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Progress in gender equality in Latvia, 2005-2015

In the Gender Equality Index 2017, Latvia achieved a score of **57.9 out of 100**, which is an increase of 4.3 points. Progress is in line with the EU-28 average. Latvia's score rank has moved up one position to 17th place. Latvia has progressed in all domains, mostly at a faster pace than in the other Member States.

The scores in the domains of **health and work** are the highest. Latvia has improved significantly in gender equality for access to unpaid and casual services. However, when compared with the rest of the EU-28, scores remain among the lowest. Latvia ranks better in the domain of work, with participation for women and men staying the 17th best position in the EU-28.

Latvia's performance in the domain of **time** is in line with the EU-28. The domain of time is an outlier place (Latvia among the most gender equal countries in the EU-28) but not the best, while there is more room for improvement in the area of social activities.

The greatest challenges are in the domains of **money and knowledge**, where Latvia ranks among the lowest in the EU-28. The economic situation of women has not improved since 2005. Access to financial resources has improved but at a slightly slower pace than in the other Member States. Latvia's scores in knowledge are far below the EU-28 average. In the sub-domain of awareness and participation, Latvia ranks two dragging high positions.

Progress in the domain of **power** is slow. Gender equality in decision-making remains a challenge in all areas. Only in the economic area is the score above the EU-28 average.



+4.3 Change in score from 2005 to 2015

1) The Gender Equality Index 2017 is based on the data of Gender Equality Indicators (EU Gender Main Survey, European Health Interview Survey, EU Survey on Gender and Living Conditions, Structure of Working Survey, ACER Annual European Quality of Life Survey, European Working Conditions Survey, EU Gender Equality Indicators and Data in Decision-making and the Confidence Index Agency's Gender Agency Indicators Survey). The use of internet is preferred for data collection, keeping the age of the website associated to the website in order to be able to do the downloading of the results.

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