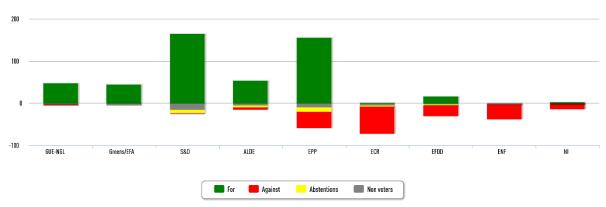




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The vote of the MEPs

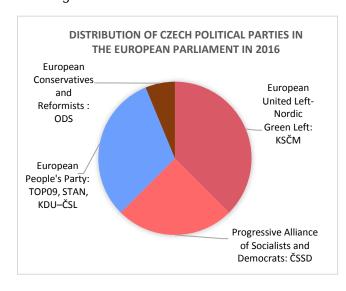


Last July, the European Parliament voted on an own-initiative report drafted by the Italian Member Brando Benifei, which suggested potential solutions to improve social inclusion of refugees as well as their integration in the labour market.

The report passed with 69% of the votes. The report stressed the need to differentiate between emergency measures and medium term ones. Additionally, it pushed for accelerating the recognition of diploma and qualifications and the establishment of a language training system.

The report was supported by GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, ALDE and the EPP, whereas opposition came from ECR, EFDD, ENF and even a few members of the EPP.

Despite the backing of a comfortable majority of MEPs in the plenary, only one Czech MEP contributed to the approval of the report: Jaromir Stetina, member of Top 09. Apart from few abstentions, most Czech MEPs voted against additional measures to spur integration of refugees.



Among the MEPs abstaining, we found Luděk Niedermayer (TOP 09), Pavel Svoboda (Christian Democratic Union-Czechoslovak People's Party), as well as three members of the Czech Social Democratic Party: Miroslav Poche, Olga Sehnalová and Pavel Poc. All the members of ANO 2011, Civic Democratic Party and the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia opposed the call for more efforts on this issue.





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