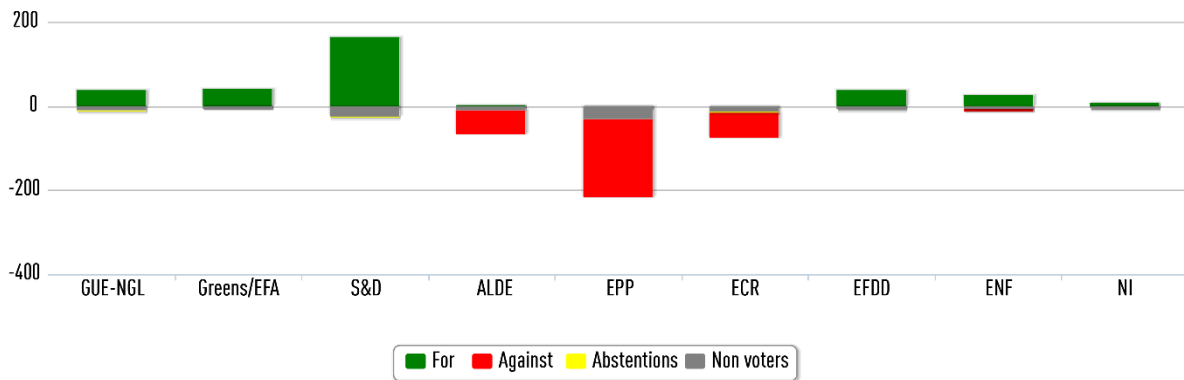


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The vote of the MEPs

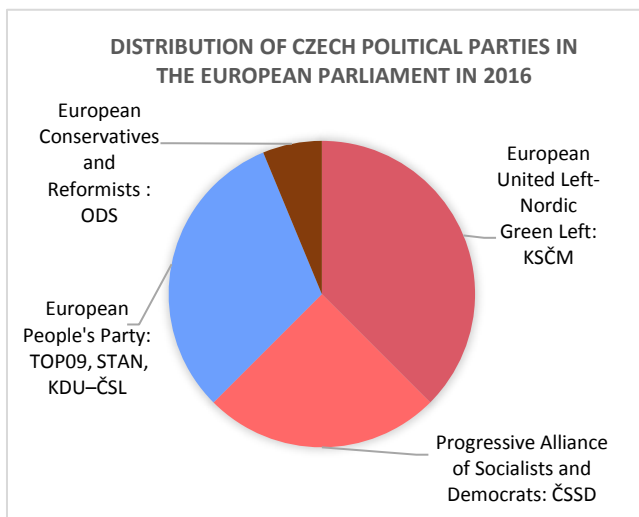


Although, over the last year, the economic crisis in the EU has been foreshadowed by other urgent matters (terrorism, refugee crisis, political instability), the debate between the promoters of more public spending and the defenders of austerity policies is still ongoing.

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.

In tight vote on austerity policy vis-à-vis public spending, Czech MEPs put their weight behind the former. In fact, only 4 MEPs backed the amendment calling for a radical shift from austerity measures.



That means that only the MEPs from the Czech Social Democratic Party supported the amendment against austerity, whereas all the other Czech MEPs defended the budgetary discipline policies. The position of the Czech Communist is unknown, as all their members were absent during the vote.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*

For

Jan KELLER



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Pavel POC



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Miroslav POCHÉ



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

Luděk NIEDERMAYER



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Stanislav POLČÁK



Mayors and Independents

EPP

Jiří POSPÍŠIL



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Michaela ŠOJDOVÁ



Christian and Democratic Union –
Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Jaromír ŠTĚTINA



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Pavel SVOBODA



Christian and Democratic Union –
Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ



Christian and Democratic Union –
Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Absent

Jan ZAHRADIL



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Petr MACH



Party of Free Citizens

EFDD

Jiří MAŠTÁLKA



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Miloslav RANSDORF



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Documented absence

Kateřina KONEČNÁ



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL