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Progress in gender equality in Poland, 2005-2015

Under Gender Equality Index 2017 Poland achieved a score of 56.8 out of 100. This is below the EU28 score of 60.1, although progress is on track with that of the EU on average. Poland's score has increased by 4.4 points, it now holds the 16th place in the Index, an improvement of two positions.

The gender inequality score in the domain of health has slightly improved and is the highest in Poland. It shows a relatively satisfactory gender balance in access to services.

The biggest improvements took place in the domain of money. The score is the lowest (highest) in Poland, mainly due to improvements regarding the distribution of earnings and incomes.

The domain of power has become significantly more equal, gender equal. Progress is also remains the lowest in Poland. Women's representation in decision-making positions in economic and political arenas has increased, although the situation in social power has improved.

The situation in the domain of work has slightly improved, but continues gender segregation has impeded further progress. Poland's score in the sub-domain of segregation and quality of work remains among the lowest in the EU28.

Gender equality in the domain of knowledge has improved. The gender gap in the share of graduates among the population has widened, in favour of women.

The domain of time has improved as a standard. Women are still doing the bulk of the caring, educating, cooking, and cleaning. The situation has also become more gender unequal in relation to social activities.



+4.4
14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

(1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender & Equality Indicators for Europe from Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Gender and Living Conditions, Structure of Europe for age of household (European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Indicators Survey and EU Gender Equality Index of the Commission, Equal Access to Justice, Gender Agency, Gender Studies Survey). The year of reference is 2005-2008 for data on interlocking inequalities. Change of the indicator calculated by the indicator in other than 2005 or 2008 depending on the indicator.

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