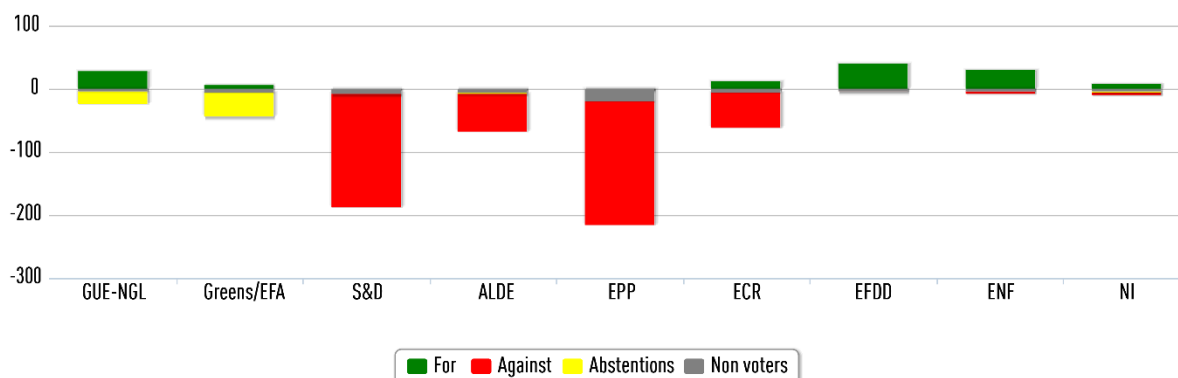


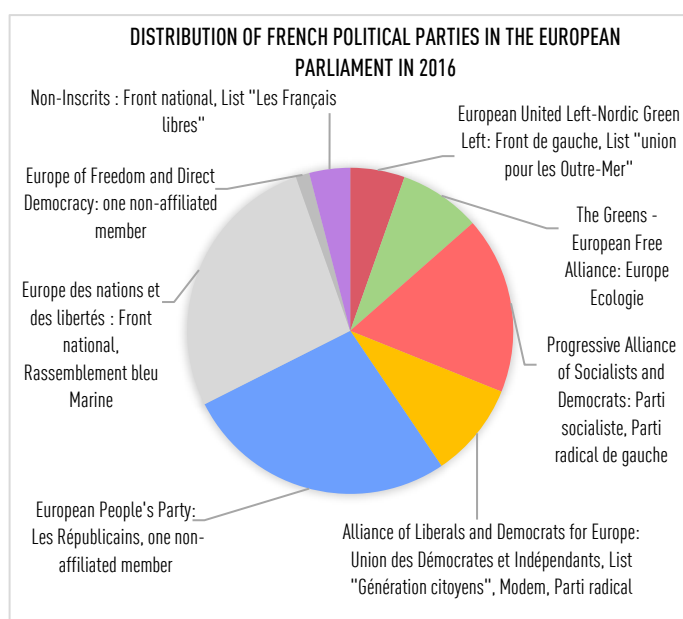
Should the EU limit the Juncker Plan interventions aiming at promoting growth?

The vote of the MEPs



The European Fund for Strategic Investments was set up by the European Commission to implement the Juncker's Plan, one of the main flagship projects of the current President. Despite the innovative nature of the instrument, some MEPs criticized it, raising concerns about the financing of projects whose economic, social and environmental sustainability is questionable. However, most MEPs rallied behind President Juncker in defending the instrument and a critical amendment tabled by EFDD was rejected by more than 70% of MEPs.

Centrist groups ALDE, S&D, the EPP and ECR strongly defended Juncker's initiative, whereas, EFDD and ENF both voted against the European Fund for Strategic Investments. Interestingly, the majority of MEPs from Greens/EFA and a substantial amount of representatives from GUE-NGL decided to abstain.



As for French MEPs specifically, they tended to follow the general trend of the political groups in the plenary, with all Socialists, Centrists, and Republicans rallying behind Juncker's Plan. Likewise, all members of the French Ecology Europe Party followed their group's line and abstained on the instrument.

Interestingly, the fund was also supported by some MEPs of the National Front: **Gilles Lebreton** and **Bernard Monot** voted against the critical amendment, whereas **Nicolas Bay** did not vote. Apart from the National Front, only far-left MEPs joined the criticism against the European Fund for Strategic Investments, with the exception of **Patrick Le Hyaric** who did not vote.

Should the EU limit the Juncker Plan interventions aiming at promoting growth?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

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| Joëlle BERGERON | Louis ALIOT | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU | Dominique BILDE | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET | Steeve BRIOIS | Mireille D'ORNANO | Edouard FERRAND | Sylvie GODDYN | Jean-Francois JALKH |
| | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front |
| EFDD | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Marine LE PEN | Philippe LOISEAU | Dominique MARTIN | Joëlle MÉLIN | Sophie MONTEL | Florian PHILIPPOT | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER | Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI | Jean-Luc MELENCHON | Younous QMARJEE |
| National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | National Front | Bleu Marine Mouvement | National Front | Left Front | The Union for Overseas Territories |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL |
| Marie-Christine VERGIAT | Bruno GOLLNISCH | | | | | | | | |
| Left Front | National Front | | | | | | | | |
| GUE/NGL | NI | | | | | | | | |

Against

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| Jean ARTHUIS | Jean-Marie CAVADA | Mariette DE SARNEZ | Sylvie GOULARD | Nathalie GRIESBECK | Dominique RIQUET | Gilles LEBRETON | Bernard MONOT | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE | Alain CADEC |
| Union of Democrats and Independants | Citizens' Generation | Democratic Movement | Democratic Movement | Democratic Movement | Radical Party - UDI | National Front | National Front | The Republicans | The Republicans |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ENF | ENF | EPP | EPP |
| Arnaud DANJEAN | Michel DANTIN | Rachida DATI | Angélique DELAHAYE | Françoise GROSSETETE | Brice HORTEFEUX | Marc JOULAUD | Philippe JUVIN | Alain LAMASSOURE | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX |
| The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Constance LE GRIP | Nadine MORANO | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER | Renaud MUSELIER | Maurice PONGA | Franck PROUST | Tokia SAIFI | Anne SANDER | Aymeric CHAUPRADE | Eric ANDRIEU |
| The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Republicans | The Free French | Socialist Party |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | NI | S&D |
| Guillaume BALAS | Pervenche BERÈS | Jean-Paul DENANOT | Sylvie GUILLAUME | Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR | Edouard MARTIN | Emmanuel MAUREL | Gilles PARGNEAUX | Vincent PEILLON | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY |
| Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party | Socialist Party |
| S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Virginie ROZIÈRE | Isabelle THOMAS | | | | | | | | |
| Left Radical Party | Socialist Party | | | | | | | | |
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Abstain

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| José BOVÉ | Karima DELLI | Pascal DURAND | Yannick JADOT | Eva JOLY | Michèle RIVASI |
| Europe Ecology - The Greens | Europe Ecology - The Greens | Europe Ecology - The Greens | Europe Ecology - The Greens | Europe Ecology - The Greens | Europe Ecology - The Greens |
| Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA |

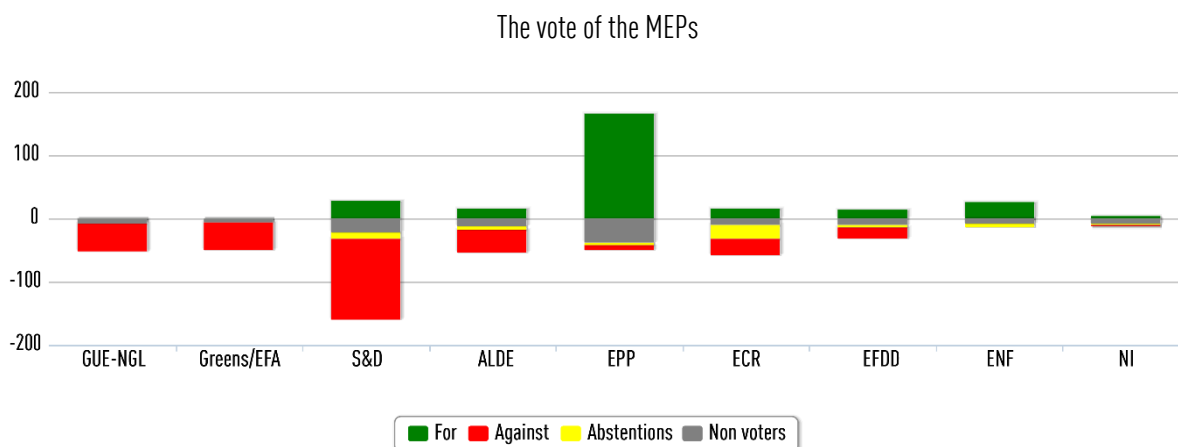
Didn't vote

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| Nicolas BAY | Patrick LE HYARIC |
| National Front | Left Front |
| ENF | GUE/NGL |

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| Robert ROCHEFORT | Jean-Marie LE PEN |
| Democratic Movement | National Front |
| ALDE | NI |

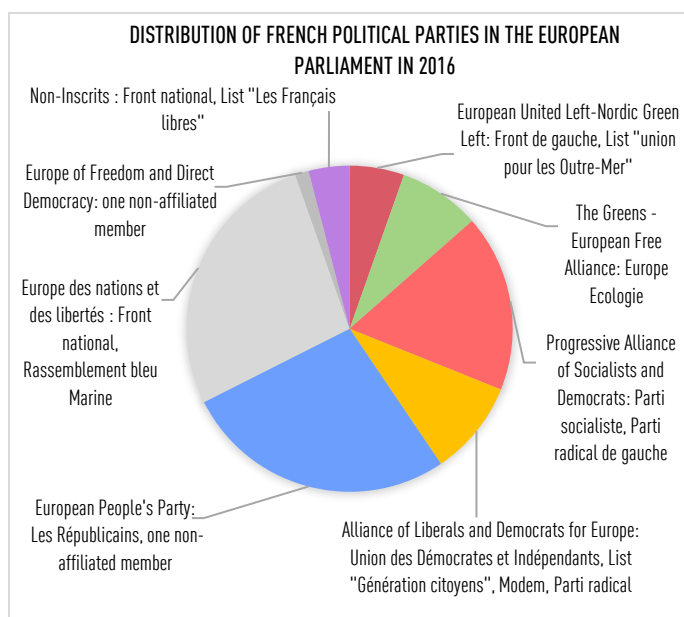
Should Employers to ban specific kinds of symbols that are claimed to be of a religious nature?



Two months after the Nice attacks, the MEPs voted on an amendment defending the rights of the employers to ban religious symbols on the workplace whenever these symbols violate the rights of women or can lead to security problems. This vote is quite important given the French context: France had already banned women to wear headscarves in public schools, as well as the burka and the *niqab* (the veils that cover women's faces).

In the case of the European Parliament, the vote on this amendment was pretty tight. The amendment was rejected by a slim margin of 5%. The amendment was supported by EPP and ENF, whereas ALDE, S&D, the Greens and GUE-NGL opposed the ban. Interestingly, ECR and EFDD were split, although a majority of their MEPs voted against the proposal.

Also in this case, the position of French MEPs is drastically different from the ones of their colleagues from other countries, as a large majority of them supported the ban. The ban on religious symbols at the workplace was opposed by the French Greens, Jean Arthuis from the Union of Democrats and Independents and Younous Omarjee from the Alliance of the Overseas.



