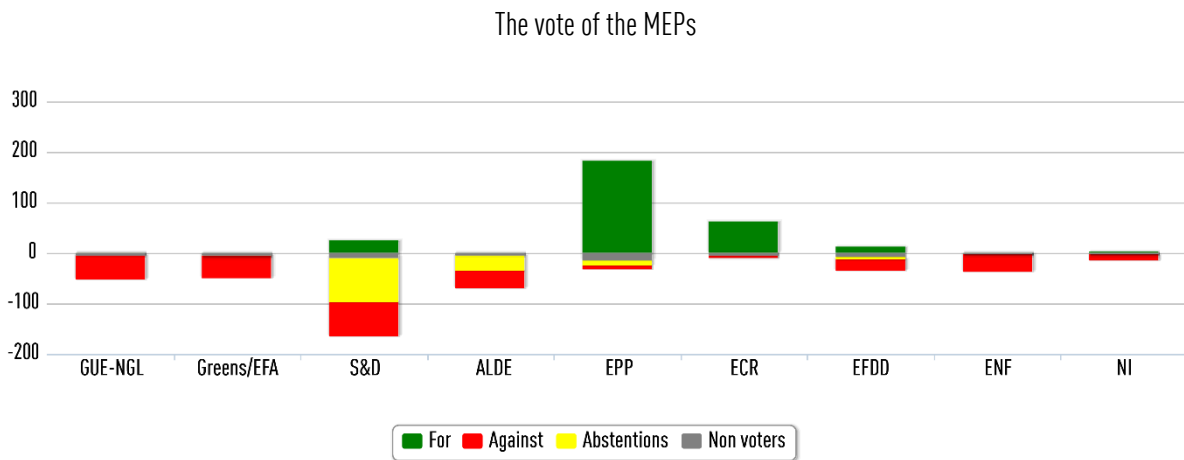


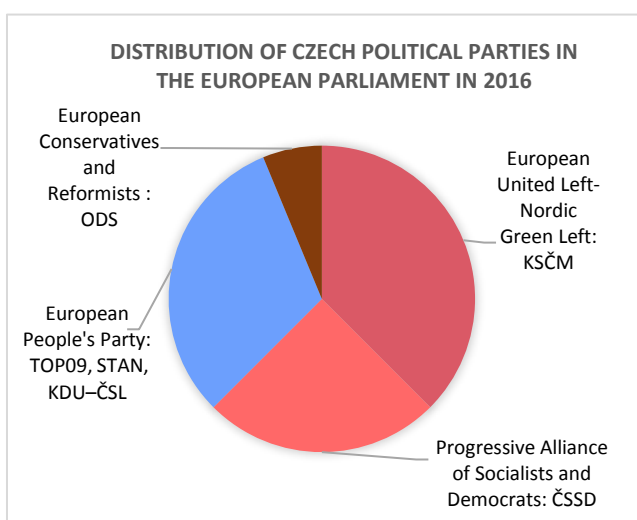
Should the EU renew the authorization for glyphosate for 7 years?



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.

In the case of The Czech Republic, there has been quite a split in regard to the initiative, as from the total 20 present MEPs 9 voted in favor and 9 of them abstained while 2 voted against. All the ALDE members from the Czech party Ano 2011, a centre-right oriented party, abstained on the compromise. Also, the members of ANO 2011's coalition partner Czech Social Democratic Party, abstained as well.



They were joined in the abstaining vote by the member of TOP 09, Jiří Pospisil who was not on the same line with the his party's colleagues, as the other members of TOP 09 followed the group line in supporting the renewal. The MEPs from TOP 09, the Civic Democratic Party and Christian and Democratic Union - Czechoslovak People's Party, endorsed the renewal, as well as Petr Mach from the Czech Free Citizens Party. The votes against the motion only came from the representatives of the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*

For

Evžen TOŠENOVSKÝ



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Jan ZAHRAĐIL



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Petr MACH



Party of Free Citizens

EFDD

Luděk NIEDERMAYER



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Stanislav POLČÁK



Mayors and Independents

EPP

Michaela ŠOJĐROVÁ



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

Against

Jaromír KOHLÍČEK



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Kateřina KONEČNÁ



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Abstain

Dita CHARANZOVÁ



ANO 2011

ALDE

Martina DLABAJOVÁ



ANO 2011

ALDE

Petr JEŽEK



ANO 2011

ALDE

Pavel TELIČKA



ANO 2011

ALDE

Jiří POSPÍŠIL



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Jan KELLER



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Pavel POC



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Miroslav POCHE



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Olga SEHNALOVÁ



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Jiří MAŠTÁLKA



Communist Party of Bohemia and
Moravia

GUE/NGL

Absent