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Progress in gender equality in France, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 France achieved a score of **72.8 out of 100**, which is an increase of 7.8 points. The score is above the EU28 score of 65.0 and progress is happening at a faster pace. France has moved up five places in the ranking, to reach 19th place.

The gender equality score in the domains of **money** is high and on the rise, reflecting good gender balance in access to financial resources. On the other hand, the situation concerning gender equality in **parenting** is lagging.

The biggest improvement in France took place in the domain of **power** to give the country the second highest score in the EU28. Complete representation in decision-making processes in the workplace is the highest in the EU28.

The situation in the domain of **health** has improved greatly with the rapid scores for improvements in the area of health and fitness. Concerning **work**, the situation in France has slightly improved. Integration in the labour market remains a challenge.

The lowest scores are in the domains of **knowledge** and **time**. Gender equality has progressed in terms of experience and participation in education and training, but integration of study fields across national gender lines has remained to a small degree in addition, the allocation of time has become slightly more skewed, especially in social activities.



14 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Education Equality, EU Gender Main Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Working Survey, ACQUIN (European Quality of Life Survey), European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Database (Violence and Sex in Decision-Making) and the Gender Equality Index Agency's Violence Against Women survey. The use of violence is not used for this reporting, keeping the age of the violence consistent to the violence in other EU countries. For more details on the survey.

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