All the other MEPs voted in favor of the ban, with some few exception within the political parties: the Republicans Nadine Morano, Patrick Le Hyaric from the Left Front and 3 MEPs from the Socialist Party (Gilles Pargneaux, Isabelle Thomas and Vincent Peillon). All these 5 "rebels" voted against the ban.

Should Employers to ban specific kinds of symbols that are claimed to be of a religious nature?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Joëlle BERGERON | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | EFDD | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> | Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> | Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ENF | ENF | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Jérôme LAVRILLEUX | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | GUE/NGL | NI |
| Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | |
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Against

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> |
| ALDE | EPP | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL |
| Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | | | | | | |
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Absent

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| Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> |
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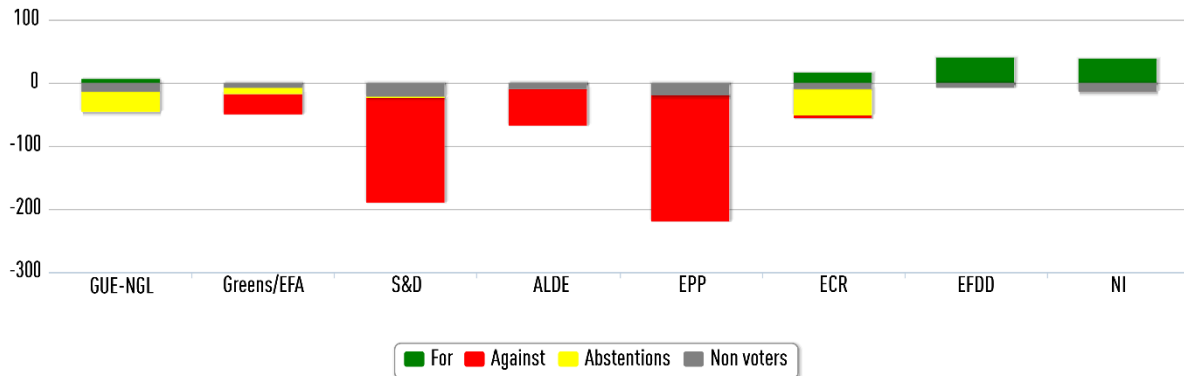
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| Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Louis-Joseph MANSOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| ALDE | ENF | GUE/NGL | S&D |

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| Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> |
| ALDE |

Should The Parliament censor the European Commission?

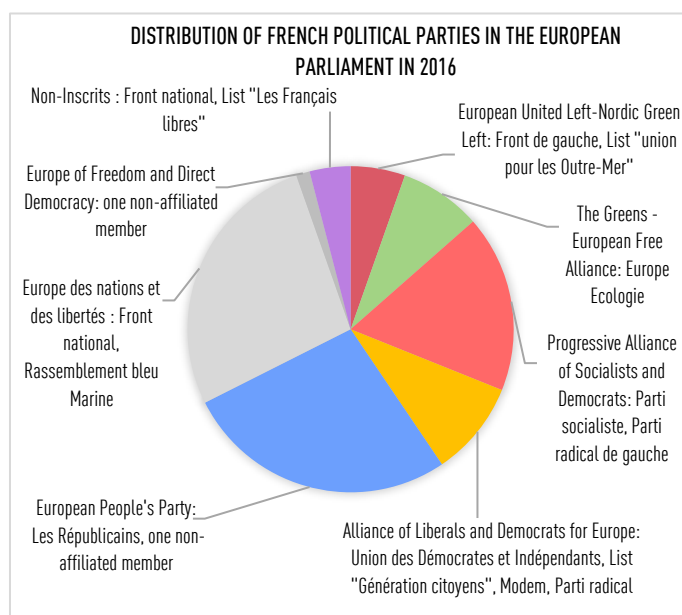
The vote of the MEPs



Shortly after receiving the approbation from the Members of the European Parliament, the new President of the Commission was involved in a litigation regarding his responsibilities in defining tax policies in Luxembourg, where he was Prime Minister, for multinational businesses tax-breaks-related issues.

The censure motion to the Commission executive was tabled by Eurosceptic MEPs from EFDD and ENF, was largely rejected by more than 70% of the Members. However, more than 189 Members did not vote against the motion, therefore questioning the Juncker's leadership over the European Commission. EPP, S&D, ALDE and the Greens sided with the Juncker-led Commission, whereas most of the members of ECR and GUE-NGL decided to abstain.

Despite, the low level of support from French MEPs gathered by Juncker during the approbation of the Commission, a large majority of French MEPs rejected the motion of censure.



In fact, only the MEPs from the National Front supported the motion, whereas all MEPs from the Socialist Party, the Republicans and the Democratic Movement defended the EU executive. Interestingly, although most of the Members of the Greens/EFA group voted against the motion of censure, only one French Green, **José Bové**, followed the group's line. Instead, the other two voting Greens, **Karima Delli** and **Pascal Durand**, abstained, therefore highlighting the higher skepticism towards the Juncker's Commission among the French Greens.

Should the Parliament censor the European Commission?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

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| Joëlle BERGERON | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> |
| EFDD | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> | Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> |
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Against

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> | Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | Greens/EFA | S&D | S&D |
| Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> |
| S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | | | | | | | | |
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Abstain

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| Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> |
| Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL |

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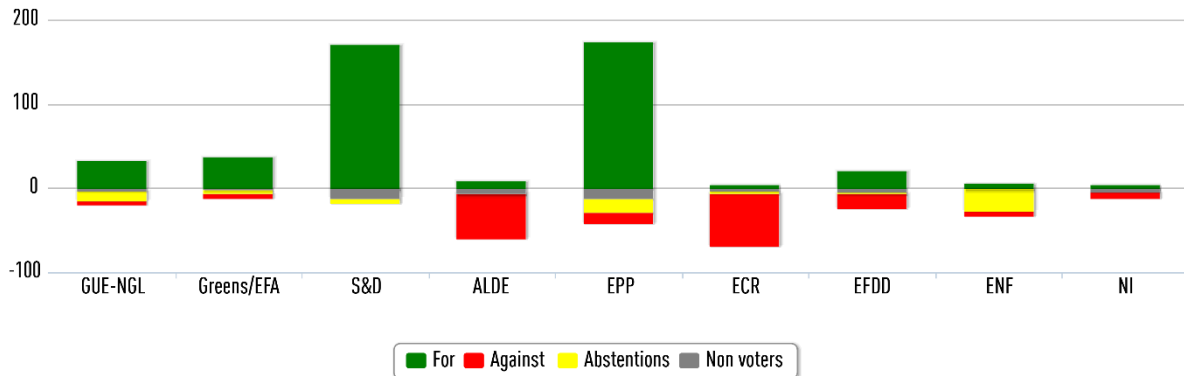
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| ENF | ENF | ENF | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | NI |

Didn't vote

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| Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> |
| Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL |

Should the EU pursue closer relations with Iran?

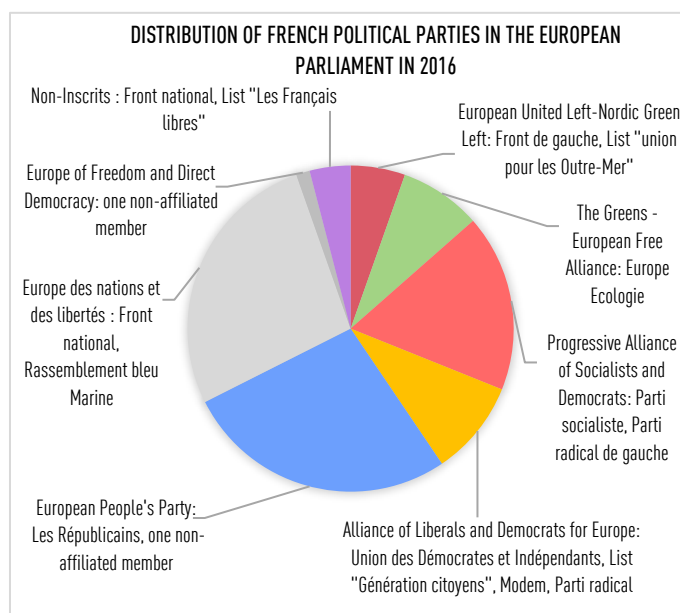
The vote of the MEPs



On the 25th October 2016, the EP passed a resolution advocating for closer relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a particular focus on the economic relations between the EU and the Middle Eastern country. Ultimately, the resolution was approved by a heterogeneous majority of MEPs, made up of GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, EPP and EFDD. On the other hand, the Liberals from ALDE and ECR voted against, whereas most members of ENF abstained.

All French MEPs from the Socialist Party and the Republicans voted in favour of strengthening EU's bilateral relations with Iran. Some support also came from ALDE, as Marielle De Sarnez (Democratic Movement) and Jean Arthuis (Union of Democrats and Independents) voted in favour, therefore defecting from their own political group. The ALDE group, despite being traditionally in favour of deepening economic ties with third countries, is very critical on the human rights' situation in the country.

Interestingly, in the leftist groups, the French members are more sceptical on closer relations with Iran than their fellow colleagues: within Greens/EFA, French members were the almost only ones opposing the report. Additionally, inside the GUE-NGL, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, voted against closer relations with Iran and his position was in contrast with the one of its political group and of the other members of the Left Front.



Finally, all the members of the National Front abstained.

Should the EU pursue closer relations with Iran?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independents</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Joëlle BERGERON | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> | Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | EFDD | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| EPP | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | NI | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | |
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Against

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| Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA |
| Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | | | | | | | | |
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Abstain

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| Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> |
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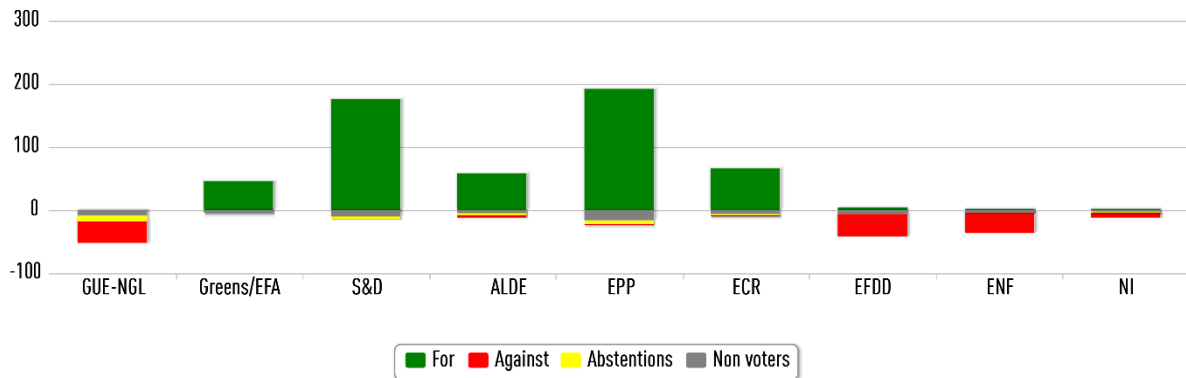
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| Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> |
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Should the EU allow the redoubling of the capacity of the pipeline Nord Stream II?

