

**Question for written answer E-006704/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Decline in consumption

According to Nielsen, sales of consumer products fell in Europe in the second quarter of 2016, something which has not happened for at least eight years, with a decline of 0.6% in Germany, the engine of the European economy.

Moreover, a 0.5% price reduction was insufficient to boost the volume of sales, with the UK in particular seeing a fall of 1.1%.

France for its part had modest growth in sales of 0.5%.

These results are very different from those promised by the Juncker Commission when it took office in 2014.

Given the failure of its economic policy to stimulate growth, does the Commission intend to deploy new instruments to bring the European Union out of the recession which it entered in 2009?