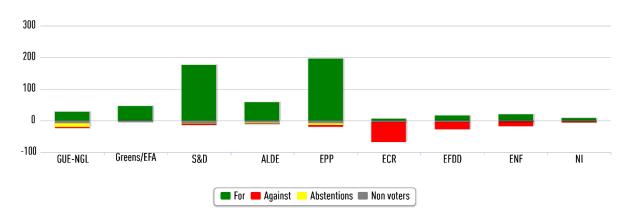




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The vote of the MEPs

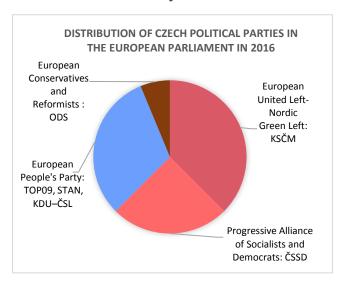


Disparities among the taxation policies of different Member States are often source of controversies, as several tax decisions adopted by some Member States are deemed to harm the tax bases of other Member States.

In the report on Competition policy approved by the European Parliament last December, MEPs called on the EU to do more than simply fighting tax havens and closing loopholes: all forms of harmful tax competition within the internal market should be countered by increasing coordination and convergence of tax policies in the EU.

At the time, a high majority of MEPs backed this move (about 79%) and considerable opposition came only from Irish and UK's MEPs. The majority was formed by MEPs from Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL, S&D, as well as ALDE, EPP and ENF.

Also the Czech representatives in the European Parliament were in favor of the annual report on EU competition policy. Support came from the members of ANO 2011, the Czech Social Democratic Party and the Christian Democratic Union-Czechoslovak People's Party.



However, on the right side of the spectrum, opposition to tax coordination was higher: Evzen Tosenovsky and Jan Zahradi (Civic Democratic Party), as well as Petr Mach (Party of Free Citizens) opposed the initiative. Also the members of TOP 09 decided to abstain, with the exception of Luděk Niedermayer, who was the only member of the party voting in favor of tax convergence. Finally, the Communists Czech opted for the abstention.





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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*

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