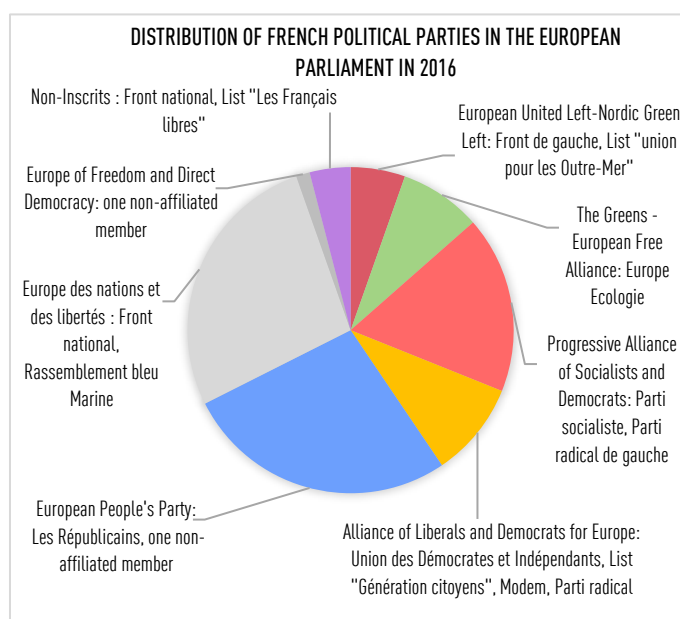
The vote of the MEPs



Nord Stream II is a project aiming at doubling the capacity of the existing Nord Stream pipeline that transports gas from Russia to Germany through the Baltic Sea via the exclusive economic zones of Finland, Sweden and Denmark (bypassing the Baltic States and Poland). European Gas demand has been decreasing since 2010.

Many Eastern and Central European countries thus oppose Nord Stream II as they see it as a way for Russia to enhance its influence in the EU and use Nordstream to reduce the quantity of Russian gas sent to the EU through Ukraine. On the other hand, the German Economic Ministry as well as Austria are more concerned about the positive economic effects of the project on the German economy, and ensuring continuous supply of Russian gas.

A vast majority of MEPs expressed concerns about Nord Stream II and some MEPs even adopted positions that are in contrast to the stance taken by their parties at home, such as German S&D MEPs who opposed the project supported by their party leader Sigmar Gabriel.



In this case, political views are deemed to be more important than national affiliations. EPP, S&D, ALDE, ECR and the Greens/EFA were concerned by the redoubling of Nord Stream, whereas only GUE-NGL, EFDD and ENF were not.

Should the EU allow the redoubling of the capacity of the pipeline Nord Stream II?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> |
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Abstain

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| Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> |
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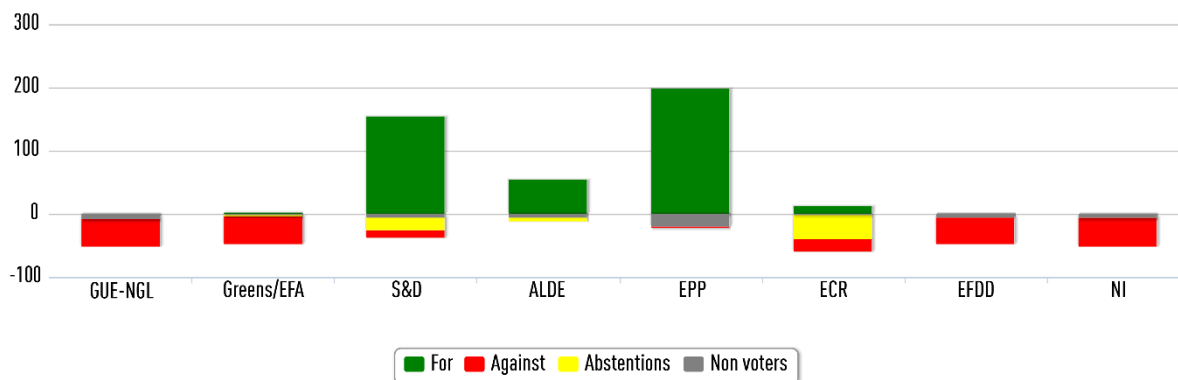
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| Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> |
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| Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> |
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Should the European Parliament appoint Juncker's Commission?

The vote of the MEPs

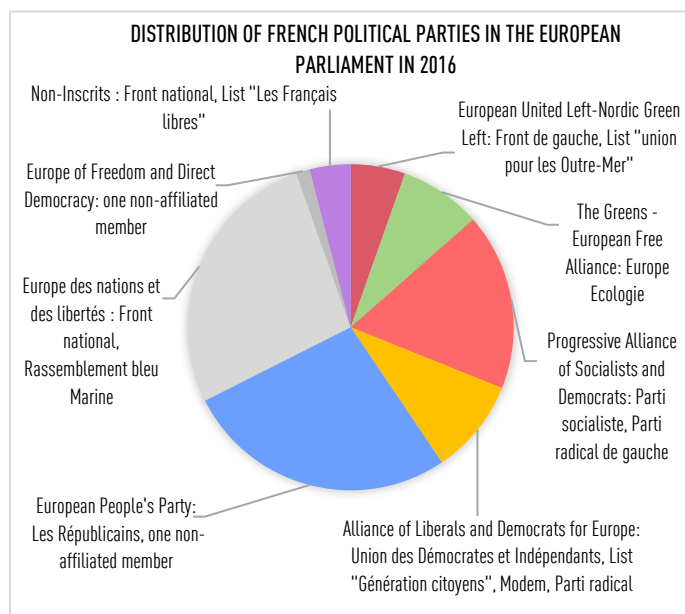


The current College of Commissioners led by Jean-Claude Juncker has been elected by the European Parliament on the 22nd October 2014 (few months after the European elections). More than 60% of MEPs supported the new Commission, although the positive votes mostly came from the three centrist groups in the European Parliament: the European people's Party, the Liberals and the Social Democrats.

Instead, all the other groups in the European Parliament voted against the appointment of the new College of Commissioners, apart from ECR, which was split among MEPs voting in favour, the ones voting against and the several abstentions.

Interestingly, in this case French MEPs were out of tune with the rest of the assembly. 35 French MEPs opposed the election of the Commission, while only 34 supported it.

In fact, in addition to the opposition of all the members of the Left Front, the Greens and the National Front (in this latter party, only Mireille D'Ornano and Aymeric Chauprade did not vote), some members of the Republicans and the Socialist Party did not endorse the new composition of the College of Commissioners. In the Republicans, Rachida Dati was the only one who voted against Juncker, whereas in the Socialist Party the defections were more numerous: Guillaume Balas, Isabelle Thomas, Edouard Martin and Emmanuel Maurel opposed the election of the new Commission.



Finally, full support for Juncker came from the ranks of ALDE group: the MEPs of the Democratic Movement all supported the EU executive.

Should the EP appoint Juncker's Commission?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Joëlle BERGERON | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> |
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Abstain

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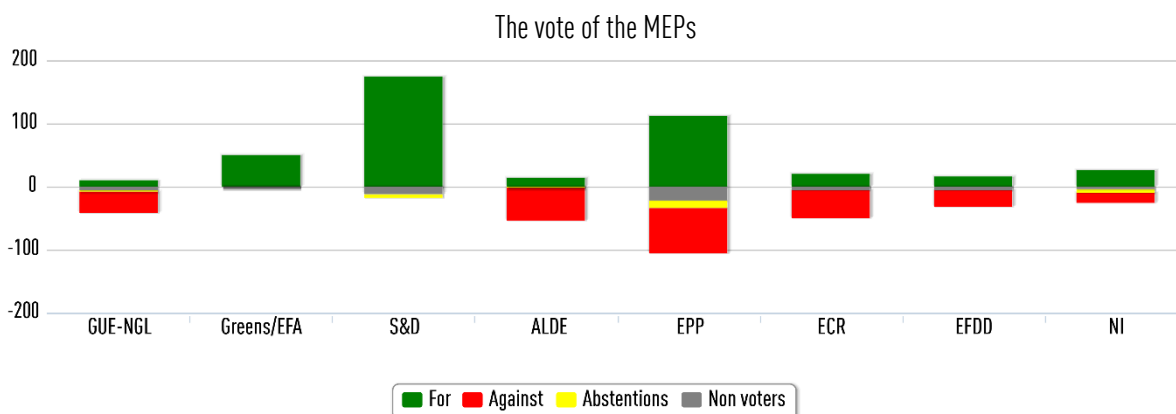
Absent

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| Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> |
| ENF |

Didn't vote

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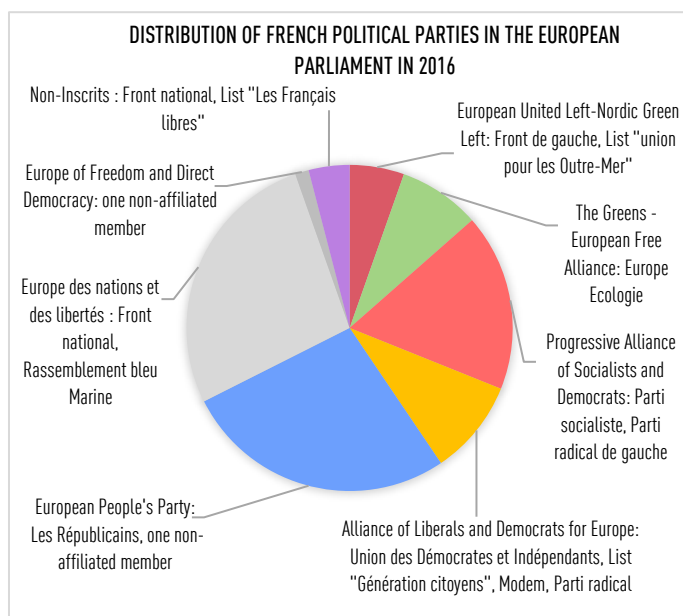
Should the EU introduce the payment of ETS allowances for steel coming from outside the EU?



European steel producers face two key challenges: shrinking European steel demand (27% below pre-crisis levels) and fierce competition with foreign steel exports. In addition, MEPs worry about carbon leakage which is the idea, not yet convincingly supported by facts and evidence, that carbon-intensive production might leave the EU to settle in countries where environmental regulation is looser only as a result of tighter European environmental regulation. For this reason, an amendment proposed by S&D group advocated that the Commission should study a scheme of payment of ETS allowances for imported steel, in order to counter the phenomenon of carbon leakage and weaken foreign competition. As a matter of fact, this idea has been studied for more than ten years now, including by the European Commission.

This amendment was approved by more than 60% of MEPs. Political groups split along national lines during this vote. However, generally speaking, the amendment was supported by most members of EPP, S&D and Greens, the EPP was split on this issue with less than 60% of EPP MEPs supporting the amendment. In the other political groups, most MEPs voted against the proposed system, with the notable exception of the 19 Polish ECR MEPs that supported it.

A striking majority of French MEPs supported the proposal: out of 72 voting French MEPs, 68 voted in favour. Likewise, Centrists, Socialists, Republicans and Greens considered the



European Commission should study the idea of payment of ETS allowances for imported steel, apart from the Republican Philippe Juvin (abstention) and the UDI Jean Arthuis (opposition) MEPs from National Front and the Left Front also supported the initiative, the latter in clear contrast with their own political group. Marie-Christine Vergiat was the only exception within the left-wing ranks, as she decided to abstain rather than supporting the proposed scheme. Finally, also the independent Joëlle Bergeron (member of EFDD) did not support the proposed scheme.

Should the EU introduce the payment of ETS allowances for steel coming from outside the EU?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> |
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Against

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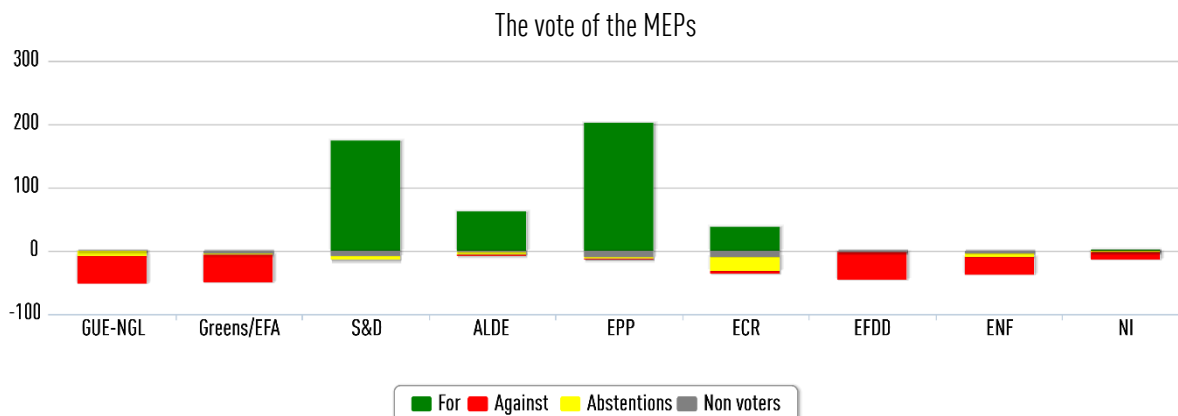
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| Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> |
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Didn't vote

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Should a European Border and Coast Guard Agency be established?

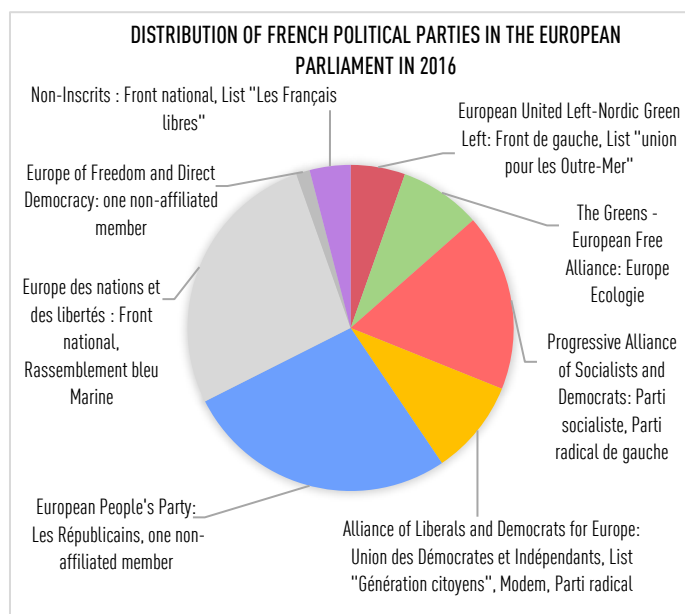


At the beginning of July 2016, MEPs supported the establishing of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in a move to centralize the management of the borders at the European level. This agency will replace Frontex and have the power to deploy a team of experts to help the national authorities to cope with the vast influx of refugees in the European Union.

This team can even be deployed without the consent of the concerned Member State, with the approval of the European Council. The new agency received the support of EPP, S&D, ALDE and most of ECR. All the remaining groups voted compactly against its establishment.

In the case of MEPs coming from France, they did not deviate from their group's lines: the Socialist, Republican and Centrist MEPs supported the creation of the new agency. Instead, members of the Greens and National Front opposed its establishment, although for very different reasons. With regard to the far-left, only Younous Omarjee from the Alliance of the Overseas decided to abstain while his partners from Left-Front voted against the centralization of the new agency given the opposition of their political group to the expulsion of refugees.

On the other hand, the nationalist MEPs are worried about the potential loss of sovereignty for Member States that the establishment of this agency would entail.



All the MEPs from the National Front rejected the proposal, whereas the independent Aymeric Chauprade, leader of the Free French, voted in favor of the establishment of the new agency, therefore adopting a different position than its former party. Instead, Joëlle Bergeron, the only French Member attached to the eurosceptic EFDD political group also rejected the new measures.

Should a European Border and Coast Guard Agency be established?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independents</i> | Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> |
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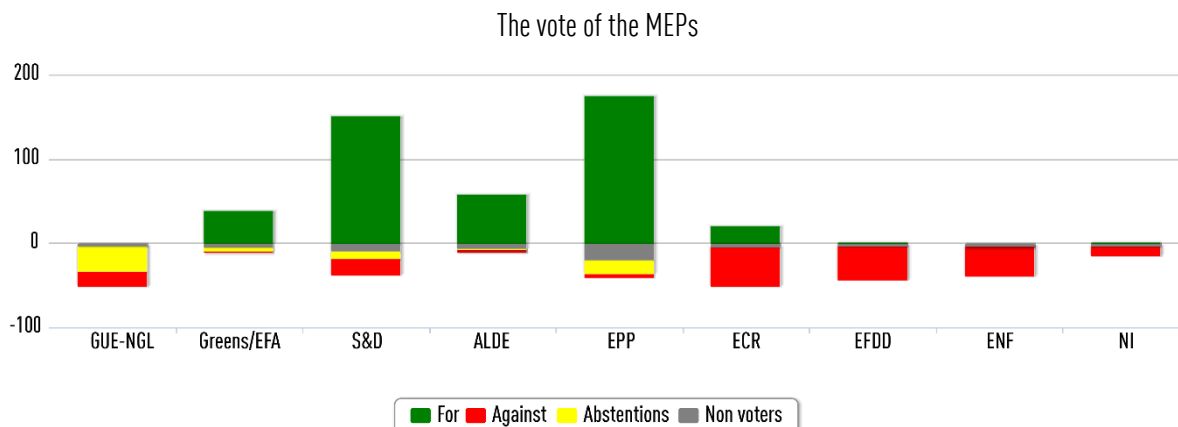
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| Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> |
| GUE/NGL |

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| Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> |
| ENF |

Should the EU Budget be increased?

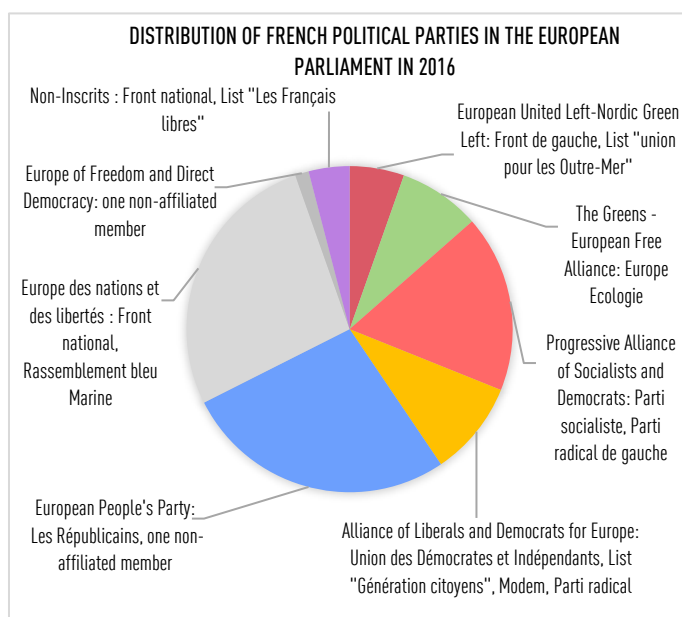


The European Union budget for next year was voted last month. A large majority of Members of the European Parliament (65%) asked for more money to be allocated to youth initiatives and migration. However, after handing the provisional deal to the Council, concerns were raised since national governments 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.

Most of French MEPs supported the increase in the budget, with all MEPs from the Socialist Party, the Republicans, the Greens and the Democratic Movement voting together with their political groups in favour of the draft budget (only Sylvie Goulard did not vote).



Interestingly, all the three members of the Left Front behaved differently from one another: Jean-Luc Mélenchon voted against the proposed EU budget, Marie-Christine Vergiat abstained and Patrick Le Hyaric did not vote. Finally, the far-left wing representative of the Alliance of the Overseas, Younous Omarjee also voted against the increased budget.

Should the EU Budget be increased ?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | | | | | | |
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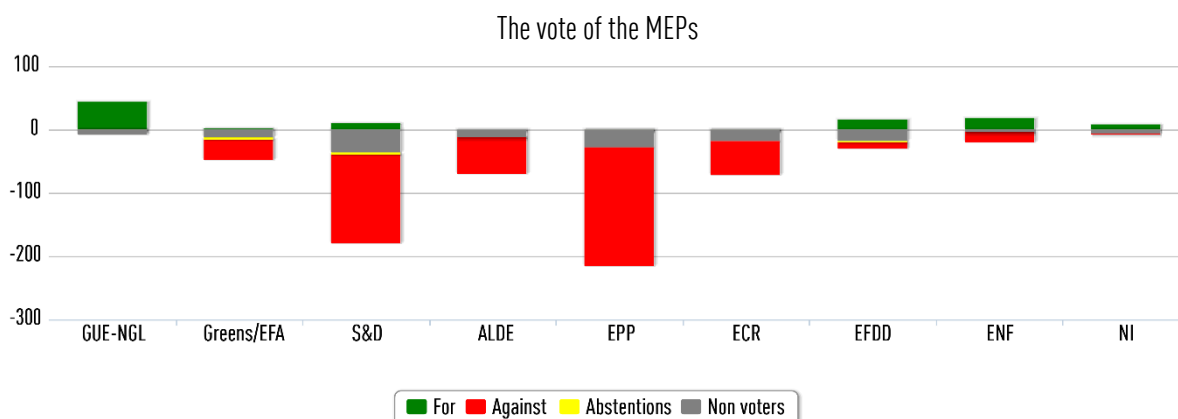
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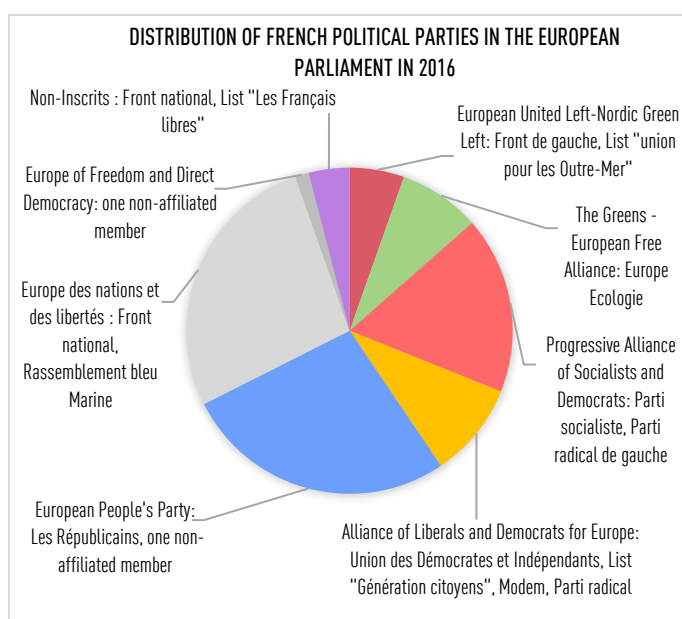
Should the EU prevent public railway systems from being privatized?



Although the European Union does not have competences with regards to whether rail suppliers should be privatized or kept public, the vote on this amendment highlights some interesting positions of national parties. In this case, a large majority of MEPs (72%) rejected the proposal of the far-left group GUE-NGL, which called on Member states to maintain their public ownerships of railways and, consequently, to avoid any privatization. The anti-privatization initiative was supported by GUE-NGL, the Greens/EFA and EFDD, whereas opposition came from EPP, ALDE, S&D and ECR. The far right ENF was split between supporting and opposing MEPs (the National Front rejected privatization, whereas the other parties in the group supported them).

Interestingly, a majority of French MEPs opposed privatisation, despite its large rejection by the plenary as a whole. Apart from the French MEPs, only in the case of Greece a majority of MEPs backed the amendment.

French MEPs from the Greens, the Left Front, the National Front and part of Socialist party rejected privatisations. Instead, the Republicans and the Democratic Movement defended the possibility to introduce privatizations in the railway sector.



Within the Socialists, out of 10 voting MEPs, 7 abstained and 3 voted for rejecting privatizations (Edouard Martin, Emmanuel Maurel and Guillaume Balas).

Should the EU prevent public railway systems from being privatized?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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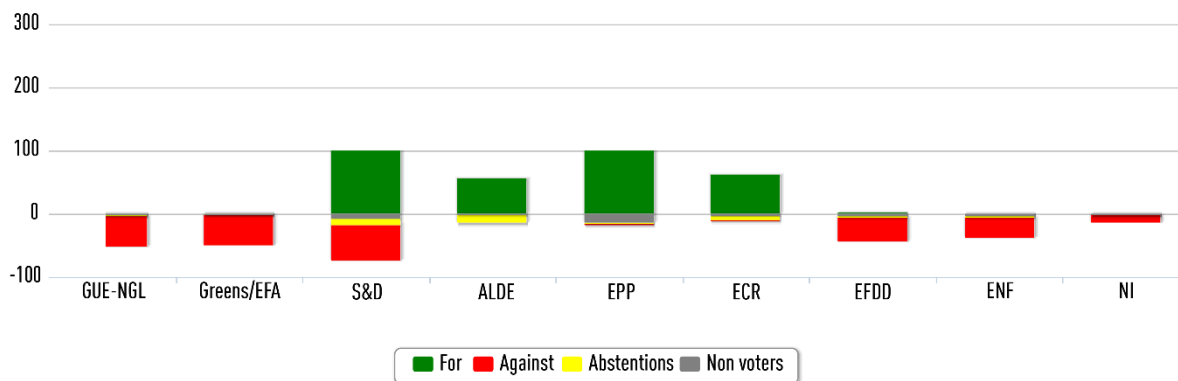
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| Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> |
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Should TTIP negotiations continue?

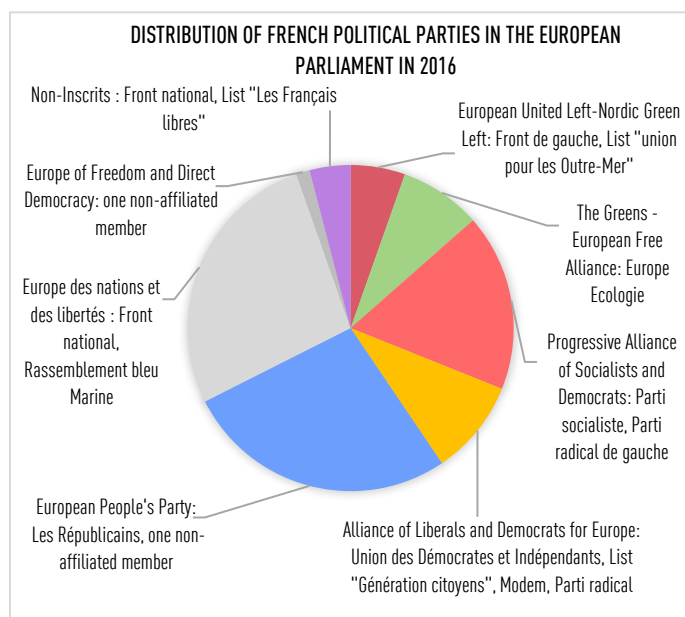
The vote of the MEPs



In 2013, Member States gave to the European Commission the mandate to negotiate on their behalf a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the United States. On the 8 July 2015 the European Parliament voted with a comfortable majority of 61 % MEPs to continue negotiations but with specific red lines.

After 3 years, little progress has been made in some key chapters and the election of Donald Trump will probably lead to suspend negotiations. France is the only Member State having officially expressed in 2016 a negative opinion on the pursuit of negotiations.

There is therefore no surprise that a majority of French MEPs opposed the pursuit of the negotiation. All the members of the Socialist Party, the National Front, the Greens and the Left Front opposed it. This highlights the difference between the skeptical stance on the trade agreement by the French Socialists and the ones of the other Social Democrats in the EP.



Even in the case of the ALDE group, French MEPs adopted a more skeptical stance, as only a member of the Democratic Movement, Sylvie Goulard, voted in favour of the TTIP along with the majority of MEPs from ALDE. All the others French members of ALDE decided to abstain. This means that the Republicans are the only French party supporting TTIP negotiations: all their members voted in favour of the negotiations.

Should TTIP negotiations continue?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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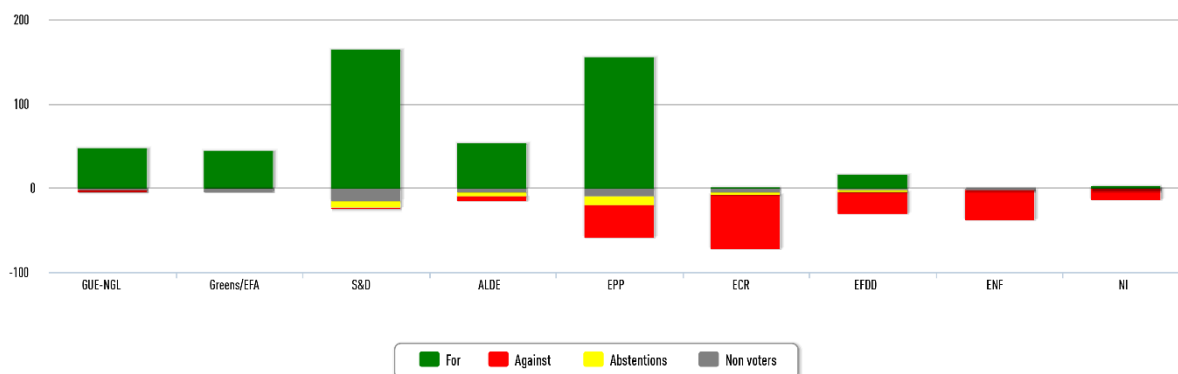
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| Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> |
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Should the EU fight for increasing social inclusion of refugees as well as their integration in the labour market?

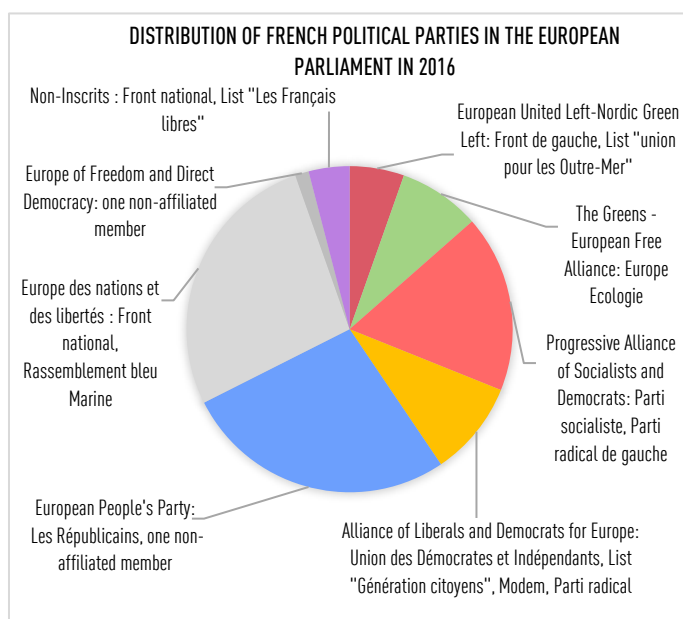
The vote of the MEPs



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.

The voting patterns of MEPs from France mirror their colleagues' ones in the rest of the plenary. All Socialists, Centrist, Greens and far-left MEPs supported the report, with the exception some MEPs who did not vote: Pervenche Berès (Socialist Party), Sylvie Guillaume (Socialist Party), Sylvie Goulard (Democratic Movement) and Michèle Rivasi (Europe Ecology).

Also most of Republicans MEPs supported doing more for refugee's inclusion in society, although there were a few notable exceptions: Angélique Delahaye and Brice Hortefeux (who decided to abstain) and Nadine Morano (who voted against the report). Frank Proust, who had rejected the refugee reallocation before, did not vote on their social inclusion in the European labor market.



As for members of the far-right, they obviously rejected the call for more efforts from Member-States to better integrate refugees: all the member of National Front voted against the report.

Should the EU fight for increasing social inclusion of refugees as well as their integration in the labour market?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> |
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| Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | | | | | |
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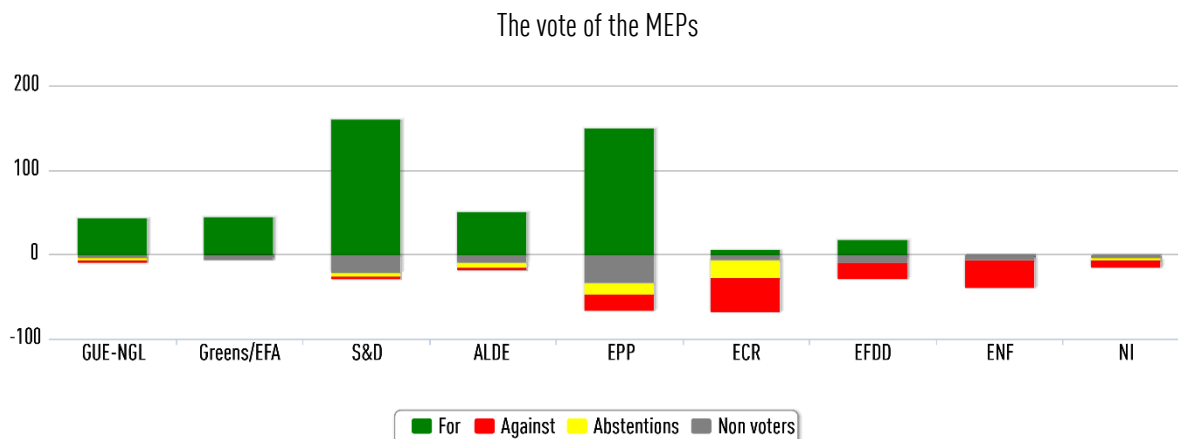
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| Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> |
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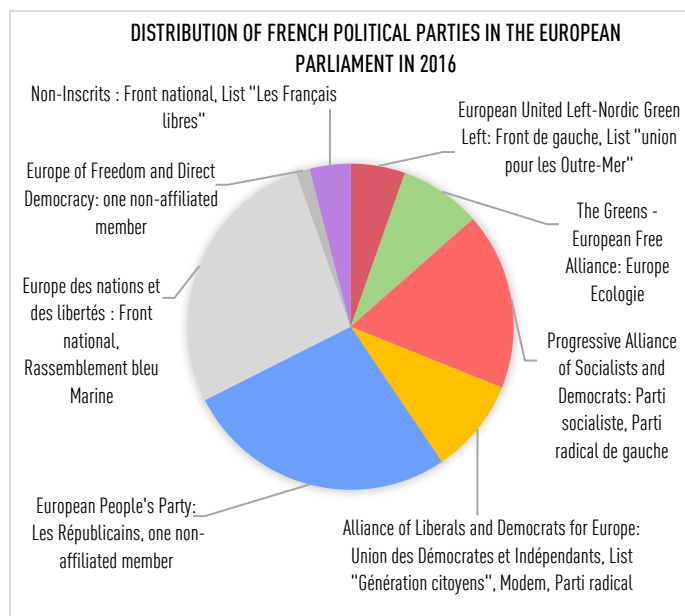
Should Refugees be allocated across Europe?



