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Progress in gender equality in Portugal, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 Portugal reached a score of **56.0 out of 100**. This represents an increase of 6.7 points, despite being 30 years below the EU average. Portugal shows more pronounced progress than the EU as a whole. From 2005-2015, all domains score increased with the exception of the domains of **time** and **health**, which saw no improvement.

The domain of **power** shows significant improvements due to progress in economic participation in decision-making in the political arena. Women's access to decision-making in the economic sphere also improved but remains very low. Despite such gains, the overall score of women in decision-making, when compared to men, particularly in the economic sphere, remains one of the greatest challenges.

The domain of **knowledge** highlights solid progress in educational attainment and participation for both women and men, but also a strong regression of newly born along educational gender gaps. Inequality also persisted in the domain of **time** due to social and care of domestic activities between women and men.

The situation in the domain of **work** has slightly improved, due to progress in participation, segregation and quality of work.

Regarding gender equality in the domain of **money**, some progress is visible, in terms of financial resources and the economic situation.

The gender equality score in the domain of **health** is high, showing a good gender balance in relation to access to services and overall health index. However, large differences in the health-related behaviour of women and men highlight gender-specific risks.



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, Survey of Income and Life Events, European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Index (Women and Men in Decision-Making) and the underlying 'Equal Rights, Equal Access' survey. The use of primary or secondary data on identifying the data for the index is available for the details in Annex 10 to the Gender Equality Index 2017.

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