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Progress in gender equality in France, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017 France achieved a score of **72.6 out of 100**, which is an increase of 24 points. The score is above the EU28 score of 66.2 and progress is happening at a faster pace. France has moved up two places in the ranking, to sixth (26) place.

The gender equality score in the domain of **money** is high, and on the rise, showing 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. Women's representation in decision-making positions in the economic sphere is the highest in the EU28.

The situation in the domain of **health** has improved notably, with the rapid climb to improvement in the area of health satisfaction. Concerning **work**, the situation in France has slightly improved. Integration in the labour market remains a challenge.

The lowest scores are in the domain of **knowledge and time**. Gender equality has progressed in terms of attainment and participation in education and training, but integration of many fields across national borders has lagged to a small degree. In addition, the allocation of time has become slightly more stressful, 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 & Equality Indicators for Europe from Eurostat, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structural Indicators for the EU, Eurostat Gender Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Index, European Commission and EU Gender Equality Index of the Commission, European Agency for Gender Equality. The year of reference is 2005-2009 for data on unemployment, long-term. Change of the reference period for the indicators is either 2005-2009 or 2010-2014 depending on the indicator.

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