Since the very beginning, the decision to redistribute the refugees from Italy and Greece to other Member States, has been a source of controversy, polemic and even led to a referendum in Hungary. The vote on the initiative in the European Parliament represents a good opportunity to measure the level of support for the quota system from the Members representing the 28 national contexts. Although, the text was largely approved, a considerable number of MEPs adopted a critical stance. The system was supported by the EPP, S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA and GUE-NGL, whereas only ECR, ENF and a part of EFDD voted against redistributing refugees.

When looking at the voting record of French MEPs, we noticed strong division among the Republicans, as the French delegation was the most split within the EPP political group:

- Three Republicans voted in favor of the refugee's quota (Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Jérôme Lavrilleux and Renaud Muselier)
- Four Republicans voted in favor of the refugee's quota, but later corrected their vote to abstention (Rachida Dati, Angélique Delahaye, Brice Hortefeux and Philippe Juvin)
- Six Republicans abstained (Tokia Saïfi, Michèle Alliot-Marie, Françoise Grossetête, Arnaud Danjean, Anne Sander and Alain Lamassoure)



- Four Republicans voted against (Constance Le Grip, Franck Proust, Maurice Ponga, Nadine Morano)

Instead, the Socialist Party, the Greens and French MEPs from ALDE (with the exception of Sylvie Goulard who did not vote) supported the decision to proportionally reallocate 54000 refugees that arrived at the Italian and Greek islands to other Member States. Although the far left voted in favour, Jean-Luc Mélenchon took a different direction, opting to abstain.

Should refugees be allocated across Europe?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> |
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| Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | | | | | | | |
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| Joëlle BERGERON | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> |
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| Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> | Mylène TROSCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | | | | | | |
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| Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> |
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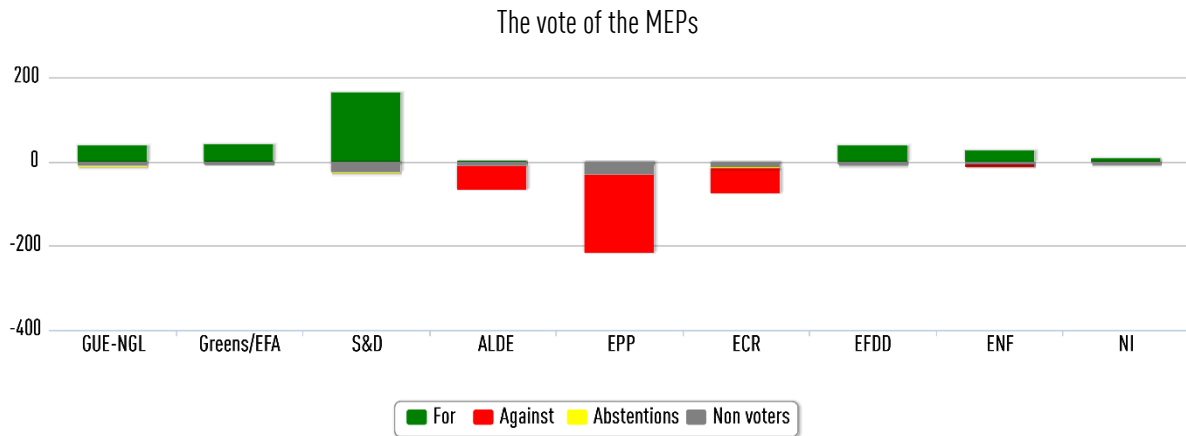
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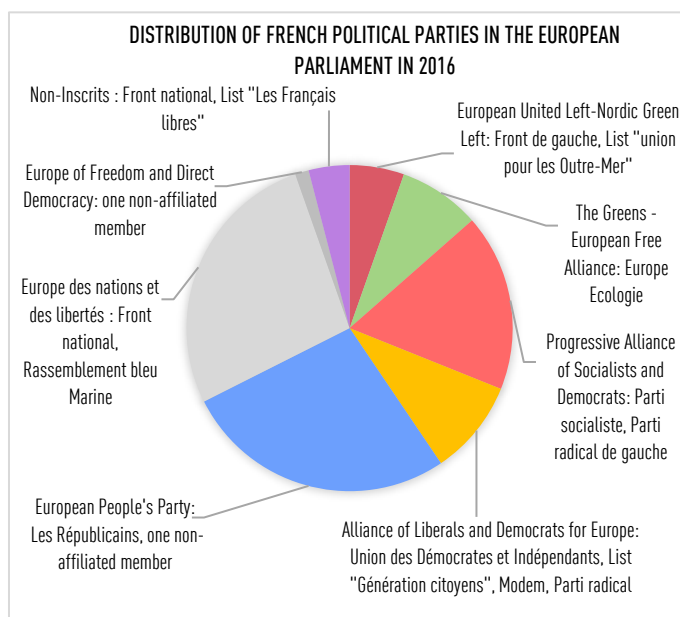
Should the EU focus more on public investment rather than focusing on budgetary discipline?



Although, over the last year, the economic crisis in the EU has been foreshadowed by other urgent matters (terrorism, refugee crisis, political instability), the debate between the promoters of more public spending and the defenders of austerity policies is still ongoing.

The EP is clearly divided on the matter: when the Eurosceptic group tabled an amendment to the report on the European Semester in 2015, asking for less austerity measures and more public spending, 325 MEPs voted in favour of the amendment, whereas 315 of them voted against.

Interestingly, MEPs mostly voted according to their political groups' lines. Center to the right groups in the EP voted against more public spending (ALDE, EPP and ECR), whereas a strange bed-fellows made up of S&D, Greens, GUE-NGL, EFDD and ENF supported the call for a shift from austerity policies.



French MEPs followed the lines of their political groups, with Socialists, Greens, members of the Left Front and the National Front voting for more public spending, whereas the Republican and Centrist MEPs opposed the call for a radical shift. The only exception was the then-member of the National Front, Aymeric Chauprade, who abstained. Instead, Mylène Troszczynski (National Front) and Louis-Joseph Manscour (Socialist Party) did not participate in the vote.

Should the EU focus more on public investment rather than focusing on budgetary discipline?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> |
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| Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | | |
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| Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | | | | | | | | |
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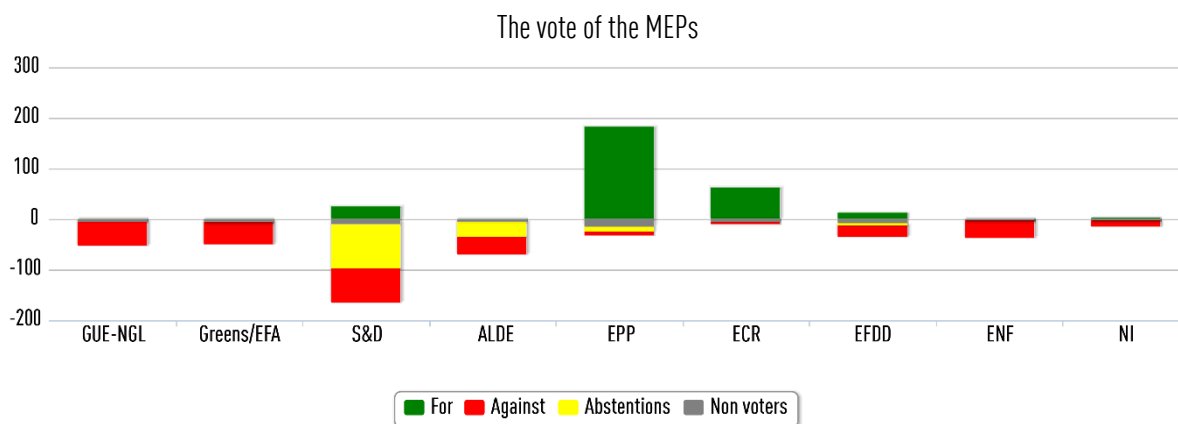
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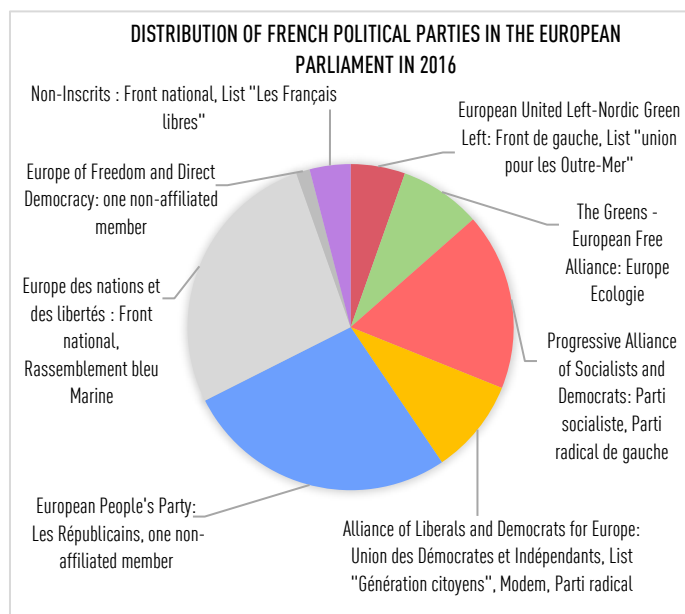
Should the EU renew the authorization for glyphosate for 7 years?



Sometimes technical topics manage to hit the headlines of the newspapers. This is the case of the renewal of the approval of the use of glyphosate in pesticides despite accusation of having damaging effects on the health of consumers of products treated with this substance. However, the debate highlighted strong divisions between the Member States, which put the Commission into an awkward situation given some irreconcilable positions. For instance, the French government was vehemently against the renewal. In the end, the Commission decided to temporally renew the authorization for the glyphosate.

In the European Parliament, an amendment advocating for a 7-years renewal of the substance passed by a very slim margin (only 16 votes of difference). Although the final resolution advocated for its renewal, other parts of the report called for the limitation of its use. The amendment was supported by the EPP and ECR, whereas a majority of the Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL, ENF and EFDD voted against it. ALDE group was split between the abstention and the opposition, although the most divided group was S&D.

Interestingly, more than half of the French MEPs opposed the initiative. This means that overall French MEPs are much more opposed to the renewal of glyphosate than the rest of the plenary. Among the French parties, only the Republicans supported the compromise, whereas all the other parties voted against, regardless of the positions of their own political



groups. Within the centre-right party only two MEPs did not support the compromise: Alain Cadec and Rachida Dati (she voted in favour in the plenary, but eventually corrected her vote in abstention).

All members of the Socialist, Greens and Left Front voted against the renewal, as well as the members of the National Front. Among the smaller parties, Jean Arthuis from the Union of Democrats and Independents abstained, whereas Aymeric Chauprade from the Free French voted in favour.

