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Progress in gender equality in the United Kingdom, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 the United Kingdom achieved a score of **71.5 out of 100**. This is an increase of only 0.4 points. Despite being about two points ahead of the EU average progress in the United Kingdom has stalled. Its rate has decreased from 69.9 to 71.5 points. Only three countries have increased the score (but not by much), while one domain score has decreased and two have remained constant.

The domain of **gender** shows modest improvements, others the certain gains in women's representation in the Government in the political arena. Women's ability to contribute to the economic growth has seen its improvement, while it has regressed in relation to risk of poverty. The score in the domain of **power** remains the lowest and is one of the greatest challenges for gender equality in the United Kingdom.

The domain of **knowledge** shows a regression in both educational attainment and gender parity, as well as in integration of work and family. The decline also points to the absence of **time** allocated to social activities and care or domestic work.

The situation in the domain of **work** has slightly improved due to a combination of women's and men's improved participation in the labour market, time segregation and better quality of work.

In the domain of **money** major gaps of differences are visible in earnings and some modest progress in the distribution of wealth.

Although unchanged from 2005-2009, the gender equality score in the domain of **health** is high, showing good gender balance in access to services and overall health status. However, there are large differences in the health-related behaviours of women and men.



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 Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Europe for age of retirement (European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey), EU Gender Equality Indicators and EU Gender Equality Index of the Gender Equality Index of the European Union Agency for Gender Equality. The use of primary or secondary data for the indicators is based on the availability of the indicators in other EU or EU Member States.

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