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Progress in gender equality in Italy, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017, Italy achieved a score of **62.1 out of 100**, which is an increase of 12.9 points. This score is less than the EU 28 average of 65.2, but Italy has progressed the most out of all EU Member States. Italy has improved its score over 10 positions to reach 18th place.

All domains have improved except the domain of **time**, which has gone down by 1.8 points. The feminizing domains were **power** (+2.2 points) and **knowledge** (+7.5 points). Even though the score of **power** remains the lowest of all domains, the big leap forward in this area has brought Italy much closer to the EU average.

The situation in the domain of **money** has progressed, but the distribution of income remains between women and men became more unequal. The domain of **work** has advanced with the inclusion of women's working time, catching up with men. Progress remains slow due to persisting inequalities in sector and merit participation in the labour market and a gender-segregated workforce.

The domain of **health** shows a high score in Italy that has advanced little. Access to medical and dental services is high for both women and men, but the number of years women and men can expect to live without major health care decreased.

Along with 11 other Member States, Italy's score in the domain of **violence** decreased, pointing to persisting inequalities in the historical domain of violence between women and men.



+12.9
Change in score from 2005 to 2015

(1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender in Education, Equality, EU Gender Main Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Income and Living Conditions, Structure of Earnings Surveys, EU Survey on Living Conditions, Survey of Adult Activities, European Commission and Eurostat. Gender Equality Index of the Gender Equality Index. The year of reference is 2005-2008 for data on intersecting inequalities. Change of the indicator associated with violence is either 2005-2010 or 2010 depending on the sector.

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