Should the EU renew the authorization for glyphosate for 7 years?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| EFDD | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> |
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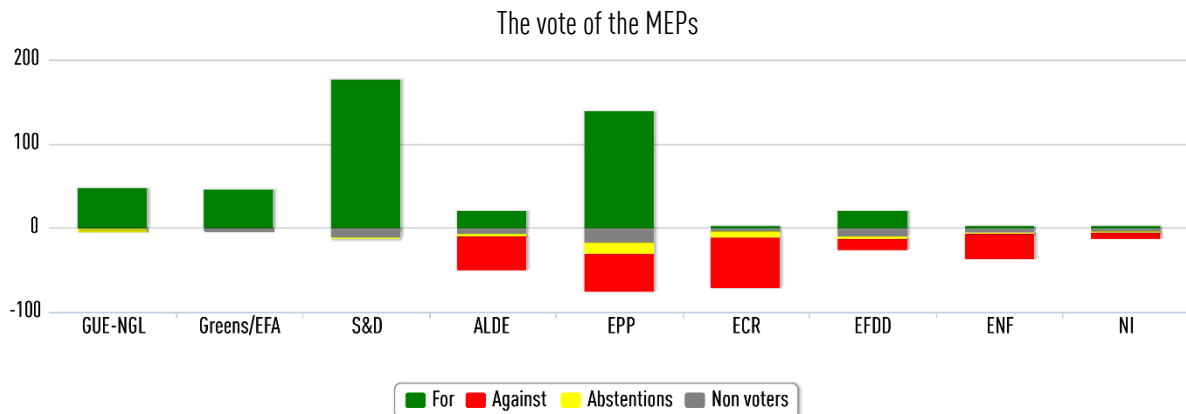
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| Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Jean-Luc MÉLÉNCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | NI | NI | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> |
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Abstain

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | EPP |

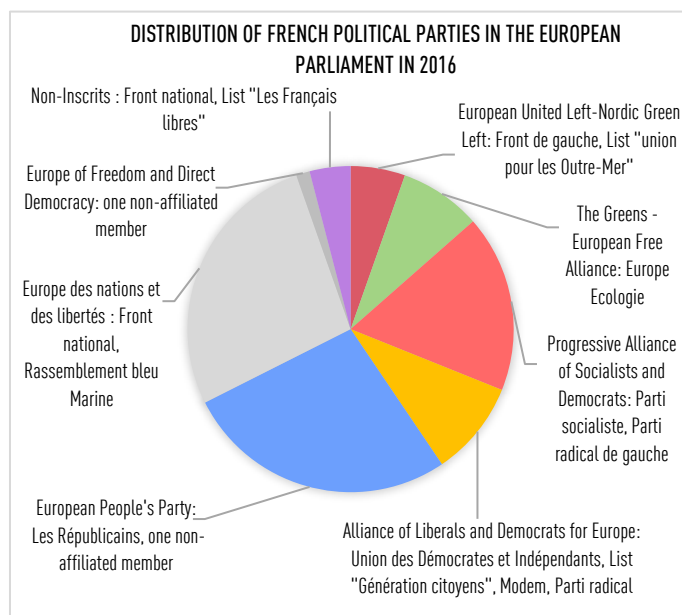
Should the EU harmonise the social benefits charges and wages of posted workers according to local standards?



Companies often send their employees to work in another EU country. Yet, the labour standards (e.g. minimum wage of the country) of the hosting country are often higher than the country of origin's ones. The use of "posted workers" often allow companies to undercut the competition by paying the workers less than the minimum standards in the hosting country. At the moment, some EU governments are lashing out against this practice given its harmful effects on local companies and workers alike. To prevent the so-called social dumping, the European institutions are calling for more even wage standards for the same job, even if in a different place.

In this regards, a report drafted by the Employment and Social Affairs Committee gathered a comfortable support of 66% of MEPs for more intervention on social dumping. The majority was formed by GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, the EPP and most EFDD's members. On the other hand, ALDE, ECR and ENF opposed the initiative. Overall, French MEPs are supporting more measures to counter social dumping. Guillaume Balas, a French Socialist, was in charge of drafting the report. Balas claimed that there is "a wide range of intentionally abusive practices" in this matter.

Notably, amongst the French Liberals from ALDE, 5 in 7 MEPs coming from the Radical Party, Generation Citizens and the Democratic Movement voted in favor of the report. On the other hand, Jean Arthuis (Union of Democrats and Independents) was the only French Liberal that followed its group's line and voted against more intervention on social dumping. All the members of The Republicans (EPP) as well as the Socialist Party also supported the text. As for the leftist parties inside the Greens/EFA and GUE-NGL groups, they were also favorable to the report. In fact, only one MEP from the GUE-NGL, Jean-Luc Mélenchon (Left Front) abstained. On the other hand, the French eurosceptics from the National Front (ENF) all voted against more measures to counter social dumping.



Should the EU harmonise the social benefits charges and wages of posted workers according to local standards ?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Joëlle BERGERON | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | EFDD | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL |
| Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| GUE/NGL | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | | | | | | | |
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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> |
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| Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | | | | | | |
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Abstain

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| Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> |
| GUE/NGL |

Absent

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| Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| EPP | EPP | S&D |

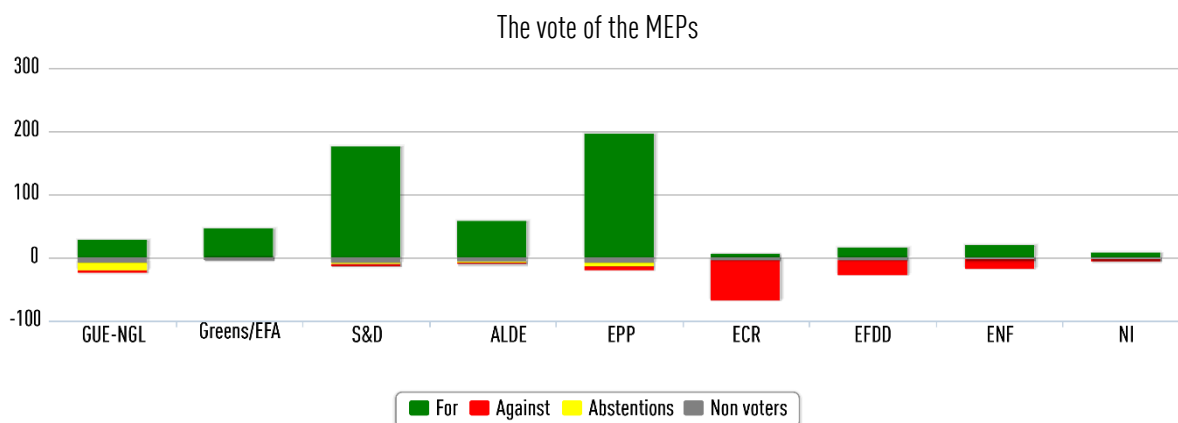
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| EPP | Greens/EFA | S&D |

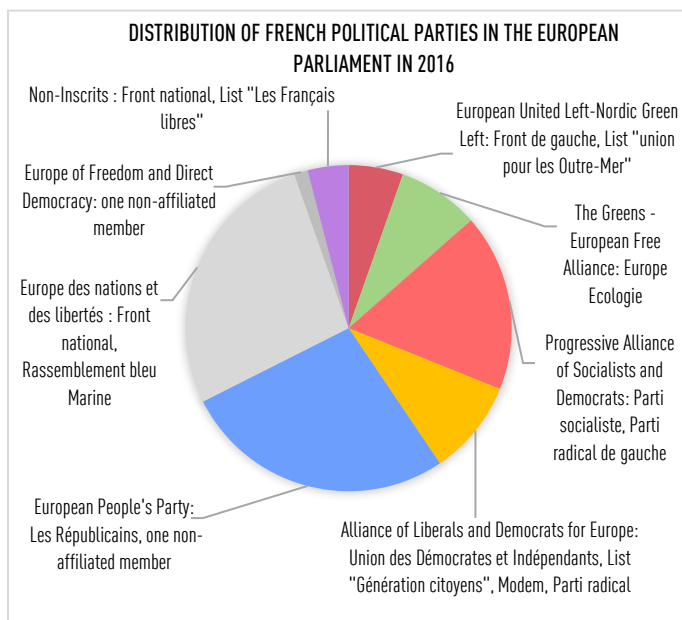
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| Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> |
| ALDE |

Should EU Member States increase tax coordination and convergence within the internal market?



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.



This high consensus is also reflected in the voting behavior of French MEPs: out of 72 French voting MEPs, only 4 did not support the initiative: Patrick Le Hyaric of the Left Front (who abstained), Aymeric Chauprade (who voted against), Joëlle Bergeron from EFDD (who voted against) and Louis Aliot of the National Front (who abstained).

However, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, after having voted in favor of the call in the plenary, signaled that he intended to abstain. Finally, although they were present during the voting, Michèle Rivasi of the Greens and Brice Hortefeux of the Republicans decided not to vote.

Should EU Members States increase tax coordination and convergence within the internal market?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> | Myène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> | Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA |
| Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | NI | NI | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | |
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Against

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| Joëlle BERGERON <i>The Republicans</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> |
| EFDD | NI |

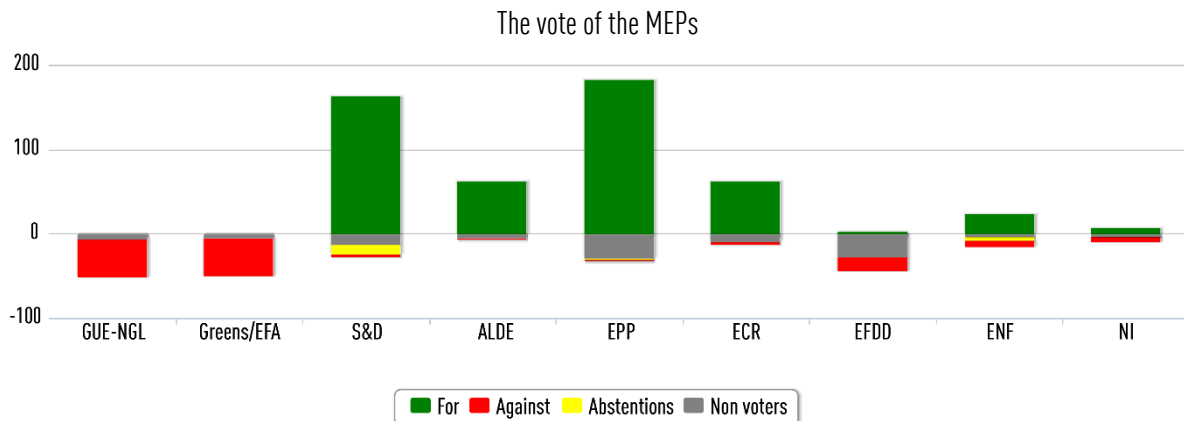
Abstain

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| Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> |
| ENF | GUE/NGL |

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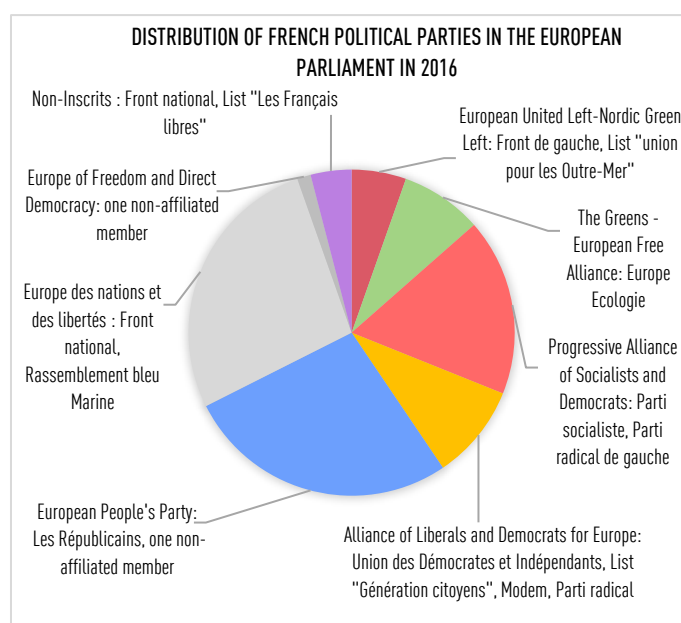
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| Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i> |
| EPP | Greens/EFA |

Should trade secrets be protected?



