

**Question for written answer E-008858/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Labour market and reform of corporation tax

France is regarded by the European Union as a country with diminishing competitiveness, as it has too large a network of small businesses which are finding it hard to develop. In the context of the European Semester, it has consequently been asked to undertake tax reforms so as to reduce the nominal rate of corporation tax (*impôt sur les sociétés*) to attract foreign capital and large businesses. It is most surprising to hear such a position expressed in an area which is an exclusive national competence.

1. How does the Commission justify this interference in reforms which do not fall within its remit?
2. Does not the Commission fear that, in doing this, it will engineer the disappearance of SMEs at the expense of large international concerns, thus creating further unemployment?