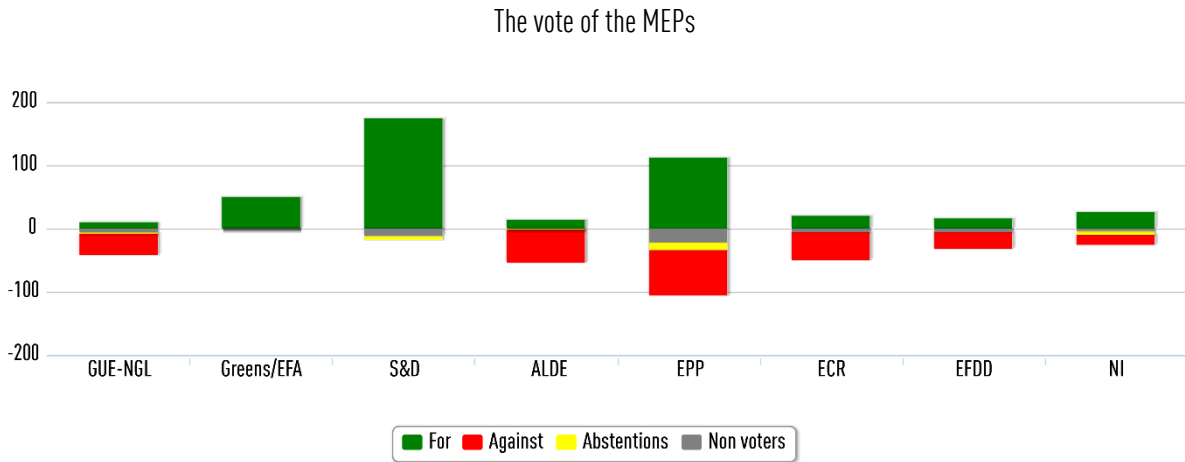


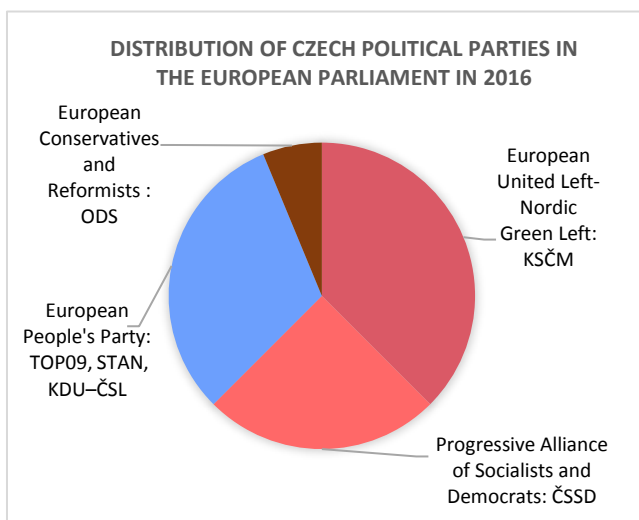
## Should the EU introduce the payment of ETS allowances for steel coming from outside the EU?



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.



Most Czech MEPs welcomed the call to introduce ETS allowances for imported steel with skepticism. In fact, only the Czech Social Democratic Party and TOP 09 supported the initiative, whereas the Civic Democratic Party and the ANO 2011 voted against it. In this case, the members of the Christian Democratic Union- Czechoslovak People's Party were completely split: Michaela Šojdrová voted against, Tomas Zdechovsky abstained and Pavel Svoboda voted in favour. Sitting on the fence, the Communist members did not take a clear position and abstained.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic\*

For

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Top 09 and Mayors

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Stanislav POLČÁK



Mayors and Independents

EPP

Jiří POSPÍŠIL



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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



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Abstain

Didn't vote

Jaromír ŠTĚTINA



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Documented absence

Miloslav RANSDORF



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