has progressed in all domains, mostly at a faster pace than in the other Member States.

The scores in the domains of **health and work** are the highest. Latvia has improved significantly in gender equality for access to unpaid and caring activities. However, when compared with the rest of the EU28, access remains among the lowest. Latvia still lags behind in the domain of **work**, with participation for women and men scaling the 15th and 16th positions in the EU28.

Latvia's performance in the domain of **time** is in line with the EU28. The domain of **time** is an excellent place for Latvia among the most gender equal countries in the EU28 (second best globally) while there is more room for improvement in the area of social activities.

The greatest challenges are in the domains of **money and knowledge**, where Latvia ranks among the lowest in the EU28. The economic situation of women and men has improved since 2005. Access to financial resources has improved but at a slightly slower pace than in the other Member States. Latvia's scores in knowledge are below the EU28 average for the sub-domain of employment and participation. Latvia's rank has slipped eight positions.

Progress in the domain of **power** is slow. Gender equality in decision-making remains a challenge in all areas. Only in the economic area is the score above the EU28 average.



+43 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index, EU Gender Mainstreaming, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings by sex, EU Knowledge of Gender Equality, EU Survey on Access to Financial Services, Survey of 400+ Gender Equality Indicators and EU Survey on Gender Equality and the Gender Equality Index. The year of reference is 2005. Data for data on intersecting inequalities (age, education, family composition, country of birth and disability) are not available for all Member States. EU28 is the average of the 28 Member States.

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