Growth in life expectancy in Estonia the highest presumable in EU

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The presumable life expectancy of men has grown 7.5 years during the past 16 years and this is the biggest rise in the European Union, it appears from an Eurostat study published on Friday.

If in 1993 the presumable life expectancy of Estonian men at the moment of their birth was 62.3 years, then by the year 2009 it had risen to 69.8 years. The presumable life expectancy of Estonian women grew from 74 to 80.2 years during the same period, which was also the biggest growth in the European Union.

The presumable life expectancy of Estonian women was 80.2 years in 2009

The smallest growth in presumable life expectancy has been Bulgaria where the presumable life of men grew 2.5 and that of women 2.3 years.

Although presumable life expectancy in Estonia has rapidly grown, it is still one of the shortest in Europe. Presumable life expectancy is lower only in Latvia, where it was 67.5 years in 2008. In Romania presumable life expectancy of men at the moment of their birth is as long as in Estonia, 69.8 years. Presumable life expectancy at birth is shorter than in Estonia in Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Poland.

Presumable life expectancy of men is the longest in Sweden - 79.4 years. Women can count on the longest life expectancy in France were the figure was 85 years in 2009.

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