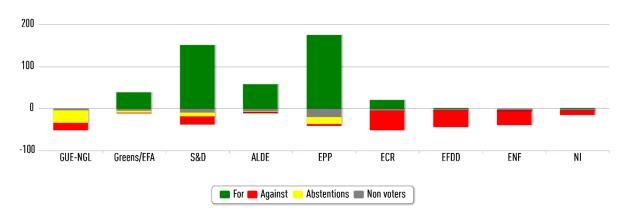




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The vote of the MEPs

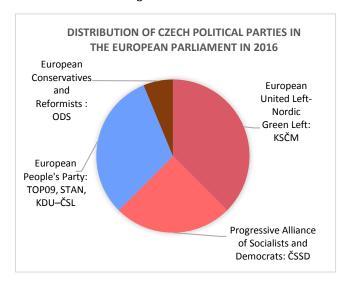


The European Union budget for next year was voted last month. A large majority of Members of the European Parliament (65%) asked for more money to be allocated to youth initiatives and migration. However, after handing the provisional deal to the Council, concerns were raised since national governments disagreed on increasing the spending from the institutions and tried to block Parliament's attempt to not make any cuts.

By now, an agreement between the Council and the European Parliament was reached and secures 500million more for the Youth Employment Initiative and a package of 750million redirected to migration related funds.

Several groups in the EP supported the increase: the EPP, S&D, ALDE, the Greens and even a part of ECR. Instead, the Eurosceptic groups EFDD, ENF and most of ECR opposed the initiative, whereas the far left was split between voting against and abstaining.

The representatives of the Czech Republic were on the same line as the majority of the European Parliament in supporting the general budget of the EU for 2017. Indeed, all the Czech MEPs from EPP, S&D and ALDE voted in favor of the new budget. Instead, the members of the Civic Democratic Party and the Party of the Free Citizens voted against the increased budget for 2017.



On this issue, the Communist party was more divided, as Kateřina Konečná voted against the general budget, whereas Jaromír Kohlíček abstained.





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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*





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ANO 2011

Petr JEŽEK



ANO 2011 **ALDE**

For

Pavel TELIČKA



ANO 2011

Luděk NIEDERMAYER



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Stanislav POLČÁK

Mayors and Independents EPP

Pavel POC

ALDE Jiří Pospíšil

ALDE Michaela ŠOJDROVÁ



Christian and Democratic Union -Czechoslovak People's Party

Jaromír ŠTĚTINA



Top 09 and Mayors EPP

Pavel SVOBODA



Christian and Democratic Union Czechoslovak People's Party EPP

Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ



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Czech Social Democratic Party

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Miroslav POCHE

EPP



Czech Social Democratic Party

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Evžen TOŠENOVSKÝ



Civic Democratic Party

Jan ZAHRADIL



Civic Democratic Party

Petr MACH



Party of Free Citizens

Against



Kateřina KONEČNÁ



Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia

EFDD

GUE/NGL

Jaromír KOHLÍČEK



Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia

GUE/NGL

Jiří MAŠTÁLKA



Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia



GUE/NGL

S&D

Jan KELLER

Absent

Abstain