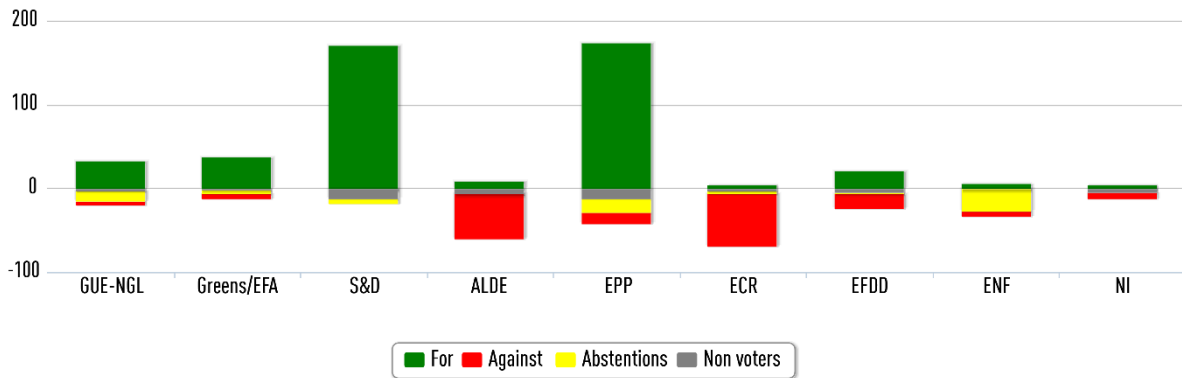


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The vote of the MEPs

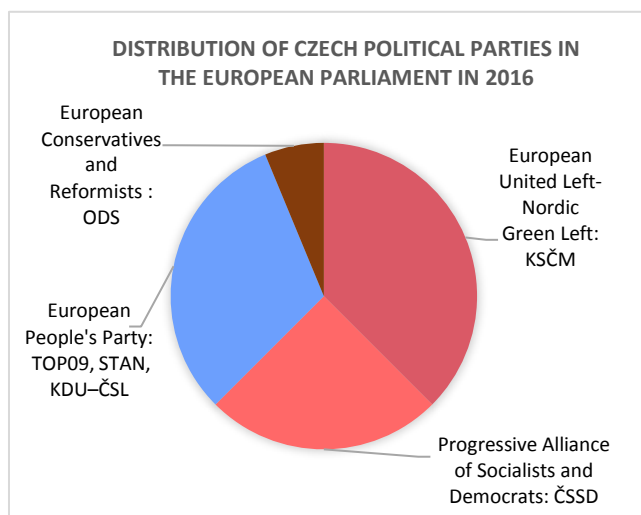


On the 25th October 2016, the EP passed a resolution advocating for closer relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a particular focus on the economic relations between the EU and the Middle Eastern country.

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.

Quite remarkably, overall, Czech MEPs hold opposite views on EU's relations with Iran than most of their colleagues. In fact, a majority of MEPs from Czechia voted against closer relations between the EU and Iran. Apart from the opposition of ANO 2011's and the Civic Democratic Party's members, only one Czech member of the EPP group followed the group in supporting closer relations with the Middle Eastern country:

- Michaela Šojdřová (Christian Democratic Union- Czechoslovak People's Party) voted in favour.
- Ludek Niedermayer (TOP 09) and Pavel Svoboda (Christian Democratic Union- Czechoslovak People's Party) abstained.
- Jaromír Štětina (TOP 09), Jiří Pospíší (TOP 09), Tomáš Zdechovský (Christian Democratic Union- Czechoslovak People's Party) and Stanislav Polčák (Mayors and Independents) voting against closer relations with Iran.



On the other hand, all left-wing Czech MEPs from the Social Democratic and Communist parties supported a more collaborative and conciliatory stance towards Iran.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*

For

Michaela ŠOJDROVÁ



Christian and Democratic Union –
Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Jaromír KOHLÍČEK



Communist Party of Bohemia and
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GUE/NGL

Kateřina KONEČNÁ



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Pavel POC



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Miroslav POCHE



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Olga SEHNALOVÁ



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Against

Dita CHARANZOVÁ



ANO 2011

ALDE

Martina DLABAJOVÁ



ANO 2011

ALDE

Petr JEŽEK



ANO 2011

ALDE

Pavel TELIČKA



ANO 2011

ALDE

Evžen TOŠENOVSKÝ



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Jan ZAHRADIL



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Petr MACH



Party of Free Citizens

EFDD

Stanislav POLČÁK



Mayors and Independents

EPP

Jiří POSPÍŠIL



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Jaromír ŠTĚTINA



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ



Christian and Democratic Union –
Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Abstain

Luděk NIEDERMAYER



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Pavel SVOBODA



Christian and Democratic Union –
Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Absent

Jiří MAŠTÁLKA



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Jan KELLER



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D