

**Question for written answer E-003217/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Consumption of fruit and vegetables

The consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables in Europe has been in decline for several years. From 2004 to 2012, i.e. in 8 years, European citizens have reduced their daily consumption by 85 grams, which amounts to one portion of fruit or vegetables.

This result is all the more alarming as statistics show that in 17 EU countries consumption is less than 400 grams daily, i.e. lower than the minimum recommendations from the World Health Organization.

This situation is extremely serious and is assuming the proportions of an authentic epidemiological time-bomb. Low consumption of fresh food is included in the list of the 10 largest global risk factors of mortality, particularly in relation to cardiovascular diseases and tumours.

In view of this situation, what is the European Commission's assessment of the educational and information programmes in place during this period? Does the Commission consider it necessary to adopt other approaches, particularly on the supply side?