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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 reached its own goal on the score scale since 2005, to reach 20th place. 45 Member States have progressed.

The gender equality score in the domains of **time and health** are the highest in Estonia. While Estonia's score in the domain of **work** is among the top five in the EU28, its score in the domain of **health** is at the bottom. Both economic status 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 **work** for social activities.

Workload and employment has been stable in the domain of **money** while to improve 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 this 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.

14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

EU 28
 68
 56.7
 44.2
 14.2

1) For further details on the 2017 Gender Equality Index, see the Gender Equality Index 2017 Report, European Institute for Gender Equality, Luxembourg, 2017. The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Index 2017 (European Institute for Gender Equality, Luxembourg, 2017). The score of Estonia is 56.7 (2017) for the overall score. The score of Estonia is 44.2 (2005) for the overall score. The score of Estonia is 14.2 (2017) for the change in score from 2005 to 2015.

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