Constance Le Grip, a Republican MEP from Ile de France drafted a legislative report on the harmonisation of the definition and protection of know-how and business information across all Member States. The EP approved her report by a large majority (77%) made up of the S&D, ALDE, EPP, ECR and ENF. On the other hand, the other political groups, namely the Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL and the EFDD, opposed the report. The directive was first drafted in 2013, when the European Commission provided a common definition of business secrets, as well as a framework for the victims of business secrets' thefts to claim compensation. However, the text was also criticised for its alleged negative consequences on freedom of information.

Interestingly, the far-right group Europe for Freedom and Nations supported Le Grip's report and contributed to its approval. This rarely happens in plenary. All in all, a large majority of French MEPs (55) supported the new measures to protect business secrets. More specifically, all the French MEPs in ALDE, the National Front and the Republicans voted in favour.



Similarly, a majority of MEPs from the Socialist Party supported the proposal. However, 3 Socialists (Edouard Martin, Emmanuel Maurel, Guillaume Balas) decided to abstain. Instead, within the left-wing groups opposing the protection of business secrets (GUE-NGL and Greens/EFA) all French MEPs voted according to their group's line.

Should trade secrets be protected?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Joëlle BERGERON | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | EFDD | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> |
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| Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> | Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> | Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i> | Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i> | Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i> | Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i> | Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i> | Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANTOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Louis-Joseph MANSOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | NI | NI | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | | | | |
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| José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> |
| Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL |

Abstain

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| Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| S&D | S&D | S&D |

Absent

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| Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> |
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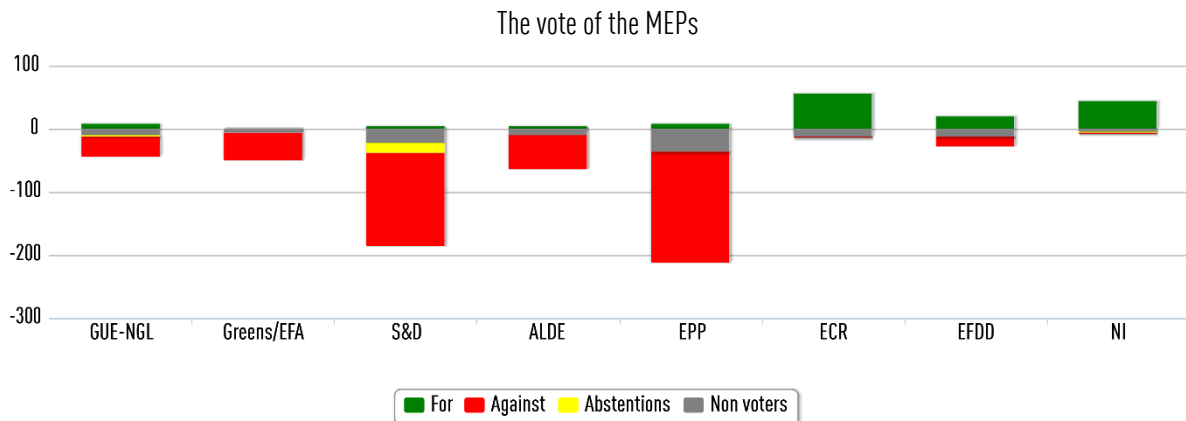
Didn't vote

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| Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| EPP | S&D |

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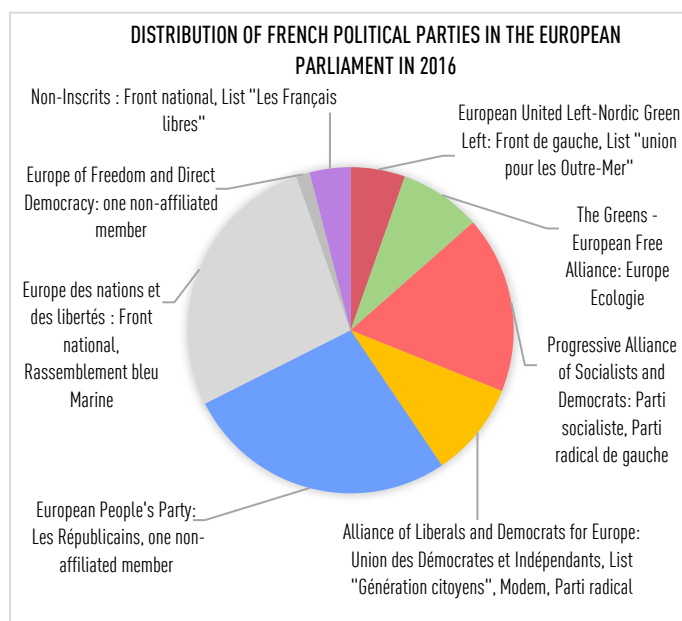
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| Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> |
| NI |

Should the EU oppose the introduction of minimum standards for the implementation of the youth guarantees?



Social policy mostly remains a competence of the Member States of the European Union. However, in some occasions, the European Commission managed to set common frameworks for labor and social standards in the EU. A resolution approved by the European Parliament called on the European Commission to propose a European legal framework introducing minimum standards for the implementation of the youth guarantees, including the quality of apprenticeships, decent wages for young people and access to employment services.

However, the Conservative and Eurocritic group ECR rejected this proposal and tried to delete this provision from the text. Ultimately, most MEPs supported the call for a common European framework on this matter and only ECR, ENF and part of EFDD supported the amendment against the minimum standards.



French MEPs followed their groups' lines and mostly voted against deleting the call for a European framework. Only the National Front, as well as the Free French voted against the minimum standards for youth guarantees. All the MEPs from the other French parties defended the proposal, with two notable exceptions: the Socialist Guillaume Balas (who voted in favour) and his fellow colleague Emmanuel Maurel (who did not vote).

Should the EU oppose the introduction of minimum standards for the implementation of the youth guarantees?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Joëlle BERGERON <i>National Front</i> | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> | Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> |
| EFDD | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> | Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| Mylène TROSCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | | | | | |
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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> | Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i> |
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| Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i> | Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i> | José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i> |
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| Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i> | Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i> | Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i> | Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i> | Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i> | Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> |
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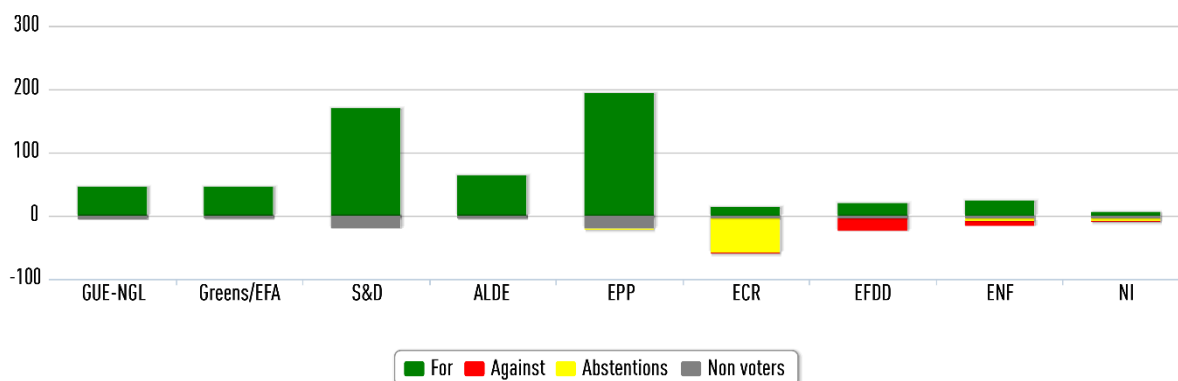
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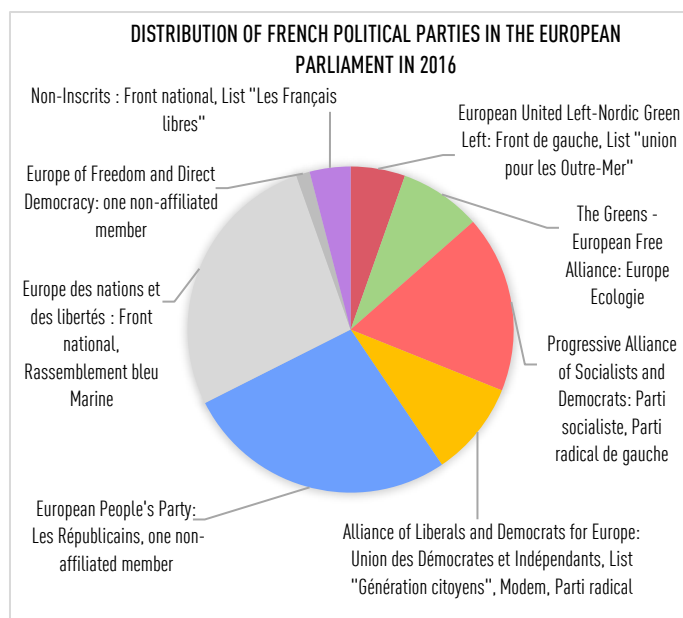
Should access to money laundering information for tax authorities be facilitated?

The vote of the MEPs



Within the broader EU agenda on the measures to fight tax avoidance and tax evasion, the EP approved a proposal on facilitating the access to money laundering information for tax authorities. In fact, the fight against money laundering and the one against tax evasion are often intertwined. This initiative, also because of its specific and technical scope, was well received by the MEPs who widely approved the proposal. Even though there were some disagreements coming from some national delegations such as the British and the Polish ones, a large majority of MEPs supported the text (86%). In fact, apart from EFDD and ECR, the majority of MEPs from all other political groups voted in favor.

Support from French MEPs was large, as 67 French MEPs supported the report. Among the voting MEPs, only Aymeric Chauprade from the Free French decided to abstain.



Apart from his case, a number of French MEPs did not vote, although they were present in Strasbourg. They are : Gilles Pargneauux (Socialist Party), Maurice Ponga (The Republicans), Marie-Christine Boutonnet (National Front), Jean-François Jalkh (National Front), Jean-Marie Le Pen (National Front) and Robert Rochefort (Democratic Movement).

Should access to money laundering information for tax authorities be facilitated?

The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i> | Joëlle BERGERON | Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i> | Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i> | Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i> |
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| Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i> | Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i> | Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i> | Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i> | Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> |
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| Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i> | Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> | Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i> | Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i> | Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i> |
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Abstain

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| Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> |
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| Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i> |
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