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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 10 points below the EU28 average but progress is happening at a slightly faster pace than in the EU. Estonia has moved up one spot on the index table since 2005, to reach 28th place, 16th when it was first assessed.

The gender equality score is the outcome of **time and health** as the highest in Europe while Estonia scores on the domain of **work** is among the top five in the EU28. As well as the domain of **health** is at the bottom. Both economic growth from 2005 to 2015, the situation of **time** to join activities has become slightly more equal between women and men. Challenges remain in the domain of **time** for social activities.

Third-party employment has been shown in the context of **money** leads to greater 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 information on the 2017 Index, visit the website: www.eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index. The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index, EU Gender Index Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings Surveys, EU Structural Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Index Survey and EU Gender Equality Index of the European Union Agency for Gender Equality. The use of personal or confidential data in this document is for statistical purposes only. The data is processed in accordance with the EU Directive 2002/48/EC on the protection of personal data and the EU Directive 2000/43/EC on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment of individuals irrespective of race or ethnic origin.

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